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RONALD JONES,

the Defendant herein, called as a witness in his own behalf, having been first duly sworn, was examined and testified as follows:

DIRECT EXAMINATION

BY MR. SARLEY:

- Q Sir, I am going to ask you to speak loudly, so we can all hear you. And would you please tell the ladies and gentlemen of the jury your name.
 - A My name is Ronald Jones.
 - Q Mr. Jones, did you kill
 - A No, I did not.
 - Q Mr. Jones, did you have sex with
 - A No, I did not.
 - Q Mr. Jones, did you have sex with
 - A No, I did not.

between 69th and 68th Street.

- Q Mr. Jones, I am going to direct your attention to October 4, 1985, at about 4:30 or so in the afternoon.

 Please tell the ladies and gentlemen of the jury where you
- A I was walking north on Stony Island. I was
 - Q When you say you were walking on Stony Island,

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were at that time?

1	were you	on the sidewalk?
2	A	Yes, sir.
3	Q	And at that time, and date, and location, would
4	you pleas	e tell us what happened?
5	. A	I observed an unmarked detective car and it made
6	a u-turn	and pulled in front of me.
7	Q	When you say it pulled in front of you, where did
8	the vehic	le stop?
9	A	It came out the driveway.
10	Q	Excuse me?
11	A	It came out of a driveway.
12	Q	When the vehicle stopped, how far away from you
13	was the v	ehicle?
14	A	No more than a couple feet.
15	Q	Did you see who was in the vehicle?
16	A	I seen two as I found out later two
17	officers.	
18	Q	Police detectives, is that right?
19	A	Yes, sir.
20	Q	You saw one of those detectives testify earlier,
21	Detective	Hood?
22	A	Yes, sir.
23	Q	Do you know the name of the other detective?
24	A	Detective Markham.

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1	Q	Detectives Hood and Markham, what did they do
2	after the	y stopped the vehicle?
3	A	Well, the detective that was driving the squad
4	car, he g	ot out and approached me.
5	Q	And what happened then?
6	A	He asked me what was my name.
7	Q	Did you respond?
8	· A	Yes.
9	Q	What did you tell him?
10	A	I told him my name was Ronald Jones.
11	Q	What happened at that point?
L2	À	He told me that I was under arrest.
13	Q	Did he take you anywhere?
L 4	A	Yes. Well, before he took me anywhere, the other
L5	officer or	n the passenger side got out, and came from behind
L6	me, and p	laced the handcuffs on me.
17	Q	And after they handcuffed you, what happened?
.8	A	They put me in the back seat of the car on the
.9	passenger	side, and they proceeded to 51st and Wentworth.
20	Q	51st and Wentworth is a police station, correct?
21	A	Yes.
22	Q	The officers drove you to that police station?
:3	A	Yes.
4	Q	What happened when you got to the police

1	station?
2	A Well, they took me on the second floor in the
3	police station, into a small room.
4	Q Please describe the room that you were taken to?
5	A It was a small room with a desk, chair, couple
6	chairs, and typewriter.
7	Q What happened when you got into the room?
8	A Then they began to question me.
9	Q Before they questioned you was there a door to
10	this room?
11	A Yes, sir.
12	Q And did both detectives take you into the room at
13	that time?
14	A Yes, sir.
15	Q After both detectives took you into the room, did
16	they leave the door closed, or was the door left open?
17	A When we went in the room, they closed the door
18	behind us.
19	Q What occurred after the door was closed?
20	A They began asking me questions about the Deborah
21	Smith homocide.
22	Q And did you respond to their questions?
23	A Yes, sir.
24	Q What did you tell them?

1		represented the strong and the
2		homocide.
3	Q	That first conversation with those two
4	detective	es, approximately how long would you say that
5	conversat	cion took place?
6	A	Maybe fifteen, twenty minutes.
7	Q	And during that first conversation, did they tell
8	you anyth	ing, these detectives?
9	A	Well, they was telling me different things about
10	the homod	ride.
11	Q	After that fifteen or twenty minute conversation,
12	did they	leave the room?
13	A.	I am not sure. Maybe one left. I don't think
14	so. I do	n't think neither one of them left out.
15	Q	But the conversation took about twenty minutes or
16	so?	
17	A	Fifteen, twenty minutes.
18	Q	Now, directing your attention to approximately
19	8:00 o'cl	ock or so, did the officers initiate another
20	conversat	ion?
21	А	Yes.
22	Q	And where was the location of that conversation?
23	A	In the same interrogation room.
, l	Q	Who was present for that conversation?

