

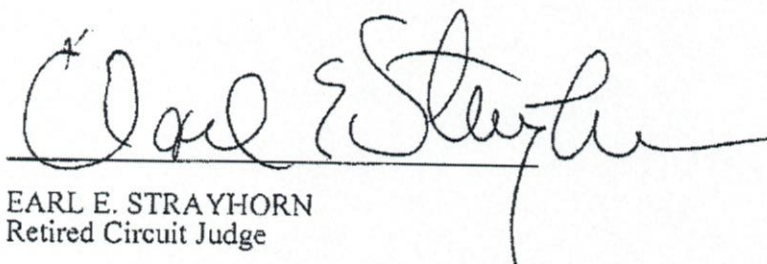
AFFIDAVIT

Now comes EARL E. STRAYHORN, a Retired Circuit Judge, and states on oath as follows:

1. In November 1991 and February 1992, I presided at a hearing on a motion to suppress statements filed by counsel for defendant Cortez Brown in the Circuit Court of Cook County. After hearing testimony from Mr. Brown and Detectives John Paladino, Anthony Maslanka, and John O'Brien, I did not find Mr. Brown's claims of abuse to be corroborated. It was the defendant's word against three officers. I denied the motion.

2. The defendant did not present any evidence that other suspects had complained of having been abused by any of the three detectives who interrogated Mr. Brown. Had such evidence been presented to me, I would have viewed the total evidence and may have concluded Brown's allegations sustainable.

FURTHER AFFIANT SAYETH NOT.

  
EARL E. STRAYHORN  
Retired Circuit Judge

Subscribed and sworn to  
before me this 23<sup>rd</sup> day  
of October, 2004.

  
NOTARY PUBLIC

