

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

JEFFREY BARHAM, *et al.*

Plaintiffs,

v.

CHARLES RAMSEY, *et al.*

Defendants.

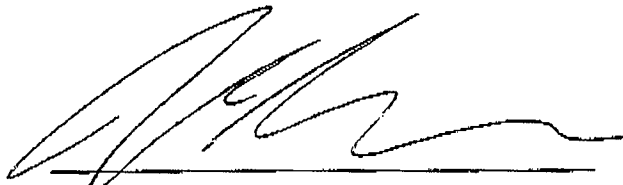
Civ. Action No. 02-02283 (EGS)(AK)

AFFIDAVIT OF MILES SWANSON

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 observing political demonstrations as a National Lawyers Guild Legal Observer in the vicinity of Vermont Avenue and K Street 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 eight to nine hours.
6. During this time, being left in this unnatural position caused dull aching in my lower back.
7. During this time, being left in this unnatural position caused cramping in my left leg and right arm which increased in severity and frequency the longer I was left in this position. I also lost circulation in my right arm and left leg, but because they were cuffed together, I

could not readjust their position to alleviate the discomfort or reestablish full circulation.

8. Having my wrist and ankle cuffed together aggravated the cuts I had sustained from being handcuffed behind my back for 2 to 3 hours earlier in the day. Whenever I tried to move to alleviate pain from being handcuffed wrist to ankle, the cuffs would dig into my wrist, making the existing wounds deeper, more severe, and more painful.
9. I was not uncuffed by an officer when I went to the bathroom and drink water, so I had to hop. It was obvious to any observer that I was in, at the very least, some sort of discomfort. Nonetheless, some of the police officers in the gymnasium laughed at me and took pictures. This exemplifies how humiliating and infuriating it was to be handcuffed wrist to ankle for multiple hours.
10. I certify under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct. Executed on January 10, 2006.



Miles Swanson