

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS
EASTERN DIVISION**

AARON PATTERSON,)	
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Plaintiff,)	
)	No. 03 C 4433
vs.)	
)	Judge Gottschall
Former Chicago Police Lt. JON BURGE, et. al.,)	
)	
Defendants.)	

Affidavit of Melvin Duncan

Melvin Duncan, first duly sworn, deposes and says:

1. I am a former Chicago Police Officer and detective who was assigned, from 1971 to 1978, as a detective to the Area 2 Homicide/Sex Unit, located at 91st and Cottage Grove in Chicago.
2. The Office of the Homicide/Sex Unit was located on the same floor of Area 2 as was the Robbery Unit.
3. While Robbery Detectives mainly investigated robbery cases and Homicide/Sex detectives investigated murders and rapes, detectives from the two Units sometimes worked together when the crime included both kinds of crimes.
4. While at Area 2, I had occasion to know a robbery detective named Jon Burge, and to visit the Robbery Unit Office on the second floor of Area 2.
5. During one of those visits, I saw a dark wooden box on a table in the Robbery Office. The table was located inside the office after you passed the front desk and turned right.
6. As a child, my father had made a homemade electrical device with prongs, wires and a crank, and demonstrated it by giving little shocks to my brother and me.

7. When I saw the box, the first thing which hit my mind was that this box could be used to give electrical shocks, like my father's device did.

8. Sometimes while at Area 2, I would hear loud and unusual noises coming from the Robbery Unit Office.

9. While working at Area 2, I heard that certain Robbery detectives used an electrical box and cattle prods on people to get confessions from them.

10. While at Area 2 I also came to know Peter Dignan. From my experiences with him, I formed the opinion that he had racist attitudes. This was based, in part, on a case where he and his partner questioned an African-American victim who had been beaten by four whites in an attempt to make him into the offender.

11. Additionally, while an Area 2 detective, I became familiar with a practice of detectives keeping their own "street" or "unit" files which were not turned over to defense lawyers or the state's attorney on the case.

Further Affiant Sayeth Not.

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN TO

before me this 20th day
of May, 2004

[Signature]
NOTARY PUBLIC

My Commission expires 4-19-07

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Melvin Duncan, Affiant