1	A First it was both of them.
2	Q When you say both of them, do you mean Detective
3	Markham and Detective Hood?
4	A Yes.
5	Q Again, was the door open or closed for that
6	conversation?
7	A Closed.
8	Q And what occurred, or what was said in this
9	second conversation?
10	A Basically they was questioning me the same, you
11	know, questioning they did earlier.
12	Q About the homocide?
13	A Yes, sir.
14	Q And how did you respond to their questioning at
15	that point?
16	MR. ZELAZO: Objection, Judge, without more
17	foundation.
18	THE COURT: For want of foundation, sustained.
19	Approximate time, parties present.
20	BY MR. SARLEY:
21	Q This was about 8:00 o'clock?
22	A Yes, sir.
23	Q And where was it?
24	A In the interrogation room.

1	Q	At the same police station at 51st and
2	Wentwort	h?
3	A	Yes, sir.
4	Q	Who was present for this conversation?
5	A	Officer Markham and Officer Hood.
6	Q	And yourself?
7	A	Yes.
8	Q	And when they asked you about the
9	homocide	this second time, how did you respond?
10	A	I continued to tell them that I knew nothing
11	about it.	
12	Q	What occurred next?
13	A	Well, then, I am not sure. One of the officers
14	suggested	to me would I mind going to the scene where the
15	homocide	had occurred.
16	Q	Did they in fact take you somewhere at that
17	point?	
18	A	Yes, sir.
19	Q	Well, did you leave the room?
20	A	Yes.
21	Q	And where did you go?
22	A	We left out of the station, got in the squad car,
23	and proce	eded to 67th and Stony Island.
24	Q	When you say we, is that again the same people;

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Then the other officer handcuffed me and put one

	cuff on my wrist and one on his.	
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2	Q On the other officer?	
3	A Officer Hood.	
4	Q And after Officer Hood handcuffed you to himself,	
5	what happened?	
6	A Then Officer Markham climbed through the window	
7	ahead of us, and then we climbed through together.	
8	Q And describe after you climbed through the	
9	window, describe what you saw?	
10	A Well, basically I couldn't really see too much of	
11	nothing, because it was dark, but the officer was	
12	explaining to me different sites that they had known to be	
13	in there.	
14	Q What were they saying to you?	
15	A They were telling me	
16	MR. ZELAZO: Objection at this point. Lack of	
17	foundation, who is doing the speaking.	
18	THE COURT: Sustained.	
19	BY MR. SARLEY:	
20	Q One of the officers said something?	
21	A Yes.	
22	Q Do you know at this point which one of the	
23	officers said anything?	
24	A I would only be guessing, you know.	

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1	Q	You are not sure?
2	A	No, sir.
3	Q	But it was one of the two?
4	A	Yes, sir.
5	. Q	Do you know approximately, if you know, what time
6	it was at	that time that you were in the hotel?
.· 7	A	Not really.
8	Q	But it was dark out, right?
9	A	Yes.
10	Q	Did either of the officers have a flashlight?
11	A	One of them had a flashlight.
12	Q	Now, describe where you were when the officers
13	started h	aving this conversation?
14	A	Well, we were walking through this abandoned
15	building,	and the officer was officer that had the
16	flashligh	t was in front of us.
17	Q	What was he doing?
18	A	He was shining his light, you know, to lead the
19	way.	
20	Q	Was he saying anything at that point?
21	A	Yes.
22	Q	What was that?
23	A	He was saying that we found blood stains in
24	certain pa	rts. He was basically, you know, motioning where

1	they was, because I couldn't see the blood stains, and I
2	just took his words for it.
3	Q And what else was he saying?
4	A And he was saying that this is here suppose to be
5	the spot where the homocide took place.
6	Q Do you know approximately about how long you were
7	in the apartment not the apartment, but in the building
8	with those officers?
9	A Maybe five to ten minutes.
10	Q During those five or ten minutes, one of the
11	officers was telling you things?
12	MR. ZELAZO: Objection.
13	THE COURT: Leading, sustained.
14	BY MR. SARLEY:
15	Q During those five or ten minutes, was anybody
16	talking?
L7	A The officers were.
18	Q What were they saying?
L9	MR. ZELAZO: Objection to they, Your Honor.
20	MR. SARLEY: I am sorry.
21	THE COURT: Sustained.
22	BY MR. SARLEY:
23	Q Do you know who was talking I will withdraw
24	that question. During those five or ten minutes first

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1	of all, d	do you know whether both officers were talking, or
2	just one	officer?
3	A	Well, I believe it was just one.
4	Q	Do you recall which one of the two officers it
5	was?	
6	A	I would just be guessing.
7	Q	If you don't know, you don't know. During that
8	time in t	he apartment or abandoned building, excuse me,
9	what was	that officer saying to you?
10	A	He was telling me blood stains on the floor and
11	different	clothing that was found inside of the abandoned
12	building.	
13	Q	What was he telling you about?
14	A	About the homocide.
15	Q	You eventually left that building, correct?
16	A	Yes, sir.
17	Q	How did you get out of the building?
18	A	The same way we went in, out of the window.
19	Q	That building was vacant, by the way, at that
20	time?	
21	A	Yes, sir.
22	Q	You went back to the squad car, I assume?
23	A	Yes.
24	Q	Where were you taken next?

