

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

JEFFREY BARHAM, *et al.*

Plaintiffs,

v.

CHARLES RAMSEY, *et al.*

Defendants.

Civ. Action No. 02-02283 (EGS)(AK)

AFFIDAVIT OF LESLEY WOOD

1. I certify that I am over eighteen years of age and am competent to testify to the following based on personal knowledge.
2. On September 27, 2002, I was peaceably and lawfully protesting in Pershing Park when I was falsely detained and arrested.
3. After I was arrested and put on a bus for many hours, I was taken to the gymnasium of the Institute for Police Science at Blue Plains.
4. I was flex-cuffed with my right wrist to my left ankle.
5. I was left in this position for ten to eleven hours.
6. During this time, being cuffed wrist to ankle caused me to experience pain in my upper back and right shoulder.
7. Being cuffed wrist to ankle caused my wrist to be chaffed.
8. Because I was cuffed wrist to ankle, in order to lie down, I had to lie on my side in the fetal position with one leg bent with my knee up. This position caused me to lose circulation in that leg.

9. Being cuffed wrist to ankle, I was unable to sleep. Whenever I tried, I would doze off for a maximum of twenty minutes before being awoken by the physical discomfort and the pain caused by the severely constricted position of my body.
10. Being detained in the gymnasium for several hours with my wrist and ankle cuffed was a degrading experience. I, along with others in the gymnasium, had committed no crime, yet we were shackled, not allowed to talk to people on other mats and we were not allowed to move to another mat. I felt that the police officers were deliberately trying to humiliate us or punish us.
11. I certify under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct. Executed on January 10, 2006.



Lesley Wood