

# **Case Summary: State v. Joseph Henry Lagerman**

## **Background**

Joseph Henry Lagerman is serving a 32.5-year prison sentence for an incident that resulted in no injuries and no intent to harm. Despite having no prior criminal record, Joseph received a sentence far longer than the typical 5–7 years for similar cases.

## **The Incident**

In January 2018, during a period of extreme stress and emotional turmoil, Joseph discharged a firearm inside a residence. No one was harmed. The act was not premeditated and there was no evidence of intent to injure. The case was presented in court without critical witnesses, leaving the full context unheard.

## **Sentencing Disparity**

Joseph's 32.5-year sentence is drastically out of proportion compared to average sentences for similar conduct. Other defendants in Wisconsin convicted of reckless endangerment under comparable circumstances have typically received 5–7 years. This disparity highlights systemic inequities in sentencing.

## **Current Status**

Joseph continues to pursue post-conviction relief. His case raises urgent questions about fairness, proportionality, and the right to be judged on facts rather than assumptions.

## **Call to Action**

Supporters are calling for review of Joseph's sentence, legislative reforms under #JoeysLaw, and greater transparency in how cases like his are handled. To learn more or get involved, visit [justiceforjoey.us](http://justiceforjoey.us) or contact [wearejusticeforjoey@gmail.com](mailto:wearejusticeforjoey@gmail.com).