

BEFORE THE ILLINOIS TORTURE INQUIRY AND RELIEF COMMISSION

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In re:

Claim of Stephen Joseph Cavanero

TIRC No. 2011.047-C

SUMMARY DISMISSAL

Pursuant to section 40(a) of the Illinois Torture Inquiry and Relief Act (775 ILCS 40/40(a)), the Commission hereby summarily dismisses this claim for the reasons that follow.

1. On approximately July 11, 2011, Mr. Stephen Joseph Cavanero submitted a claim of torture to the Commission alleging that on May 3, 1984, at Area 2, Jon Burge, Detective Robert Dwyer and another unnamed detective punched him in the stomach, placed a phone book on his head and struck it with a flashlight until he confessed to several different crimes.
2. On May 1, 2014, Mr. Cavanero passed away in federal prison in Butner, North Carolina. Commission staff verified Mr. Cavanero's passing with his attorney and through the Federal Bureau of Prison's Website.
3. Section 40(a) of the TIRC Act states that "[t]he Commission shall not consider a claim of torture if the convicted person is deceased" and that "[t]he Commission may informally screen and dismiss a case summarily at its discretion."

Therefore, the Commission has determined that it is without jurisdiction to consider Mr. Cavanero's claim and dismisses it.

Dated: _____

6/18/14


Cheryl Starks
Chair

Illinois Torture Inquiry and Relief Commission