



"It was all a lie," says Salvati, standing outside the Boston club where he was arrested in 1967.

JOSEPH SALVATI SERVED
30 YEARS FOR A MURDER
HE DIDN'T COMMIT.

THE MOST SHOCKING
REVELATION: WHO PUT
HIM BEHIND BARS.

THE EXONERATED

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You could hear the ticking of the clock hanging in the back of the courtroom and the cries of the seagulls that circled above Boston as the jurors—averting their eyes for the first time in the 50-day trial—filed past the six men in the dock. The day before, the six had been convicted in the slaying of a local hood named Edward “Teddy” Deegan. The jury was now being asked to choose between a sentence of life behind bars or death.

His voice flinty, 73-year-old Justice Felix Forte addressed the first four defendants in turn. “You are sentenced to die in the electric chair.” Undulating his hands to illustrate the chair’s 2,000-volt current, he added, “On the designated date, the electricity will run through your body until death.”