

EXHIBIT FF

**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS
COUNTY DEPARTMENT-CRIMINAL DIVISION**

PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS,
Respondent,

v.

JOSEPH ROBERTS,
Defendants-Petitioners.

AFFIDAVIT OF JOSEPH ROBERTS

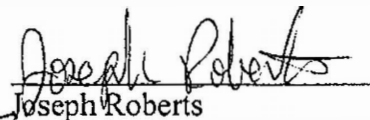
I, Joseph Roberts, being first duly sworn and under penalties of perjury, swear and state as follows:

1. On April 1, 2001, I was framed by Officer Al Jones. I was in my mother, Avis Roberts', home when the police came knocking on her door. My mother opened the door and the police just came in.
2. I came out of my room and witnessed Jones telling my mother that if she didn't sign the consent to search form that she was going to lose her CHA status and they were going to take her kids. She reluctantly signed the form.
3. Jones immediately grabbed me and handcuffed me. I didn't have any drugs or anything illegal on me. He took me downstairs and put me in his car. Jones left me alone in the car and went back upstairs. After approximately 15-20 minutes, Jones came back out. Jones and other officers had a guy named Curtis Kelly with them in handcuffs. Jones then drove me to the station.
4. In the car, Jones asked me where he could get guns and drugs. I told him I didn't know.
5. Once we got to the station, Jones handcuffed me and Kelly to a bench. Shortly thereafter Sergeant Ronald Watts showed up. I knew Watts from around Ida B. Wells. Watts and Jones huddled up and had a conversation. After that, Watts asked me where I got the gun and drugs. I told him that they weren't mine. Jones then said, "Let's divide it up between the two."
6. I was charged with possession of cocaine and a gun.
7. I got a private attorney. I told him that I was being framed. My attorney brought a motion to quash the evidence. After he lost the motion, he recommended that I take a plea deal. I didn't want to plead guilty but I took my attorney's advice. I was sentenced to probation.

8. I did not file a complaint with OPS because of what I had heard about Watts and his crew retaliating against people that had signed complaints against him.
9. On July 17, 2007, I was framed again. On this occasion, I was leaving my uncle's apartment and heading to the candy lady to buy some pops and chips. I was cutting through the lobby of the 559 E. Browning building. All of a sudden, Jones grabbed and detained me. He handcuffed me and asked me where the drugs were. I didn't have any drugs or anything illegal on me. Jones kept me in the lobby for approximately 15 minutes.
10. Next, Officers Mohammed and Coco showed up. Mohammed was holding a very large gun in his hand. He asked me it was my gun. It wasn't and I told him so. He then said that one of us was going to get it. There was no one else with me at the time so I didn't know for sure what he was talking about.
11. Jones and Mohammed and Coco then took me upstairs to the 5th floor and we entered a vacant apartment. There was another guy named Jason Brown there with several other cops. Jones and Mohammed started asking me if I knew Brown. I told them that I had seen him around. They then asked whose gun it was. Both Brown and I denied that we knew whose gun it was. Jones then pulled a bag of drugs out of his pocket and said that if we weren't going to talk, he was going to put the drugs on one of us and the gun on the other. They then took us to the station.
12. I was charged with manufacturing and delivery of heroin and cocaine and gun possession.
13. I got a public defender. I told my public defender I was being framed. Again I fought the case. My public defender filed a motion to quash. After we lost the motion, my attorney recommended that I take a plea deal. I didn't want to plead guilty but I took my attorney's advice. I was sentenced to six years.
14. I did not file a complaint with OPS because of what I had heard about Watts and his crew retaliating against people that had signed complaints against him.

Under penalties as provided by law pursuant to 735 ILCS 5/1-109, the undersigned certifies that the facts set forth in this instrument are true and correct, except as to matters stated to be on information and belief and as to such matters the undersigned certifies that he believes the same to be true.

STATE OF ILL. U.S.A.
COUNTY OF COCK
SIGNED & ATTESTED BEFORE ME
ON 12th day of Feb 2018


Joseph Roberts

Subscribed and sworn to me,

On this day 12th day of February, 2018

