

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

AARON PATTERSON, et al.,	)	
	)	
Plaintiffs,	)	No. 03 C 4433
	)	
vs.	)	The Honorable Joan
	)	B. Gottschall
FORMER CHICAGO POLICE	)	
LIEUTENANT JON BURGE, et al.,	)	Magistrate Judge
	)	Geraldine Soat
Defendants.	)	Brown

The sworn statement of MR. WALTER YOUNG, taken before Carmella T. Fagan, C.S.R., R.P.R., Notary Public within and for the County of Cook and State of Illinois, in the City of Chicago, Cook County, Illinois, commencing at 5:05 p.m. on the 2nd day of November, 2004.

PRESENT:

MR. G. FLINT TAYLOR,  
Attorney for Aaron Patterson;

MR. MORT SMITH,  
Investigator.

(WHEREUPON, the Witness was  
sworn.)

WALTER YOUNG,

called as a witness herein, having been first  
duly sworn, was examined and testified as follows:

EXAMINATION

BY MR. TAYLOR:

Q Mr. Young, could you state your full  
name.

A Walter Fred Young.

Q Okay. And are you presently retired?

A Yes, I am.

Q And did you previous -- what was your  
previous employment prior to retirement?

A Chicago police department.

Q And how long did you work for the  
Chicago police department?

A Uh, approximately 35 years and ten  
months, 35 years, ten months.

Q And did you -- when did you come on  
the job with the Chicago police?

A 15 June 1964.

Q And subsequent to coming on the job,  
did you have an occasion to make detective, the rank

1 of detective, within the Chicago police department?

2 A Yes.

3 Q Was that approximately around the year  
4 1970, somewhere in that time period?

5 A Yes.

6 Q And did you -- what was your first  
7 assignment as a detective?

8 A Auto Theft unit.

9 Q After working Auto Theft, did you have  
10 an occasion to at some point work as a detective in  
11 Homicide?

12 A Yes, I did.

13 Q And did you investigate homicides  
14 during that period of time?

15 A Yes, I did.

16 Q And do you remember what Area within  
17 the city of Chicago, what police department (sic) you  
18 worked, investigated homicides?

19 A Area 6.

20 Q Area 6. How many years did you work  
21 at Area 6 Homicide?

22 A A couple of years.

23 Q Okay.

24 A I'm not certain. A few years.

1 Q Okay. And did you, subsequent to  
2 working Area 6 Homicide, have an occasion to be  
3 transferred to Area 2 Detective division?

4 A Yes, I did.

5 Q And was that approximately around the  
6 year 1980, 1981, somewhere in that time frame?

7 A Yes.

8 Q And around the same time that you came  
9 to Area 2, was there a lieu -- let me strike that and  
10 ask you this.

11 Were you assigned to a particular unit  
12 at Area 2?

13 A Sexual. Sex crimes investigations.

14 Q Sex crimes investigations? And  
15 subsequent to the sex crimes investigations, did you  
16 have an occasion to be assigned to the Violent Crimes  
17 unit?

18 A Yes.

19 Q Was that when there was a merger of  
20 the different units in the very early '80s?

21 A Basically, it's -- yes.

22 Q Now, when you went to the Violent  
23 Crimes unit, was there a lieutenant in charge of the  
24 Violent Crimes unit?

1 A Yes, there was.

2 Q And what was his name?

3 A There was a Lieutenant Burke that was  
4 assigned to the Violent Crimes unit when I went  
5 there. He was later transferred and another  
6 lieutenant came in in charge named Jon Burge.

7 Q Now, was there also a commander of  
8 Area 2 Violent -- of Area 2, the entire Area 2?

9 A Yes, there was.

10 Q What was his name?

11 A Milton Deas.

12 Q Now, when you came to Area 2 as a  
13 detective, you had been a detective for around 15  
14 years at that point?

15 A Yes.

16 Q Okay. And you had investigated all  
17 sorts of crimes from homicides to sex crimes to auto  
18 thefts; is that right?

19 A Yes.

20 Q And you considered yourself to be a  
21 pretty experienced and competent detective by that  
22 point, didn't you?

23 A Yes.

24 Q Were your ratings always decent during

1           that period of time, prior to coming to Area 2?

2                   A           Yes.

3                   Q           Now, coming to Area 2, did you have an  
4           occasion while you were there to one day go in the  
5           basement area of Area 2?

