

## **Exhibit 25**

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

People of the State of Illinois, )  
 ) No. 02-CR-19048, 03-CR-21058,  
 ) 05-CR-07985, 06-CR-18229  
-vs- )  
 ) The Honorable Leroy Martin, Jr.  
 ) Presiding Judge  
Rickey Henderson. )

**AFFIDAVIT OF RICKEY HENDERSON**

I, Rickey Henderson, state as follows:

1. My name is Rickey Henderson. I am 46 years of age, and I live in Calumet City, Illinois.
2. Beginning in the 1990s, I lived at the Ida B. Wells Homes.
3. Beginning in 2002 I was repeatedly harassed and arrested on false charges by Sergeant Ronald Watts and officers working with him.
4. In the 2000s, it was common knowledge in the community that Watts and members of his team were crooked officers.
5. Those officers used their authority to protect the drug dealers who paid them and to put false charges on anyone who did not cooperate with them.
6. I believe the officers targeted me because Officer Alvin Jones suspected that I had something to do with the killing of his nephew, who people called “Blue.”

7. I had nothing to do with the killing of "Blue."
8. I believe the first time Watts and his team arrested me was June 8, 2002.
9. I was charged with soliciting unlawful business based on the officers' false statement that I was shouting "Rocks! Blows!"
10. This statement was false and the charge was thrown out.
11. I was arrested by Watts and his team again on June 25, 2002.
12. This time the officers claimed that they saw me selling drugs from a bag and that when they approached me, I attempted to place the bag in my mouth.
13. This claim is absolutely false.
14. I did not sell drugs or do anything that would make it look like I was selling drugs.
15. I did not have any drugs in my possession or control on that day.
16. I pleaded guilty to a charge of possession in Case Number 02-CR-19048 even though I was innocent.
17. I knew that a jury would not believe my story over that of the officers, and I knew that I would get a stiffer sentence if I was convicted at trial.

18. After I served my sentence, I went home and Watts and his officers falsely arrested me again on August 27, 2003.

19. This time, the officers claimed they saw me drop a bag containing drugs and run away.

20. This claim is absolutely false.

21. I did not have any drugs in my possession or control on that day and I did not run from the officers.

22. I pleaded guilty to a charge of possession in 03-CR-21058 even though I was innocent for the same reasons that I pleaded guilty before.

23. After I served my sentence, I again went home and Watts and his officers again falsely arrested me on March 12, 2005.

24. This time, the officers claimed they saw me trying to hide drugs in a fifth floor hallway at 540 East 36th Street.

25. This claim is absolutely false.

26. I did not try to hide drugs and I did not have any drugs in my possession or control on that day.

27. I pleaded guilty to a charge of possession in 05-CR-07985 even though I was innocent for the same reasons that I pleaded guilty before.

28. After I served my sentence, I again went home and Watts and his officers again falsely arrested me on July 22, 2006.

29. This time, the officers claimed they saw me run from them and try to hide drugs in a third-floor closet at 574 East 36th Street before they arrested me.

30. This claim is absolutely false.

31. I did not run from the officers, I did not try to hide drugs, and I did have any drugs in my possession or control on that day.

32. I pleaded guilty to a charge of possession in 06-CR-18229 even though I was innocent for the same reasons that I pleaded guilty before.

Dated: 11-10-17

Rickey Henderson  
Rickey Henderson

## VERIFICATION

Under penalties as provided by law pursuant to Section 1-109 of the Code of Civil Procedure, the undersigned certifies that he has personal knowledge of the facts stated in this instrument and that the same are true and correct.

Dated: 11-10-17

Rickey Henderson  
Rickey Henderson