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WRONGFULLY IMPRISONED MAN WILL TASTE FREEDOM AT SUPER BOWL XLIX

Man and Father Arrive in Phoenix Today, Thanks to NATB Broker

January 29, 2015 – A Texas ticket broker is making freedom just a bit sweeter for a Missouri man who was released from prison after serving 10 years for a crime that he did not commit. Ram Silverman of Golden Tickets in Plano first heard the story years ago on the CBS program “48 Hours.” When he discovered that **Ryan Ferguson** had been exonerated, he decided to do something for him.

In a story filed this month to CNN iReport (<http://ireport.cnn.com/docs/DOC-1203500>) by freelancer Paul Fitzgerald, Silverman said his company inaugurated its “Get the Golden Ticket” award by sending Ferguson and his father to the Super Bowl, air fare and accommodations included, “to put a smile on his face and help him move forward in life.”

At the age of 19, Ryan Ferguson was arrested, then convicted and sentenced to a 40-year term for the murder of Columbia (MO) Tribune sports editor Ken Heiholt. A vigorous “Free Ryan Ferguson” movement and the undying efforts of his father finally culminated in two witnesses recanting their courtroom testimony.

While in prison, Ryan took on a strenuous workout regimen and even wrote a book. “Stronger, Faster, Smarter: A Guide to your Most Powerful Body” has just been published by Penguin, with a dollar of each sale going to the advocacy group Innocence Project. Now a trainer and coach in Fort Myers FL, he calls this gift from Golden Tickets something that he’ll never forget.

Ram Silverman says he hopes that his company’s “Get the Golden Ticket” award will encourage others to reach out and do something good for others. It will be given out on an annual basis.

Golden Tickets is a member of the National Association of Ticket Brokers, an organization that provides consumers with the protections they need and deserve when shopping for tickets to the Super Bowl and other live sports and entertainment events. The National Consumers League, Better Business Bureau chapters and other watchdog groups across the nation advise the public to buy tickets from NATB members only.

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