6                   A           Yes.

7                   Q           Now, are we talking about the Area 2,  
8           the old Area 2, at 91st and Cottage Grove?

9                   A           Yes.

10                  Q           Now, when you were at the -- in the  
11           basement area of Area 2, did you have an occasion to  
12           see something unusual that you didn't expect to see?

13                  A           Yes.

14                  Q           And could you describe for us what you  
15           saw.

16                  A           It -- I assumed it to be a policy  
17           wheel, what they usually used to print or make policy  
18           wheels on that I had seen in my childhood.

19                  Q           Did it have a crank on it?

20                  A           It appeared that it did have a crank.

21                  Q           And did it have some kind of housing  
22           or box-like thing attached to the crank, something  
23           along those lines?

24                  A           Yes, it did.

1           Q           And did you have an occasion later  
2           after you learned more about Area 2 and some of the  
3           things you had heard about Area 2 to form any  
4           conclusion about what that -- what you saw might have  
5           been?

6           A           Yes. But I only saw it for a split  
7           second --

8           Q           Okay.

9           A           -- when I was walking past the door  
10          and the door happened to be open and I glanced. I  
11          saw it at a glance.

12          Q           Okay.

13          A           That's why I can't give you a better  
14          description of it.

15          Q           Can you tell us what you later  
16          concluded it was, in all likelihood.

17          A           Basically after hearing certain  
18          stories, innuendos, gossip, overhearing  
19          conversations, then I assumed that, uh, it could have  
20          possibly been the, uh, electrical box that the -- was  
21          floating -- that the innuendos were floating around  
22          that it had been used on, uh, certain people that had  
23          been brought into the Area.

24          Q           When you say innuendos and

1 discussions, you're talking about conversations that  
2 you either heard or overheard from detectives and  
3 other police officials at Area 2?

4 A That I heard -- that I overheard but  
5 was not involved in.

6 Q But we're talking about other  
7 detectives at Area 2 talking?

8 A Yes.

9 Q And they were talking about techniques  
10 that were used during interrogations? This is what  
11 you overheard from time to time?

12 A That was the implication that I got  
13 from what I overheard.

14 Q Now, did you at one point hear or  
15 overhear discussions about techniques that Burge and  
16 people that worked for him used that had a reference  
17 to the army or to Vietnam?

18 A There was the implication the -- there  
19 was a reference to Vietnamese, to Vietnam, that the  
20 questioning -- that the suspects would be made to  
21 talk if, uh, the same techniques were basically used  
22 that were used in Vietnam. That was the  
23 implication --

24 Q And did you --



1           A           -- that I got.

2           Q           I'm sorry. And was the -- the  
3 techniques that we're talking about are torture  
4 techniques? Is that fair to conclude from what you  
5 heard and what you were able to surmise from what was  
6 going on there?

7           A           Well, I surmised that the techniques  
8 were not pleasant.

9           Q           Um-hum. What was the actual term in  
10 terms of Vietnam that you heard?

11          A           Uh, "Vietnam Special" or "Vietnamese  
12 Treatment" or just -- just, you know, little  
13 different remarks.

14          Q           Did you know at that time whether  
15 Burge had been in Vietnam with the military and done  
16 any questioning over there?

17          A           No.

18          Q           So you had heard this, but at that  
19 point you didn't make any connection necessarily with  
20 Burge himself being in Vietnam?

21          A           No.

22          Q           Now, did you yourself from time to  
23 time, or at least on one occasion, have an occasion  
24 to hear some unusual noises coming from a room and to

1 look into a room and to see a suspect in there?

2 A Yes.

3 Q And could you describe that in a  
4 little more detail for us.

5 A Well, I was walking past the interview  
6 room and, uh, happened to -- as I was walking past  
7 the interview room, Commander Burge was coming out  
8 and I happened to look past him and saw a male black  
9 suspect sitting on the floor and, uh, he was  
10 handcuffed to -- his hand was where the ring was,  
11 where the handcuff ring was, so I surmised that he  
12 was cuffed to the ring because that was the location  
13 where the ring was. But that's all I saw. I could  
14 not identify the suspect or -- because I turned away.

15 Q Now, did you tend to -- what was your  
16 approach to what was going on at Area 2 under Burge's  
17 command during those years that you were there?

