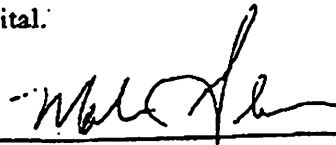


AFFIDAVIT OF SERGEANT MARK GIBSON

I, MARK GIBSON, being first duly sworn on oath depose and state as follows:

1. I am currently a sergeant employed by the City of Chicago Police Department.
2. I was employed as a Chicago police officer at all times relevant herein.
3. On or about 1982 or 1983 my partner [who is now deceased] and I were dispatched to Rush-St. Luke's- Presbyterian Hospital in Chicago. We were met by a nurse who informed us that a female patient (hereinafter "woman"), who was on her deathbed, wanted to "clear her conscience" and had demanded to speak with the police.
4. My partner and I went into the woman's hospital room. Though I do not recall the woman's precise age, I do recall that she appeared to be elderly. However, when the nurse gave us information regarding the woman's age, I recall having been surprised, because the woman appeared much older than her actual age.
5. The woman was laying in a hospital bed. I went over toward her, and she grabbed a hold of my hand.
6. She indicated that when she was younger, she had been with her friends at a state park when "something happened." When I pressed her to give me information as to where the state park was located, she indicated that the park was south. When I pressed her further as to what state park she was referring to, she stated, "Utica." She further indicated that things "got out of hand" and that "they dragged the bodies."
7. Though I cannot recall all of the precise words the woman uttered. I do remember her essentially conveying that she, along with other individuals, had been involved in conduct in which multiple victims were killed in the state park in Utica. Based on the woman's deathbed confession, I was left with the impression that she, and multiple persons, had murdered multiple victims in the state park in Utica.
8. When I realized that the woman had been making a deathbed murder confession, I called the detective division and related the information to one of the detectives.
9. Shortly thereafter, the woman's daughters arrived in the room and began shouting at myself and my partner to leave the room. They began yelling that their mother was "out of her mind" and directed us to leave.

10. Thereafter, my partner and I left the room. I later learned that the woman had indeed passed away some time after my partner and I had left the hospital.



Mark Gibson

Subscribed and Sworn to before me this

12th day of November, 2003



Notary Public

