

4 acquitted men get millions of state compensation

Four people who were acquitted from a wrongful conviction of 13 years ago have each received 2.27 million yuan (\$330,000) from the state, the Jiangxi Higher People's Court said.



Cheng Lihe (second from the left), Fang Chunping (third from the left), Cheng Fagen (fourth from the left), three of the four men from Jiangxi Province who were sentenced to death in 2003 on charges of robbery, rape and homicide that happened in 2000. The four are expected to receive over 2.27 million yuan each from the state as compensation, citing a document issued by the High People's Court in Jiangxi Province on August 4, 2017. [File Photo: Wechat]

Huang Zhiqiang, Fang Chunping, Cheng Fagen and Cheng Lihe were sentenced to death by the Intermediate People's Court of Jingdezhen city in July 2003 for murder, rape and robbery on May 23, 2000 in Leping City, in central China's Jiangxi Province. The appeal process has been continuing since 2003.

In 2016, the Jiangxi Higher People's Court ruled that the facts were unclear, the evidence insufficient, and the authenticity and legitimacy of their confessions in doubt.

Xia Keqin, vice president of Jiangxi higher court, made an apology to the four after their acquittal.