18 A I didn't approach it.

19 Q Did you try to avoid it?

20 A Uh, yes, I did. I stayed out of the  
21 station as much as possible.

22 Q And when you thought some stuff was  
23 going on, what would you do?

24 A Vanish --

1 Q Vanish?

2 A -- if possible. I would hit the  
3 street.

4 Q Okay. Did you sometimes take your  
5 work home with you in order to avoid what you thought  
6 might be going on at night over at Area 2?

7 A Uh, yes, I did.

8 Q Did you work the second shift, that  
9 being the afternoons from 4:00 to 12:00, while you  
10 were there?

11 A Uh, 4:00 to 12:00 and also certain  
12 periods of midnights.

13 Q Sometimes you worked midnights?

14 A Yeah.

15 Q Did you ever work with or under the  
16 supervision of John Byrne when you worked midnights  
17 or was that before his time?

18 A I don't recall, uh, Byrne.

19 Q Now, did Burge sometimes come in and  
20 work on investigations?

21 A Uh, yes, he did.

22 Q Did he come in late at night  
23 frequently and go on raids and other things?

24 A Uh, I've known of him to come in at

1 night and they say that he was in on all raids or  
2 that he was out with the Mission Team, which were a  
3 group of detectives that were -- had special  
4 assignments.

5 Q Was there another officer that worked  
6 closely with Burge and had a reputation similar to  
7 Burge with regard to the kind of interrogation  
8 techniques that were used by some at Area 2?

9 A Uh, Michael Hoke, Sergeant Hoke, was,  
10 uh -- supposedly had the reputation of being Burge's  
11 right-hand man.

12 Q Okay. Would it be fair to say that  
13 from your knowledge of working at Area 2 for several  
14 years, that Burge had a reputation as someone who  
15 used torture tactics and excessive force on suspects?

16 A I won't say torture tactics. I will  
17 just say that he had a reputation of being forceful  
18 in his investigations.

19 Q And did you have -- did you take the  
20 same approach as your lieutenant, Burge, with regard  
21 to how to solve crimes and investigate crimes?

22 A No.

23 Q And what was your approach with regard  
24 to investigating crimes?

1           A           If the guy did it, you would catch him  
2 fair. You would catch him fair. If you didn't, he  
3 got away. You would catch him next time.

4           Q           So did you use any force in your  
5 interrogation techniques while you were at Area 2?

6           A           No.

7           Q           And did you ever have any conflict  
8 with Burge around the kinds of techniques that you  
9 wouldn't use and that he used?

10          A           No, I never had a direct conflict with  
11 him, Burge, but, uh, he was saying that I was not a  
12 thorough enough investigator. So that -- if you want  
13 to consider that a conflict, then -- if that can --  
14 excuse me. Not that you consider -- I mean, I don't  
15 know if you consider that a conflict.

16          Q           Well, did he ever either directly or  
17 indirectly point out to you that you should use more  
18 forceful tactics in interrogating suspects than you  
19 felt was appropriate?

20          A           I don't know how to answer that. Uh,  
21 he said that I should be getting more results from  
22 some of the interviews that I had that I was  
23 conducting, that maybe my interview techniques might  
24 change or I needed to change my interview techniques

1 or what have you.

2 But primarily, uh, Sergeant Palmer  
3 would counsel me when I would -- when they would put  
4 me low on the efficiency pole.

5 Q And what would Palmer tell you?

6 A You haven't locked nobody up, you  
7 haven't chained nobody to the wall. And a couple  
8 times we had suspects that Palmer said, why aren't  
9 they chained to the wall? I said, well, our  
10 investigation is closed. Hey, possibly he wasn't  
11 guilty. He said, well, chain him to the wall. So  
12 that was Palmer.

13 Q Was it your understanding that Palmer  
14 was speaking for Burge in those circumstances?

15 A Yes.

16 Q When he told you to chain him to the  
17 wall, did you understand that meant just literally  
18 chain him to the wall, or was there a little more to  
19 it than just chaining somebody to the wall?

20 A Uh, when he said -- the implication  
21 was chain him to the wall, don't believe whatever  
22 they say, keep them in there and interrogate them a  
23 little more.

24 Q Was there also an implication as to

1        what kind of tactics you should use in terms of using  
2        force?

3                A            It was an implication that if you were  
4        a detective, you were supposed to know how to get  
5        information out of people.

6                Q            Was one of those implications that, if  
7        necessary, use force while you had that person  
8        chained up?

