

IN THE HIGH COURT OF SOUTH AFRICA

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GAUTENG DIVISION

Case number: 101/2017

In the matter of:

REOPENED INQUEST: LATE AHMED TIMOL

AFFIDAVIT OF KEVIN MARTIN

I, the undersigned,

KEVIN MARTIN

do hereby make this oath and say:

1. I am an adult male resident in Johannesburg. I am a semi-retired Civil Engineering Designer. My date of birth is 26 November 1956.
2. The contents of this affidavit are within my personal knowledge and are both true and correct.
3. I was a student activist spreading the teaching of Black Consciousness in the Coloured communities. I was also active in mobilising opposition to the co-option of the Coloured Labour Party into the Tri-cameral parliament.

ASSAULT BY SETH SONS

4. I was arrested during or about July 1975 on the bus on my way to school. The exact date I cannot remember. I do remember it being shortly after school reopened after the July break, as I was in std. 9 at the time. I was then taken to the 9th floor at John Vorster Square.

5. The location of the torture was in a room on the 9th floor of John Vorster Square, a day after I was detained. The people present were: Lt Seth Sons, Lt. Visser, Sgt. Magoro and the investigating officer, whose name I cannot remember.

6. In this room I sustained torture at the hands of Lt Sons and others.
 - 6.1 Lt Visser attacked me by striking me down with his fists.
 - 6.2 Once on the ground Lt. Visser and Lt. Sons each took an arm and a leg and lifted me off the ground and then repeatedly dropped me on my back and head until I almost passed out.
 - 6.3 Lt. Sons then held me down and Lt. Visser sat on my chest and kicked me repeatedly on my head with the heel of his shoe.
 - 6.4 Thereafter, Lt Sons pulled my pants down and squeezed my testicles saying "*as his grandmother would do*".

7. I estimate that I was assaulted by Sons and his colleagues for about an hour. I was then taken back to my cell to nurse the swelling without any medical attention. It took about a week for the swelling on my head to subside.

8. I was released in early September 1975 with no charges being pressed against me.

Kevin Martin

KEVIN MARTIN

The Deponent has acknowledged that he knows and understands the contents of this affidavit, which was signed and affirmed before me at SANDTON on this the 18TH day of AUGUST 2017, the regulations contained in Government Notice No R1258 of 21 July 1972, as amended, and Government Notice No R1648 of 19 August 1977, as amended, having been complied with.

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