1	A	Back to 51st and Wentworth.
2	Q	When you got back to 51st and Wentworth, where
3	were you	taken?
4	A	Back to the same interrogation room.
5	Q	That is up on the second floor?
6	A	Yes.
7	Q	Who accompanied you back into that same
8	interroga	tion room?
9	A	Both officers.
10	Q	Officers Markham and Hood?
11	A	Yes.
12	Q	And at that point, what happened?
13	A	Well, they started questioning me again about the
14		homocide.
15	Q	When you say they, do you remember which of the
16	two office	ers questioned you at that point?
17	A	Both Officer Markham and Officer Hood.
18	Q	And did you respond to their questions?
19		Yes.
20		How did you respond to their questions?
21		ELAZO: Objection. I would like to know who was
22		t. He is referring to conversation. I would
23		ation for the conversation.
24	THE C	OURT: All right. Mr. Sarley, ask who it was

that was speaking. 1 MR. SARLEY: I will, Judge. 2 Which of the two officers was, if you know, was 3 speaking to you at this time? 4 Officer Markham and Officer Hood. 5 So, both officers were speaking? 6 Well, one speak, and then one. Α 7 They was taking turns speaking. 8 You said you responded to questions? Q 9 Α Yes. 10 How did you respond at that point? 11 Α At that particular time, I still told them the 12 same, that I didn't know anything about the 13 homocide. 14 Now, what occurred at this point? 15 Well, at this point Officer Markham left out of Α 16 the room. 17 Q And when he left the room, did he leave the door 18 open or close it? 19 Α He closed it. 20 Q And that left who in the room? 21 Α Officer Hood. 22 Q And yourself? 23

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1	Q Please tell us what happened next?
2	A Then Officer Hood proceeded asking me more
3	questions about the homocide, homocide.
4	Q And what happened?
5	A And I continued to tell him that I knew nothing
6	about it. So, Officer Hood said well, I am tired of you
7	denying this.
8	Q So, what happened next?
9	A He
10	Q You mean Officer Hood?
11	A Officer Hood, he went over to his desk and pulled
12	out some handcuffs.
13	Q And what happened?
14	A Then he told me to get up against the wall where
15	there was a ring in the wall, where he put one handcuff
16	through the ring and one on my arm behind my back.
17	Q And then what happened?
18	A Then he pulled out a black object. It appeared
19	to be about that long. (Indicating)
20	MR. SARLEY: Indicating for the record it is hard
21	to tell maybe about six to nine inches at the width he
22	had his hands apart.
23	Q So, Detective Hood pulled out this black object.
24	Please tell us what happened next?

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By this time, Officer Markham had came back in

And what happened next?

1	the room.
2	Q When Officer Markham came back into the room, did
3	he come alone?
4	A Yes.
5	Q After he entered the room, did he leave the door
6	open or close the door?
7	A He closed it.
8	Q What happened when Officer Markham came back into
9	the room?
10	A Well, he came in. He was suprised the treatment
11	that Officer Hood was applying to me, and told him, he said
12	no, don't hit him, because he might bruise.
13	Q And what happened next?
14	A So Officer Markham said let me show you how we
15	get these people to talk.
16	Q What happened next?
17	A Well, then, Officer Markham began hitting me in
18	my midsection with his fist.
19	Q About how many times did Officer Markham hit you
20	at that time?
21	A I would say about four, five times.
22	Q What happened next were you still standing up
23	at this time?
24	A Yes, handcuffed.

1	Q What happened next?
2	A Then Officer Markham, he asked me again what did
3	I know about the homocide.
4	Q What did you say?
5	A I said I didn't know nothing. I could barely,
6	you know, speak.
7	Q And what happened at that point?
8	A Then he proceeded to hit me again in my
9	midsection.
10	Q After Officer Markham did that a second time,
11	what happened?
12	A After he hit me three or four times, you know, I
13	just broke, I just couldn't take no more of the beating,
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15	Q So, you told him something different?
16	A Yes.
17	A You told him you were involved?
18	MR. ZELAZO: Objection, Judge.
19	THE COURT: To the leading question, sustained.
20	MR. SARLEY: Sorry.
21	Q What did you tell him?
22	A I told Officer Markham that whatever he wanted to
23	know, I would tell him.
24	Q Did you then make what you call a statement to