9                A            That would have been up to, uh -- I  
10       could have implied that. I could have deducted that  
11       was an implication, that's what it meant, but he  
12       didn't say it directly.

13               Q            So there were certain unspoken -- I  
14       don't know if the word is principle -- but certain  
15       unspoken constructs or principles that as a police  
16       detective you learned were being said even though  
17       they weren't directly told to you while you were a  
18       detective?

19               A            I can answer that by saying that I  
20       have never been directly ordered to mistreat a  
21       prisoner, but I was supposed to use my own incentive  
22       in getting information or solving a crime.

23               Q            Now, did you at some point -- was  
24       there some kind of unwritten procedure in terms of

1 assigning cases to detectives at Area 2?

2 A Yes, there was.

3 Q And did that -- could you tell us a  
4 little bit about that.

5 A There was a case management sergeant.  
6 Uh, when cases came in, you had what was called  
7 heater cases or hot cases or cases where the offender  
8 was known. Those would be assigned to certain  
9 detectives.

10 There were other cases that came in  
11 that were blind cases where the possibility of -- in  
12 all probability, it would not be solved. Those cases  
13 were assigned to other detectives. I was one among  
14 the other detectives that got the blind cases.

15 Q And were there -- how many  
16 African-American detectives were there at Area 2 when  
17 you were there?

18 A Five.

19 Q Five?

20 A Counting myself. Doris Byrd, Sammy  
21 Lacey, uh, Lucius Moore, Jack Hines and myself.  
22 About five.

23 Q In terms of who got the heater cases  
24 or the good cases, was there a distinction that was



1 made between certain detectives and the black  
2 detectives in terms of who got what?

3 A Basically speaking, uh, the black --  
4 no black detectives were on the Mission Team. The  
5 people that were not on the Mission Team did not get  
6 the cases with the names on them. We got the blind  
7 cases.

8 Q And when you say, "the Mission Team,"  
9 who was in charge of it and who were the important  
10 people on that team?

11 A Uh, I can't name everyone that was on  
12 that team, but, uh, the Mission Team was set up by  
13 Sergeant -- by Commander Burge for guys to go out and  
14 settle heater cases.

15 Uh, Sergeant Hoke was the direct  
16 supervisor of the Mission Team. They worked  
17 different hours from the regular, uh, 4:00 to 12:00  
18 shift, 9:00 to 5:00, 4:00 to 12:00, 7:00 to 11:00  
19 shift.

20 Burge, when he would come in and go  
21 out to supervise his team, he would usually go with  
22 the Mission Team, and, uh, there were no  
23 Afro-Americans on the Mission Team. That's what they  
24 were called.

1                   Q           Going back to the Vietnam treatment  
2                   that you mentioned before, was it your understanding  
3                   that the Vietnam treatment, based on what you had  
4                   heard around the station and what you had seen in  
5                   terms of in the basement, that that included the use  
6                   of electric shock?

7                   A           That was a deduction that I arrived at  
8                   much, much later, because when I saw the instrument,  
9                   I didn't know what it was at that time, but then  
10                  there wasn't that much gossip going around the  
11                  station.

12                  Then, uh, the other guys started  
13                  talking and walking past, overhearing certain bits  
14                  and pieces of conversation. And that's how it  
15                  started.

16                  Q           So the answer -- is it fair to say the  
17                  answer is, yes, at a later time you made that  
18                  deduction based on everything that you had seen and  
19                  everything that you had heard?

20                  A           Yes. I deducted that that's probably  
21                  what they were talking about.

22                  Q           Okay. Now, did at some point, to use  
23                  an unceremonious term, did Burge dump you as a  
24                  detective?

1           A           Under his command, yes.

2           Q           Was that sometime, what, in '82 or  
3           '83? Somewhere along in there?

4           A           Somewhere along about there.

5           Q           Was at least part of the reason that  
6           he dumped you because your efficiency rating had  
7           dropped since you came to Area 2?

8           A           My efficiency rating at Area 2 was  
9           constantly low.

10          Q           Was that because you weren't getting  
11          the kind of assignments that the other detectives  
12          were getting who were white?

13          A           I did not have the arrest record that  
14          the other detectives had. So the other detectives  
15          had the names of a lot of people that they locked up.

