

AFFIDAVIT OF WALTER JACKSON

I, Walter Jackson, being first duly sworn on oath do hereby state as follows:

1. I was born on June 9, 1967, and I currently am incarcerated at the Danville Correctional Center (N61171).

2. In early August of 1982 I was a runaway who was living with my aunt, Inez Jackson, and her husband, Alstory Simon, at 5323 S. Federal, Apartment 705, in the Robert Taylor Homes in Chicago, Illinois.

3. Besides being my uncle, Alstory Simon acted as my guardian and teacher. He taught me the ways of the street. Alstory recently had been released from prison and began selling drugs.

4. On the night of the Budd Billiken parade in 1982, I was at home when I heard Alstory ~~and Inez~~ talking about meeting Jerry Hillard and Marilyn Green. Alstory told me that Jerry owed him a growing amount of money for drugs which Alstory was supplying to Jerry for him to sell. Jerry, according to Alstory, was repeatedly returning from making drug transactions with only a portion of the money owed to Alstory. I also knew that Marilyn, who was Jerry's girlfriend, had become caught up in Jerry's problems.

5. I strongly suspected that Alstory was going to do something to Jerry and Marilyn that night because of the way Alstory was acting when he ~~and Inez~~ left the apartment.

6. Several hours later, in the middle of the night, Alstory ~~and Inez~~ returned to the apartment. Alstory took me aside and told me that he had "taken care of" Jerry and Marilyn. He went on to state that he had shot Jerry by the bleachers in Washington Park with a 38 caliber revolver and then had shot Marilyn with the same weapon. He did not tell me whether Inez had played any role in the murders.

7. Alstory stated that he was telling me about the murders because he was concerned that Jerry's street gang, the Cobra Stones, might come to our apartment to get revenge. Alstory ordered me to stand guard for the rest of the night. He gave me a weapon and I acted as a lookout, as Alstory had asked.

8. The next day, Alstory informed me and the rest of the family that we should pack our belongings, that we would be leaving Chicago and that we would not return until "the heat died down."

9. Alstory then brought us to Milwaukee, Wisconsin, where he found us a place to stay at 27th and Kilborn. Alstory eventually became manager of the building where we had been living.

10. I later returned to Chicago and, since 1989, I have been incarcerated in Illinois correctional centers. While in prison, I was approached by an investigator or lawyer for Anthony Porter. Anthony had been convicted and sentenced to death for the murders of Marilyn and Jerry. I refused to cooperate with Anthony's representative because of my loyalty to Alstory and because Anthony had been a member of a rival street gang. Some time later, I told Alstory that I would not help Anthony.

11. In the fall of 1998, I read in the Chicago Tribune that Anthony Porter was going to be executed. I no longer cared about protecting Alstory and became increasingly troubled that an innocent man, Anthony Porter, was to die for a crime that I knew Alstory had committed. However, I did not know exactly what to do about it.

12. In December of 1998, I received a letter from Professor David Protes at Northwestern University asking me to call him at home. I was aware of Professor Protes's work in helping to free innocent prisoners, and called to make arrangements to tell him what I knew about the murders of Jerry Hillard and Marilyn Green.

13. On January 8, 1999, I was interviewed at the Danville Correctional Center by three of Professor Protes's students, Shawn Armbrust, Syandene Rhodes-Pitts, and Erica LeBorgne, and told them most of the details that are contained in this affidavit.

14. I have made this statement freely and voluntarily and have not been given or promised anything in return.

15. If I am called to testify in any proceedings about the murders of Jerry Hillard and Marilyn Green, I will do so willingly and under oath.

FURTHER AFFIANT SAYETH NOT

Walter Jackson - EI
Walter Jackson

Shawn Armbrust
Shawn Armbrust, witness

Subscribed and sworn to before
me this 20th day of January, 1999

Kellie L. Carter
Notary Public

My commission expires 8-20-99