1	Officers Markham and Hood?			
2	A Yes, sir.			
3	Q Was that statement the truth?			
4	MR. ZELAZO: Objection, Judge. I ask that the leading			
5	stop at some point. Let the witness testify. That is also			
6	an improper question, Judge. The jury determines what the			
7	truth is.			
8	MR. SARLEY: I could rephrase it.			
9	THE COURT: Rephrase the question, Mr. Sarley.			
10	MR. SARLEY: Thank you.			
11	Q Did you kill Deborah Smith?			
12	A No, I did not.			
13	Q Why did you tell Officers Hood and Markham that			
14	you did?			
15	A Because it seemed like the only way he was going			
16	to stop beating me.			
17	Q Now, how long did your conversation, did the			
18	conversation then take after the beating, would you say?			
19	A I don't quite understand.			
20	Q After the officers stopped hitting you, how long			
21	did they talk to you at that point, just at that			
22	conversation?			
23	A About I don't know.			
24	Q Well, was it a half hour, or less than a half			

hour,	or	more?	•
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- A You mean before I gave the statement?
- Q Well, I am not talking about the State's Attorney, I am talking about just when the officers were in the room, and after the officers stopped beating you or hitting you; how long did you talk to those officers at that point, approximately?
 - A About ten to fifteen minutes.
- Q And then after that conversation ceased, what happened next?
- A Then Officer Markham, he proceeded to call the State's Attorney.
- Q And at some point later, you saw a State's Attorney, is that right?
 - A Yes.
- Q Now, do you know what the State's Attorney's name is?
 - A State's Attorney Gerber, I think.
 - Q That is the same gentleman that testified earlier, I think it was yesterday?
 - A Yes.
 - Q When Mr. Gerber -- well, do you know about when you met Mr. Gerber that night, about what time; if you know?

1	A	I really lost track of the time, really.
2	Q	But at some point, it was on the night of October
3	4th, r	ight, that you spoke to Mr. Gerber?
4	A	Yes, I think so.
5	Q	And where was it that you met Mr. Gerber for the
6	first	time?
7	A	They took me out of the interrogation room and
8	took m	e into another small room.
9	Q	Who do you mean by "they"?
10	A	Officer Markham.
11	Q	And that other room, is that where you first met
12	Mr. Ge	rber?
13	A	Yes.
14	Q	And when you first met Mr. Gerber, who else was
15	presen	t?
16	A	Officer Markham.
17	Q	So, it was Mr. Gerber, Officer Markham, yourself;
18	and an	ybody else?
19	A	Not that I can remember.
20	Q	So, when you met Mr. Gerber, what was said, who
21	said w	nat?
22	A	Well, he introduced himself to me as being
23	Mr. Ge	rber, and he was an Assistant State's Attorney, and
7 A	that he	e worked he was a lawyer, working with the police,

1	and that he was not none of my lawyer.
2	Q And Officer Markham, of course, is the police
3	right?
4	A Yes.
5	Q After Mr. Gerber said that, he advised you of
6	your constitutional rights, right?
7	A Yes, sir.
8	Q And then he asked you about the
9	homocide, correct?
10	A Yes.
11	Q You told him that you stabbed
12	didn't you?
13	MR. ZELAZO: Objection, Judge.
14	THE COURT: It is a leading question, Mr. Sarley.
15	BY MR. SARLEY:
16	Q What did you tell Mr. Gerber?
17	A I told him that I was responsible for the
18	homocide.
19	Q Did you kill Deborah Smith?
20	A No.
21	Q Why did you tell Mr. Gerber that you did?
22	A Because I felt like by him working with the
23	police, if I didn't tell him the same thing, then I
24	probably would go back into that same interrogation room

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1	again.	
2	Q	With who?
3	A	With Officers Markham and Officer Hood.
4	Q	Do you know how long that conversation with
5	Mr. Gerbe	er took?
6	A	About ten, twenty minutes.
7	Q	What happened after that, what is the next thing
8	that happ	pened?
9	A	Then, as I recall, I think both of them left out
10	of the ro	om.
11	Q	And what is the next thing you remember
12	happening	?
13	A	They had brought the court reporter.
14	Q	By "court reporter", you mean somebody that is
15	typing ju	st sort of like
16	A	Stenographer.
17	Q	When the stenographer arrived, what happened?
18	A	Then I proceeded to give the statement.
19	Q	You were questioned by who in front of the
20	stenograp	her?
21	A	By Mr. Gerber.
22	Q	And who else was present for that conversation?
23	A	Officer Markham.
24	Q	And Mr. Gerber asked you questions?

1	A Yes.
2	Q And you gave answers, right?
3	A Yes.
4	Q And after that statement, or after that question
5	and answer session in front of the stenographer by the
6	way, let me ask you another question. Excuse me, I will
7	withdraw that.
8	During that conversation in which Detective Markham
9	was there, was he present for the whole conversation?
10	A Yes, as far as I know.
11	Q And after that conversation in front of the cour
12	reporter, what happened next?
13	A Then they read the statement back off to me, and
14	had me sign it.
15	Q When you say they read the statement, who read
16	the statement?
17	A Well, State's Attorney Gerber.
18	Q And when he read the statement, who else was
19	present besides yourself and Mr. Gerber?
20	A The stenographer and Officer Markham.
21	Q And at the end of the statement, at the end of
22	the reading of the statement, you signed that statement,
23	didn't you?

