

AFFIDAVIT OF VINCENT CARRAHER

STATE OF MINNESOTA )  
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COUNTY OF HENNEPIN )

Vincent Carraher, being first duly sworn upon oath, states and deposes as follows:

The affiant received a telephone call on Friday, June 26, at 1616 Park Avenue, the offices of Meshbeshier and Spence, from Ralph LaMont Nunn. Mr. Nunn was currently incarcerated at the Federal Correctional Institution, P.O. Box 7000, Florence, Colorado. Mr. Nunn's inmate number is 04066-041.

The affiant had previously contacted Mr. Nunn requesting he telephone the affiant on June 26, 1998.

The affiant made an introduction to Mr. Ralph Nunn and gave him an explanation of what was taking place concerning the appeal of his father, Ralph Chavous Duke. Mr. Nunn then went forward and agreed to discuss, in brief, what took place when he and others were arrested in a sting operation while attempting to purchase narcotics at a hotel in the City of Minneapolis.

Mr. Nunn acknowledged that he had been planning and arranging the purchase of these drugs through a man named Chambers, who at the time he believed to be a drug dealer and not involved with any government agency. Mr. Nunn stated that he solicited the assistance of a number of his friends and acquaintances, each contributing a sum of money to make the purchase of narcotics from Mr. Chambers at a specified time. Mr. Nunn stated at no time did his father, Ralph Chavous Duke, contribute money, advise direction, or had knowledge of Mr. Nunn's intent to purchase narcotics from Mr. Chambers. Mr. Nunn stated that he had not spoken to his father two weeks previous to sting operation.

Mr. Nunn stated that some of the individuals who contributed money for the purchase of narcotics from Mr. Chambers were himself, his cousin Lauren Duke, the Hutchinson brothers and others. Mr. Nunn stated that his friend Tony Turner was present when he and others were arrested, but Mr. Turner did not contribute any funds to assist in the purchase of narcotics from Mr. Chambers. Mr. Nunn stated that one Scott Tredwell testified against Ralph Chavous Duke, never purchased narcotics from Ralph Chavous Duke. Mr. Nunn stated that he, his relatives or friends were not transporting narcotics from the State of California in vehicles owned by Ralph Chavous Duke to the State of Minnesota. Mr. Nunn stated there was no such thing as the Duke Gang.

Mr. Nunn stated that he attempted suicide while awaiting trial, he did not testify against his father, and he has received a lengthy

sentence. Mr. Nunn stated the reason his relatives testified against Ralph Chavous Duke is that they were threatened with long term prison terms, that Lauren Duke's father and family were threatened with charges and so all the participants cooperated with the government and gave false testimony against Ralph Chavous Duke to reduce sentences and prevent their families from being charge with a crime. Mr. Nunn stated that their were people that testified against Mr. Duke who had never met Ralph Chavous Duke. Mr. Nunn stated that the prosecutor, Mr. Hopeman, and agents knew full well that the money provided for the purchase of narcotics by himself and ended up in the sting operation, was not in any way Ralph Duke's money and Mr. Ralph Chavous Duke was not involved in this matter. Mr. Nunn stated that government choose to ignore that and it was obvious to him that their concern was having Mr. Ralph Chavous Duke charged in this matter.

FURTHER YOUR AFFIANT SAYETH NOT

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Vincent Carraher

Subscribed and sworn to before me  
this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 1998.

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Notary Public