



# Exoneration Project

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**Sent via email**

Nancy Adduci  
Cook County State's Attorney's Office

Re: "Watts-related" case

Dear Nancy:

We ask you to dismiss a second conviction related to Eson Claybron. We previously submitted a different case, 06 CR 5735(01), for Mr. Claybron on November 6, 2018, which remains pending. When we submitted, we specifically mentioned we were investigating another case for him, and this is it. Some of the materials in that case, including an affidavit from his mother and CR1017012 also corroborate that Watts and his team were consistently harassing Mr. Claybron.

**Eson Claybron, 07 CR21963(01)**

On September 28, 2007, Mr. Claybron left his cousin's apartment at the 575 building. (Mr. Claybron's cousin, Joyce Lawrence, is deceased.) Mr. Claybron had no drugs and was doing nothing illegal. Officers Lewis, Mohammed, and others detained him across the street and brought him back to the lobby. About twenty minutes later, Watts appeared with drugs in his hand and falsely attributed them to Mr. Claybron. Lewis, Mohammed, Smith, Gonzalez, Nichols, and Bolton are amongst the arresting officers, and Watts is the supervising officer.

Thank you for your continued investigation. Let us know if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

/s/ Joshua Tepfer

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