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1	Q And when you signed that statement, was Detective
2	Markham present in the room?
3	A Yes.
4	Q In that statement, it says that you killed
5	, doesn't it, or at least that you stabbed
6	her?
7	A Yes.
8	Q Did you?
9	A No.
10	Q Why did you sign a statement saying that you
11	stabbed if you didn't do so?
12	A Because I couldn't stand no more of them
13	beatings.
14	Q And who was present in that room when you signed
15	that statement that was beating you?
16	A Officer Markham.
17	Q After you signed the statement, the State's
18	Attorney and Detective Markham left the room, correct?
19	A Yes, I think so.
20	MR. SARLEY: Could I have a moment, Your Honor?
21	THE COURT: Yes.
22	(Short pause)
23	BY MR. SARLEY:
24	Q Mr. Jones, you told us that Detective Markham

1	struck you several times on the chest, right?
2	A Around the midsection.
3	Q What were you wearing at that time; do you
4	remember?
5	A Shirt, jeans.
6	Q I mean specifically on the top part of your body
7	did you have some clothing on?
8	A Shirt.
9	Q Did you bruise or get any bruises as a result of
10	that?
11	A None that I know of.
12	MR. SARLEY: I have no further questions, Your Honor.
13	Thank you.
14	THE COURT: Mr. Zelazo.
15	CROSS EXAMINATION
16	BY MR. ZELAZO:
17	Q Mr. Jones, let's start off with asking you to
18	look at People's Exhibit Number 40B and 40A for
19	identification. First of all, look at 40B. Now, that is a
20	picture of you, isn't it, sir?
21	A Yes.
22	Q And in fact, that is a picture of you within
23	moments after you signed the statement that is attached to
24	that statement, isn't that correct?

1	A I imagine so.	
2	Q Is that the way you looked when you ta	lked to
3	detective Markam, and Mr. Gerber, and Detective	Hood?
4	A I don't even know when this picture was	s taken.
5	Q Did the State's Attorney when he arrive	ed ever
6	take a picture in the presence of the court report	rter, or
7	did the court reporter ever take a picture when h	Mr. Gerber
8	was around?	
9	A I don't remember that.	
10	Q How about the statement next to it, sin	r, would
11	you look at that. Is your signature on that from	nt page?
12	A Yes.	
13	Q Do you remember putting your signature	on that
14	page?	
15	A Yes.	
16	Q That is your signature?	
17	A Yes.	
18	Q How about the other pages there, the bo	ottom of
19	each page; are those your signatures there, sir?	
20	A Yes.	
21	Q That is the document that Mr. Gerber re	ad to you
22	while you were in the room, isn't that correct?	
23	A It appears to be.	
24	Q During the time that he was reading	there are

a couple marks made, especially page two in the middle. 1 Are those your marks there? I don't know. 3 Did your write the letters y-o-u there? 4 Α I don't remember writing it. 5 How about on page 4, sir, I will ask you to look 6 at the middle of the page. Do your initials appear there? 7 Α Yes. 8 You put those initials there, right? Q 9 Α I imagine so. I don't remember. 10 You don't remember? 11 Α No, sir. 12 0 Do you remember writing the word from, f-r-o-m 13 there? 14 No. Α 15 Q So, that you don't remember, sir? 16 Α No. 17 How about here in the following line where there 18 is a scratch out there and the initials RJ appear there. 19 Did you make those initials? 20 This appears to be my initials, but I don't Α 21 remember putting them there. 22 So, that is another thing you don't remember; is Q 23

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that what you are telling the members of the jury?

MR. SARLEY: Objection to the form of the question. 1 THE COURT: Sustained. 2 BY MR. ZELAZO: 3 You don't remember making that mark either, is 4 that what you are telling the jury? 5 Yes, sir. 6 At the time that you were pictured, or at the 7 time you gave that statement, do you remember having your 8 picture taken by anyone at all? Α No, sir. 10 So, you never signed the back of the picture? 11 Α I don't remember. 12 0 If I showed you this picture again, and it is 13 People's Exhibit Number 40B, if you look at it, could you 14 tell me if your signature was on the back of that picture, 15 sir? 16 Α That is my signature. 17 So, you did sign that, you remember that now? Q 18 I don't remember signing it. 19 MR. SARLEY: Objection to the form of the question. 20 He said it is his signature. He didn't say he remembered 21 it. 22 THE COURT: The answer "I don't remember signing it" 23

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At some point, you were taken to Cook County Jail that night or the next morning?

Α Yes.

While there, as you heard the witness testify -in fact, this afternoon, Mr. Kinzie examined you, correct?

Yes, sir. Α

You were photographed then, weren't you?

Yes, sir.

MR. ZELAZO: Judge, I have what is marked as People's Exhibit Number 63.

Sir, this is a picture of you, isn't it?