16                    If, uh, a sergeant came in -- if Joe  
17          Willie Stupid would go out and rob somebody and then  
18          he would knock his girlfriend in the eye, his  
19          girlfriend would get pissed off. She would get on  
20          the horn and call the station and say, remember that  
21          guy who committed the robbery? That was Joe Willie  
22          Stupid. Here he is here.

23                    And the sergeant would wait until --  
24          or contact the Mission Team or someone on the team,

1 send them out to go lock up Joe Willie Stupid, or if  
2 he was the one they would say, you're looking for  
3 so-and-so who burglarized such-and-such a place, and,  
4 uh, his girlfriend was mad with him, she would, as we  
5 say, drop a dime on him and then call the police and  
6 say, this is who you're looking for that burglarized  
7 that place and he can be located at such-and-such and  
8 he's wearing such-and-such and such-and-such.

9 Well, uh, certain people -- he would  
10 hold these calls and the case management sergeant  
11 would give those types of calls to certain people, or  
12 where he would be in the morning or he's working at  
13 such-and-such a place.

14 So these cases with the information  
15 would be given to certain officers, and certain other  
16 officers would never be privileged to that  
17 information.

18 Q And you and the other black officers  
19 didn't get those cases.

20 A We were not privileged.

21 Q Yeah. So that would obviously have an  
22 impact on your efficiency rating if you weren't  
23 solving crimes because you weren't getting the kind  
24 of crimes that were solvable; isn't that right?

1           A           That wasn't the impact. That was the  
2           direct reason. This was the reason. Case closed.

3           Q           Would it also be fair to say that you  
4           weren't getting the arrests in part because you had  
5           principles in terms of not using coercive and  
6           physical force in order to get confessions out of  
7           people like others in the Area were doing?

8           A           Yes.

9           Q           And did Burge, by implication at  
10          least, tell you that he expected you to be using the  
11          same kind of tactics in terms of interrogations that  
12          were being used by others under his command?

13          A           I could deduct that that was his  
14          implication.

15          Q           And did you -- and you refused to do  
16          that, right?

17          A           Yes.

18          Q           And as a result of not getting the  
19          cases and not following the kind of techniques  
20          that -- that the other -- some of the other  
21          detectives were doing under Burge, you were removed  
22          as a detective by Burge; is that right?

23          A           It was recommended that -- by Burge,  
24          recommended that I not be retained as a -- that I be

1        returned to my civil service rank.

2                    It was not directly up to Burge, but  
3        it was his recommendation that put me in that  
4        position. And, uh, Milton Deas and, uh -- I can't  
5        think of the other deputy -- went by his  
6        recommendation.

7                    Q            Okay. Now, did you notice when you  
8        were at Area 2, even though Burge was, at least in  
9        point of rank, supposedly under Deas, that as a  
10       practical effect, Burge ran the Area more than Deas  
11       did?

12                   A            Yes.

13                   Q            In fact, would it be fair to say, as a  
14       practical matter, Deas answered to Burge as much as  
15       Burge answered to Deas?

16                   A            Uh, Deas answered to Burge. Burge  
17       didn't answer to Deas.

18                   Q            Okay. And that's even though Burge --  
19       Deas was supposed to be the commander and Burge was  
20       supposed to be his lieutenant; is that right?

21                   A            That is correct.

22                   Q            And was it your understanding that  
23       Burge had what they call very -- clout within the  
24       department and was very powerful within the

1 department?

2 A Very. Very powerful within the  
3 department.

4 Q And was it also your understanding  
5 that that permitted him to do and supervise the kinds  
6 of what later turned out to be illegal activities  
7 that were going on at Area 2 while you were there?

8 A Yes.

9 Q Now, after leaving Area 2 and being  
10 returned to your civil service rank of patrolman, did  
11 you continue to be a police officer?

12 A Uh, yes, I did.

13 Q And did you continue for ten, 15 years  
14 after that?

15 A Yes.

16 Q When did you retire?

17 A Uh, I'm going to get you the exact  
18 date.

19 Q That's okay. You can just --

20 (WHEREUPON, there was a brief  
21 pause in the proceedings.)

22 A Okay. In 2000.

23 Q So you said that you left the  
24 department when?

1           A           In, uh, about April of 2000.

2           Q           Okay. Now, going back a minute to  
3 1982, in February, do you remember when Burge was  
4 heading up a manhunt to look for the killers of the  
5 police officers Fahey and O'Brien?

