

Woman convicted of killing man who sexually assaulted her released from prison after 15 years



New York, August 7 (RHC)-- Sex trafficking survivor Cyntoia Brown has been released from prison after serving 15 years behind bars for killing a man who sexually assaulted her, in what she said was an act of self-defense.

The shooting happened when she was just 16, but she was tried as an adult. Cyntoia Brown was convicted to life in prison for first-degree murder despite being trafficked and repeatedly sexually abused and drugged.

Cyntoia Brown was granted full clemency by Republican Tennessee Governor Bill Haslam in January after widespread outrage and a high-profile campaign calling for her release. Upon her release -- after 15 years -- Cyntoia Brown said she was looking forward to “helping other women and girls suffering abuse and exploitation.”

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