

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF SOUTH AFRICA
CAPE OF GOOD HOPE PROVINCIAL DIVISION

CCT 01/95

In the matter between:

CASE NO.: 8837/94

THE STATE

APPLICANT

and

P. RENS

RESPONDENT

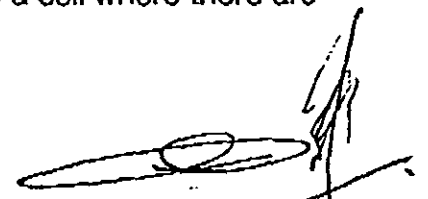
AFFIDAVIT

I, the undersigned,

P.J. RENS

do hereby declare under oath: -


1. Since I have been incarcerated at Pollsmoor Prison the following has happened to me: -
 - i) I was placed in a cell with thirty four (34) coloured and black people of very low social standing. These were rapists and murderers, and the type of person with whom I have never associated in my life. They were all of little or no education, and from a totally different social strata to which I am accustomed. I was in fact the only white educated person in the cell.
 - ii) I was warned by the warders when I arrived at the prison that because there were racial overtones to my crime I might find that I had trouble and there might be attempts on my life.
 - iii) When I was in the cell (this cell is known as 548, and is the most notorious at Pollsmoor) an attempt was made on my life during the night. Certain of the inmates of the cell tried to cut my throat with a razor blade. I was able to wake up in time and force them off and call the warders. Subsequently I have been moved from this cell to a cell where there are



only four inmates.

- iv) Since I have arrived I have come to know a gang known as the Twenty Eights (28's); who are the second largest gang of three gangs in the prison, and who are overtly homosexual. I have been propositioned on numerous occasions and numerous requests have been made to me to share various beds. Because of my size I have been able to repulse these advances, but it is quite common to witness and hear homosexual activity at night, which is practised by a large proportion of the inmates.
- v) Although my life is not in as much danger as it was earlier, I am still in constant danger both for my life and from the point of view that I might be sodomized at any time, as major danger areas are the showers and the leisure yard.

2. I am now incarcerated at Brandvlei and can confirm that the prison situations are broadly similar, that I am still in danger, I am still consorting with people with whom I have never consorted with in my life and who are of a social standing far lower than that to which I am accustomed and that I am vitually the only educated person in the prison. My life is still in danger, and I may still be sodomized at any time, as the communal areas as mentioned in paragraph (v) above remain danger areas in any prison.


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DEPONENT

THIS SIGNED AND SWORN TO BEFORE ME AT *Worcester* THIS *8th*
DAY OF *August* 1994 BY THE DEPONENT WHO ACKNOWLEDGEDD
THAT HE/SHE KNOWS AND UNDERSTANDS THE CONTENTS OF THIS AFFIDAVIT,
THE REGULATIONS CONTAINED IN GOVERNMENT NOTICE NO. R1258 OF 21 JULY
1972 HAVING BEEN DULY COMPLIED WITH.


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COMMISSIONER OF OATHS
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