Yes, sir. A

And it is a picture of you as you appeared on October 6th of 1985, when you entered Cook County Jail, isn't that right?

A Yes, sir.

Now, the bump that you have indicated was caused by Detective Hood, is that the bump that appears on the right side of your eye on that photograph?

MR. SARLEY: Objection, assuming a fact not in evidence.

THE COURT: Sustained. I am not certain there was any reference to bumps by Mr. Jones, Mr. Zelazo.

BY MR. ZELAZO:

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Q As to Detective Hood striking you on the right side of your head, is the location where Detective Hood struck you on the right side of your head the same location where a bump appears on the right side of your eye in that photograph?

- A It is in the same area.
- Q It is in the same area?
- A Yes, sir.
- Q Did Detective Hood cause that bump, sir?
- MR. SARLEY: Objection.
- 12 THE COURT: Overruled.
- THE WITNESS: Detective Hood struck me side my head.
- BY MR. ZELAZO:
 - Q The question was did Detective Hood cause that bump?
- A I imagine so.
 - Q So, you are telling the members of the jury that before Detective Hood and Detective Markham picked you up on 67th or 69th and Stony, you did not have that bump on your head, is that what you are telling the members of the jury?
 - MR. SARLEY: Objection, he didn't say that.
 - THE COURT: But that is a proper question on cross

examination. Well, I don't believe the form is proper. MR. SARLEY: 2 He can't ask that question, so you are telling the ladies 3 and gentlemen --THE COURT: Rephrase your question, Mr. Zelazo. 5 BY MR. ZELAZO: 6 Prior to the time that Detective Hood and 7 Detective Markham arrested you on the street at 68th or 8 69th and Stony Island, did you have that bump that appears 9 in the picture on the right side of your head? 10 Α It was not swollen that big. 11 Sir, the question was did you have it? Q 12 I had a bump on the side of my head. 13 So, there was some type of injury to your head, 14 or bump to your head prior to the police arresting you, is 15 that correct? 16 Α Yes. 17 You have a problem with bumps like that, sir? 18 Α I have an acne problem. 19 And in fact, you have at certain points been Q 20 treated for acute acne? 21 A Yes, sir. 22 MR. SARLEY: Objection.

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THE COURT:

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The answer "yes, sir" may stand.

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Q Is that acute acne that you have, is one of the effects that it has on you that you break out in bumps in certain parts of your face?

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A Yes, sir.

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Q And in fact, that comes and goes at certain times, isn't that correct, sir?

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A Yes, sir.

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Q I will show you what is Marked as People's Exhibit Number 64 for identification. I ask you to look at People's Exhibit Number 64.

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Mr. Jones, that is you, isn't it?

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A Yes.

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Q There is a bump on the right side of your eye in the same location as the prior picture that I just showed you, isn't that correct?

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A Yes, sir.

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Q The bump is smaller in that picture, is that right?

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A Yes, sir.

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Q I will show you what is marked as People's

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Exhibit Number 72 for identification. Mr. Jones, this is a picture of you, sir, isn't it?

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A Yes, sir.

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Yes, sir.

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Didn't you just tel the jury it was four to

1	A I said a total. The first flurry was four or
2	five and the second flurry
3	Q So, there were two flurries
4	A Yes, sir.
5	Q When was the first flurry?
6	A When Detective Markham struck me, when he first
7	came in the room.
. 8	Q And when you first came in the room is when they
9	just arrested you, and you had that fifteen to twenty
10	minutes conversation?
11	MR. SARLEY: Objection, Judge. Obviously, that is not
12	what he said.
13	THE COURT: Well, this is cross examination. The
14	witness earlier testified he was struck three to four times
15	in the stomach, I thought. Objection overruled.
16	MR. ZELAZO: I will withdraw the question.
17	Q You say Detective Markham struck you in two
18	flurries, correct?
19	A Yes, sir.
20	Q When was the first flurry, as you call it?
21	A When he first came in the room.
22	Q And when he first came in the room is when you
23	were interviewed with Detective Hood and after your arrest,
24	isn't that right?

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1	A	When he first came in the room was after he had
2	left out	•
3	Q	So, he had been in the room. So, it was not the
4	first ti	me he was in the room, is that what you are
5	saying?	
6	A	It is the first time he had been in the room
7	prior to	the beatings.
8	Q	Prior to the beatings?
9	A	Yes.
10	Q	Well, you told the members of the jury that you
11	were put	in that room first upon your arrival at 51st
12	Street, i	s that correct?
13	A	Yes.
14	Q	And upon your arrival, Detective Hood was there
15	and Detec	tive Markham was there?
16	A	Yes.
17	Q.	And they had a fifteen to twenty minute
18	conversat	ion with you?
19	A	Yes.
20	Q	And during that conversation, at some point then
21	Detective	Markham left, is that correct?
22	A	Yes.
23	Q	And Detective Hood stayed behind?
4	A	Yes.