6           A           Yes.

7           Q           And do you remember what, if any,  
8 assignments you had, you and your fellow Area 2 black  
9 detectives had, with regard to the manhunt for what  
10 turned out to be the Wilson brothers?

11          A           Yes.

12          Q           And what was that?

13          A           None.

14          Q           None? Were you given any explanation  
15 why you were not involved by Burge in the  
16 investigation?

17          A           They were -- the investigation was  
18 being handled by the Mission Team and, uh, there were  
19 other cases that were outstanding in Area 2, and  
20 that, uh, we should pick some of those cases up and  
21 work on those because there were enough people  
22 assigned to it.

23          Q           Did you learn or hear that there was  
24 force being used widely during the manhunt in which



1 people were being picked up?

2 A Yes.

3 Q And did you -- was that something that  
4 was fairly well known within the Area?

5 A Yes, that doors were being kicked  
6 down, uh, people were being stopped unreasonably and  
7 it was a manhunt.

8 Q Uh-huh. And were there also, to your  
9 knowledge, or -- not personal knowledge, but did you  
10 learn that up at Area 2 there was force being used on  
11 suspects or any witnesses who were being  
12 interrogated?

13 A I heard that.

14 Q And you heard that from other  
15 detectives?

16 A Overhearing conversations.

17 Q Okay. At the Area; is that right?

18 A At the Area. Yes.

19 Q Now, on the day that the Wilson  
20 brothers were taken into custody, did you have an  
21 occasion to be at Area 2 for part of that day?

22 A Yes, I was.

23 Q What time of day or night were you  
24 there?

1                   A           It was, uh, late evening.

2                   Q           Okay. You mean, like, 4:00, 5:00,  
3 6:00 o'clock?

4                   A           Um, it had to be approximately 8:00  
5 o'clock or something like that. I was working the  
6 third watch.

7                   Q           And when you came into the second  
8 floor area where the interview rooms are, was there  
9 something going on that you either observed or heard?

10                  A           Uh, I just heard noise coming from one  
11 of the interview rooms, sort of like furniture,  
12 chairs and, uh, furniture, being moved.

13                  Q           Did you draw any conclusions about  
14 what was going on in that room?

15                  A           I asked one of the officers that was  
16 in the office what was going on, and he told me that  
17 they had picked up one of the Wilson boys. So when I  
18 was told that, then I picked up my papers and left.

19                  Q           Did you conclude that the noises, that  
20 the furniture moving in the room, was connected to  
21 some kind of physical force being used on one of the  
22 Wilson brothers?

23                  A           It was an open-end conclusion.

24                  Q           It was what?

1           A           Open-end conclusion. They could have  
2           been moving the furniture to make them comfortable.  
3           But, yes, I do think that I didn't want to be out  
4           there when the Wilson boys got out.

5           Q           So you decided that it would be -- did  
6           you describe earlier to me that you kind of had what  
7           you called an ostrich type of approach to what was  
8           going on at Area 2?

9           A           Yes.

10          Q           And would you say that you took kind  
11          of an ostrich approach to what you had feared or  
12          concluded might be going on with regard to the Wilson  
13          brothers and get the heck out of there?

14          A           Right. Bury my head in the sand, see  
15          and not see.

16          Q           Now, you mentioned earlier that  
17          through the discussions and overhearing what you had  
18          at Area 2, you learned about the Vietnam treatment.

19                      Did you also hear detectives talking  
20          about the -- something having to do with phone books?

21          A           Yes.

22          Q           And what was that?

23          A           That sometimes a phone book would help  
24          people refresh their memories.

1                   Q           And this is the detectives talking  
2                   now?

3                   A           Yes.

4                   Q           Was it fair to say that your  
5                   conclusion on that was that they would use a phone  
6                   book, hitting people on the head, in order to get  
7                   them to give statements?

8                   A           Phone books do not leave marks.

9                   Q           And electric shock boxes don't either,  
10                  right?

11                  A           It might burn you. So possibly not.

12                  Q           Okay. And the same with putting bags  
13                  over people's heads. That doesn't leave marks  
14                  either, does it?

15                  A           Well, it helps cushion the phone book.

16                  Q           Okay. Any other tactics that you  
17                  heard them talking about up there at Area 2 other  
18                  than the Vietnam treatment or electric shock  
19                  treatment and the phone book treatment which you can  
20                  recall at this time?

