



## Martin Kimsey

In 1985, an armored car was robbed outside a grocery store in Garland, Texas. Martin Kimsey was arrested for the robbery. In October 1985, a jury convicted Kimsey of armed robbery and he was sentenced to life in prison.

After his conviction, Kimsey read about two men, Robert Warwick and James Garrett, who had been convicted of several armored car robberies similar to the one in Garland. Kimsey wrote to Warwick in 1987, saying he believed Warwick and his partner were responsible for the robbery in Garland and begging him to confess. In 1989, Garrett's wife called the FBI and told them that Garrett wanted to talk to them about a crime that he had committed, but for which someone else was serving time. Garrett provided the FBI with details of the Garland robbery that only the robber would know, and both he and Kimsey passed lie detector tests confirming their respective claims. Dallas County prosecutors requested a pardon for Kimsey in February 1990 and Kimsey was released. The governor pardoned Kimsey in May 1990.

- *Stephanie Denzel*

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**State:** Texas

**County:** Dallas

**Most Serious Crime:** Robbery

**Additional Convictions:**

**Reported Crime Date:** 1985

**Convicted:** 1985

**Exonerated:** 1990

**Sentence:** Life

**Race:** Caucasian

**Sex:** Male

**Age:** 45

**Contributing Factors:**

**Did DNA evidence contribute to the exoneration?**  
No

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