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1	Q	Well, after that, did Detective Markham strike
2	you?	
3	A	When he came back in the room.
4	Q	So, it was immediately upon his re-entry into the
-5	room?	
6	A	Yes.
7	Q	That was the first flurry?
8	A	Yes, sir.
9	Q	Now, tell the members of the jury how many times
10	Detective	Markham struck you during that first flurry?
11	A	Four to five times.
12	Q	And when he struck you four to five times, it was
13	in your s	tomach, right?
14	A	Yes.
15	Q	In your abdomen, correct?
16	A	In the midsection.
17	Q	And it hurt, correct?
18	A	Yes.
19	Q	And each time he hit you, it hurt, isn't that
20	right?	
21	A	Yes.
22	Q	It was so painful that you were afraid; is that
23	what you a	are telling the members of the jury?
24	A	Yes.

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               You are telling the members of the jury it was a
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     blackjack, isn't that what you are saying?
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          MR. SARLEY:
                        Objection.
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          THE COURT: Overruled.
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          THE WITNESS: What I said, black object.
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          BY MR. ZELAZO:
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               Was it a hard black object?
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               Did it have sharp corners?
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               Like lead?
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               And that is when he hit you in the side of the
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    head?
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               Yes.
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               And you hurt when he hit you the first time?
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               Yes.
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1	Q	And he hit you three or four more times?
2	A	Yes.
3	Q	And he hit you in the same spot?
4	A	Around in the same area, yes.
5	Q	Well, it is the right side of your eye?
6	A	Yes, he hit me on the ride side of my face, my
7	head.	
8	Q	Around the right side of your eye?
9	A	Yes.
10	Q	And when he hit you, you bled, right?
11	A	I beg your pardon?
12	A	Did you bleed when he hit you?
13	A	No.
14	Q	And after he struck you four or five times with
15	the hard	object, did you bleed?
16	A	No.
L 7	Q	There was no bruise there, was there?
18	A	All I seen was swelling.
L9	Q	Sir, the question was if there was any bruising.
20	I realize	you saw swelling. Was there a bruise there?
21	A	I couldn't see. I couldn't really see.
22	Q	Showing you People's Exhibit Number 10 excuse
23		e's Exhibit Number 63, is that the way you
24	appeared a	after you were beaten at Cook County Jail after

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I would say about fifteen times.

incident of the homocide, they told me that was in a homocide. They told me that 2 -- it had been known to them that was a prostitute. 3 They told me that someone had sex with they described her to me. 5 What else did they tell you? Q 6 I can't really remember. 7 You can't remember the details that Detective 8 Hood and Detective Markham allegedly told you? 9 Α No. 10 You say that in telling you, part of it was done Q 11 on the scene of the Crest Hotel, is that right? 12 A Yes. 13 And you are familiar with the Crest Hotel, aren't Q 14 you, sir? 15 I have lived in the area most of my life. A 16 And the area you are talking about, that is the 17 area of 69th and Dorchester, 69th and Stony, isn't that 18 correct, sir? 19 Α The area of the Crest Hotel. 20 No, the area where you lived most of your life. Q 21 Α No. 22 Well, have you ever lived in the area of 69th, or 23 68th, or 67th and Dorchester? 24

1	A	No.
2	Q	You have never lived in any building
3	A	Not in that area.
4	Q	Have you ever walked through the area, other than
5	on the	day that Detective Markham and Detective Hood saw
6	you and	arrested you there?
7	A	Plenty of times.
8	Q	So, you have been in that area quite often,
9	haven't	you, sir?
10	A	Yes.
11	Q	You are familiar with that area, aren't you,
12	sir?	
13	A	Yes, sir.
14	Q	You know the Crest Hotel was an abandoned hotel
15	back in	March of 1985, didn't you?
16	A	Yes.
17	Q	You knew the Grace Hotel was right across the
18	street,	but that hotel was being used, isn't that right,
19	sir?	
20	A	Yes, sir.
21	Q	You knew that Harold's was on Stony Island,
22	didn't y	vou?
23	A	Yes, sir.
24	Q	So, in fact, you knew of the abandoned Crest

Hotel before even talking to the police, isn't that 1 correct, sir? 2 Α Yes. 3 MR. SARLEY: Objection. 4 THE COURT: The answer "yes" may stand. 5 THE WITNESS: Yes. 6 BY MR. ZELAZO: 7 You indicate that Detective Markham and Hood in 8 taking you to the Crest hotel showed you blood at some 9 point, you say? 10 Inside, yes. 11 Q Inside. Did they shine a light on it, and say 12 this is where she died? 13 They said this is where we found blood stains. Α 14 And showed you that area? 15 Α Yes. 16 And it is a hallway area they showed you, wasn't 17 it, sir? 18 Α I don't know. I am not sure whether it was a 19 hallway. All I know, it was dark in the building, sir. 20 Q Well, did you crawl upstairs to go to this area? 21 Α We climbed through the window. 22 Q Did you crawl upstairs, did you go to the place 23 on the first floor?