21                  A           No. That's basically it.

22                  Q           Now, you've mentioned Burge and Hoke.  
23                  Were there other detectives that you knew of that  
24                  were involved in this team that Burge headed up that

1        liked to do the interrogations and the raids?

2                A            One other -- the names, I don't  
3        remember all the names, but there was one other  
4        gentleman's name who I went through the academy with.  
5        Yucaitis was on that Mission Team, and the other  
6        names have -- they have faded from memory.

7                Q            Okay. That's John Yucaitis?

8                A            Yucaitis. Yeah.

9                Q            Anything else you can think of you  
10       would like to add or --

11               A            Well, the only thing, like, you had  
12       mentioned my not being retained as a detective. You  
13       have in-service training and the detectives don't  
14       like really to go to in-service training.

15                        So I had to go to in-service training  
16       three months in a row to take the same course, even  
17       though I passed it, in order to -- when I had  
18       inquired about this, I was told that the Mission Team  
19       couldn't be spared.

20                        So it was a violation of departmental  
21       policy because this was a school where all the  
22       detectives were supposed to go. I have the diplomas  
23       to show that I had passed the course. The only time  
24       you take it is when you fail.

1                   Then there was an opening for the FBI  
2 academy so -- and I explained to, uh, Burge, I said,  
3 well, you sent me to the in-service training school  
4 three months in a row and then gave me a low  
5 efficiency; why can't I go to the FBI academy? He  
6 said, well, you had a low score.

7                   So basically speaking, that was just  
8 the type of harassment that, uh, I got. And each  
9 month that I went through the school, I got a low  
10 efficiency rating because I hadn't been having any  
11 arrests or no cases during that month when I went  
12 through the -- when I was going through the school.

13               Q           You couldn't have any arrests when you  
14 were spending full-time in the school, could you?

15               A           No.

16               Q           Well, there's a clear implication here  
17 that I get from you and from other black detectives  
18 that we talked to that Burge used racial criteria in  
19 making decisions at Area 2. Is that fair to say?

20               A           Yes.

21               Q           And did he also, he and some of the  
22 ones that worked with him, did you get the impression  
23 or did you overhear racial comments, negative racial  
24 comments, that were being made, racial epithets,

1 racial jokes, that kind of thing?

2 A Well, we referred to his off-color  
3 jokes, so we would, uh -- yeah. They had their  
4 little jokes. Uh, blacks had -- we had our little  
5 jokes and, uh -- but their little jokes were in the  
6 office or what have you, but we didn't basically tell  
7 the jokes in the station. So every race has racial  
8 jokes.

9 Q Um-hum. Did you find that there was  
10 more -- that Burge had a more racially oriented --  
11 had a more racially oriented Area than the other  
12 places that you had worked either before or after at  
13 the police department?

14 A Uh, yes.

15 Q And would it be fair to say that you  
16 concluded from the way he treated you and your fellow  
17 black detectives that he was a racist?

18 A Yes.

19 Q I don't have anything further at this  
20 time unless you can think of anything you would like  
21 to add.

22 A Uh, there was just one thing that -- I  
23 shoveled it out of my mind and said this is not  
24 possible. But he supposedly, supposedly, was a

1 member of the Klan in Indiana.

2 Q That's what was -- people talked about  
3 at the time?

4 A Yeah. That was -- that was overheard,  
5 uh, that he was a member of the Klan in Indiana.

6 Q That Burge was?

7 A Yeah.

8 Q And you heard that among -- other  
9 detectives told you that?

10 A Yeah. I can't think of what his name  
11 was, there was another detective. He wasn't in our  
12 unit. I can't think of his name, but he said, well,  
13 you know, he's a Klansman up in Indiana. Oh.

14 Q So whether that's true or not, that  
15 would give you pause, right?

16 A Well, yeah. Yeah.

17 MR. TAYLOR: Well, we thank you very much.  
18 This concludes the statement of former detective and  
19 police officer Walter Young. We will get it printed  
20 up and we'll get you a copy.

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22 (Which concluded the sworn  
23 statement of Mr. Walter Young,  
24 November 2, 2004.)



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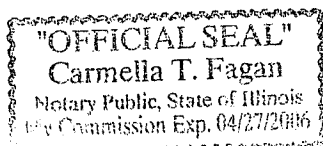
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