

THE STORY OF H. BOSH JR.

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I never thought in a million years, I would hear a story where a man's life was ruined because an insurance company did not want to pay out a policy. That's exactly what happened to H. Bosh Jr. In 2005, Bosh was the owner of the largest minority moving company in upstate NY. He had 12 workers and 3 trucks in service. His company grossed a-half-a-million dollars in sales. He was a successful businessman and a respected man in the community.

In April 2005, his house caught on fire. He lost everything. You can only imagine how devastating it is to lose all of your memories, your personal belongings etc. If anything remains imagine most of it is ruined by water damage from the fire company. We all know when a disaster happens we usually don't have to worry insurance covers the damage. The loss still affects us, but we know if we pay the deductible we will be able to buy new things etc. That is not how it went for H. Bosh. A month later, he was arrested and charged with 3 felony counts; Arson, Insurance Fraud and Indifference to Human Life. The maximum penalty he was facing was 35 years in prison.

He could hardly believe this was happening to him. He was a hard-working man. He provided for his family. He was shocked, bitter and in utter disbelief. Two years later, after an

upwards of \$ 200,000 in legal fees, and after a four-week trial, he was acquitted and found innocent of all charges against him. But this was something he would NEVER forget. What about all the people this happens to who can't afford an attorney?

This experience changed the direction



of H. Bosh Jr's life and business forever. He was faced with starting over and reinventing himself. He now speaks, educates, and brings awareness and exposure to what happens to people who are wrongfully convicted. He emphasizes

on the need to have legislation in place to protect against prosecutorial misconduct. He is also a radio personality, with an emphasis on particular shows, highlighting wrongful convictions and prosecutions. H. Bosh Jr's current career is working as a speaker, entrepreneur and radio personality. He serves as the President of Made to Believe LLC, which is a personal and professional development company which empowers people to make productive and significant changes in their life by overcoming adversity. He defines himself as an overcoming adversity specialist. He's also a very active community organizer. He reaches out to local and state-wide politicians often to share his story.

His experience is different from most as he was able to provide the means needed to fight his arrest. This experience gave him a purpose to try to change things for people who come after him. H. Bosh Jr. hopes the bill in Albany passes for a commission to be in place one day to protect all people and their rights from being wrongfully prosecuted and convicted. The bill is important because it creates a commission to oversee prosecutors who up until this point had no oversight. The commission will create a place to evaluate mistakes and force review of these issues.