No, sir. Α 1 So, everything was on the first floor, isn't that 2 correct? 3 Yes. Α What other details did Detective Markham or Hood 5 tell you while you were at the Crest Hotel? 6 Α They told me that was killed with a 7 knife, and she was stabbed, three or four times. 8 What else did they tell you about the details of Q 9 the homocide? 10 Α I can't really remember everything. 11 Well, let's start with that. Would you tell me, Q 12 in looking at People's Exhibit Number 48, which is the 13 statement you say was beaten out of you, in that statement, 14 can you show me anywhere in that statement it states what 15 Detective Hood or Detective Markham told you to say about 16 where there was blood in that apartment? 17 MR. SARLEY: Objection, if that is not a vague 18 question, Judge. 19 THE WITNESS: I am not sure what he said. 20 THE COURT: Rephrase your question, Mr. Zelazo. 21 Sustained. 22 BY MR. ZELAZO: 23 Q Can you show me where in People's Exhibit Number 24

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understanding of his testimony.

tell the State's Attorney when they came? MR. SARLEY: Objection. 2 THE COURT: Overruled. 3 THE WITNESS: I was not aware that I was suppose to 4 tell the State's Attorney anything. I was just --5 BY MR. ZELAZO: 6 Well, how were you aware that you were suppose to 7 make -- how were you aware of what the content of your 8 statement was suppose to be to the State's Attorney when 9 they came? 10 MR. SARLEY: Objection. 11 THE COURT: If the witness understands the question, I 12 will allow him to answer. Overruled. 13 THE WITNESS: Could you repeat it. 14 BY MR. ZELAZO: 15 How were you aware of what the content was that 16 you were suppose to give to the State's Attorney in the 17 statement? 18 I was aware of different contents in the 19 statement because of different things that the police 20 officer had told me. 21 Q So, everything they told you about; that is like 22 the blood, or the fact that was according to 23

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you a prostitute, they told you that is what you were

that correct?

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isn't that right, sir?

1	A	Some of the things they told me.
	Q	So, some of the things they didn't?
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3	A	Some of the things, I didn't remember.
4	Q	Pardon me?
5	A	Some of the things, I didn't remember.
6	Q	Well, like what are some of the things you didn't
7	remember?	
8	A	I don't remember.
9	Q	You don't remember now, either?
10	A	No, sir.
11	Q	Sir, at the time that Detective Markham and
12	Detective	Hood approached you the first time By the way,
13	prior to	that time when you were arrested, had you ever
14	seen Dete	ctive Hood or Markham before?
15	A	No, sir.
16	Q	In fact, you didn't know who they were at all,
17	right?	
18	A	No, sir. I assumed who they were.
19	Q	When you saw them, you suspected they were police
20	because yo	ou recognized the undercover car, right?
21	A.	Yes.
22	Q	And the way they were dressed, you just sort of
23	knew they	were police, right?
	A	Yes.

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1	Q	When they got out of the car, they asked you who
2	you were?	
3	A	Yes.
4	Q	Or at least one of them?
5	. A	Yes.
6	Q	And you told them your name was Ronald Jones?
7	A	Yes.
8	Q	And it was at that time they told you that you
9	were unde	r arrest, correct?
10	A	Yes, sir.
11	Q	And handcuffed you, correct?
12	A	Yes, sir.
13	Q	And put you in the back of the car?
14	A	Yes.
15	Q	And took you to 51st and Wentworth?
16	A	Yes.
17	Q	And put you in an interrogation room?
18	A	Yes.
19	Q	And then they asked you about the Deborah Smith
20	homocide?	
21	A	Yes.
22	Q	At some point, sir, from that point thereafter,
23	isn't it t	rue that one of the detectives, either Hood or
24	Markham to	old you that had said you were seen

1	with the victim,
2	A I think they had said something to that effect.
3	Q And it was after a period of time withdraw
4	that. And it was after the police told you that, that you
5	ended giving this court reported statement, isn't that
6	correct, sir?
7	A Yes, sir.
8	MR. ZELAZO: May I have a moment, please, Your Honor?
9	THE COURT: Yes.
10	(Short pause)
11	MR. ZELAZO: No further questions.
12	MR. SARLEY: May I just have a moment, please?
13	THE COURT: Yes, Mr. Sarley.
14	MR. SARLEY: To confer with counsel, please.
15	(Short pause)
16	REDIRECT EXAMINATION
17	BY MR. SARLEY:
18	Q Mr. Jones, you just testified based on questions
١9	or in response to questions that Mr. Zelazo asked that you
20	told Mr. Gerber that the police treated you okay; right?
21	A Yes.
22	Q When you told them that, who was standing right
,,	next to you?

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Detective Markham.