

Wrong Man Is Jailed For 29 Days

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NEWARK, N.J. (AP)—Near-ly three months ago John A. Langston, 42, married and the father of three, left his home-town of Joffre, Pa., because he was unable to find work and came here seeking employ-ment.

Instead of finding a job, he was jailed for 29 days in the Essex County jail—simply be-cause his name was similar to a man wanted for nonsupport and because he had little money.

He was freed last week when the error was uncov-ered. After the woman charg-ing a John E. Langston with not supporting a child he had fathered failed to appear at three court hearings.

While in jail, he wrote this letter to the Essex County Legal Aid Society:

I'm a prisoner at Essex jail. I don't know when I'm going to have a hearing. I am not and never have been an illegit-imate father. I have a wife and three children at home to take care of and I can't do it here."