

Exonerated death row prisoner to speak at University of Birmingham: 'If it happened to me, it could happen to anyone'

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After spending ten years in Arizona prisons including nearly three years on death row for a murder he did not commit, **Ray Krone** (<http://www.birmingham.ac.uk/schools/law/events/2013/krone.aspx>) is to speak at the University of Birmingham this week on World Day Against the Death Penalty (10 October).

'I'm speaking out for my friends, my family, for all the people who need me to tell my story. I was a Boy Scout, a postman...I was in the Air Force. If they could do it to me, they could do it to anyone' said Krone.

Sentenced to death in 1992, Ray Krone was the 100th prisoner in the US to be exonerated from death row. On Thursday 10 October Ray will discuss his extraordinary story at the University's Edgbaston campus.

Organised by Birmingham Law School, Krone will speak to University students, staff and members of the public about his experience of the US justice system and his fight against the death penalty.

Dr Bharat Malkani, Lecturer in Human Rights and Criminal Justice at Birmingham Law School, said: 'Stories such as Ray's make for harrowing listening, and if these stories do not convince people of the folly of the death penalty, then perhaps nothing will. This is why the University of Birmingham is marking the 11th World Day Against the Death Penalty by hosting Ray Krone. I am sure it will be a fascinating and educational presentation for both our Law students and members of the public.'

Notes to editors

This event is now fully subscribed. If you would like to be added to the waiting list for the event please contact **Caroline Ashton** (<mailto:c.e.ashton@bham.ac.uk>).

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