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Story Options 2022

Option #8: Harry P. Thomas

In 1943, Delphia W. Simmons, 44, a barber in Findlay, Ohio, turned himself in to authorities. He stated on December 20, 1930, then known as Harry P. Thomas, he escaped from the Idaho State Penitentiary. He sought a full pardon to clear his name. Prison officials and the media, surprised about this unique turn of events, agreed that the charges should be dropped at this point. He was quickly granted a reprieve, then a full pardon when the board met in July 1944. In his twenty-three year absence, Simmons proved to be an upstanding citizen with no criminal record in Ohio.

