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## **Loyola Law School to Host Talk by Francisco ‘Franky’ Carrillo upon his Release from Prison after Serving 20 Years for Murder**

**Los Angeles** – Loyola Law School’s Center for Restorative Justice will host a talk with Francisco “Franky” Carrillo, who last week was released from prison after 20 years of incarceration for a murder he did not commit, on Monday, March 21 from 12-1 p.m. on its downtown L.A. campus. Carrillo will discuss his experience with the criminal justice system and his legal struggle to prove his innocence.

Carrillo was 16 years old when he stood trial for murder. Based primarily on eyewitness testimony, he was sentenced to two life sentences. Several witnesses recanted their identification of him as the killer in a 1991 drive-by shooting. Last Wednesday, Los Angeles Superior Court Judge Paul A. Bacigalupo ruled to have Carrillo released.

Clinical Professor Scott Wood, director of Loyola’s Center for Restorative Justice, was instrumental in securing the release. Wood persuaded the Los Angeles County District Attorney’s Office to review the case at the urging of Carrillo’s lawyer, Ellen Eggers. Eggers, a state public defender, was honored with the St. Ignatius of Loyola Award at a ceremony at Loyola on Feb. 10 for her pro bono work on the case.

Loyola Law School is located at 919 Albany St. (at Olympic), Los Angeles, CA 90015. Members of the media who wish to attend should email Brian Costello, deputy director of communications, at [brian.costello@lls.edu](mailto:brian.costello@lls.edu) or call one of the following numbers after 10:30 a.m.: 213-736-1444 (o) or 310-902-9560 (c).

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