

ing to get beat?

A Yes.

429 Q I think you testified earlier that you'd seen beatings occur before, is that correct?

A Yes, sir.

430 Q Let me go back to the beating of Mr. Love. Did anyone do anything to restrain any of the guards after Mr. Love had been handcuffed and beaten?

A No, sir. The supervisors were in charge.

431 Q Who were the supervisors?

A Dan Juroff, Lt. Wicker and Sgt. Myers.

432 Q Now is Myers the second man who went into the cell, into Love's cell.

A He was the second man.

433 Q And was Wickens in the cell?

A Wicker?

434 Q Wicker?

A No, sir.

435 Q You said there were about 15 guards in the-- that went to shake down Mr. Love's cell?

A In the whole total shakedown. They were conducting several shakedowns. Not only his, but others. They were trying to do it as fast as they can. They start at the back and they work

their way forward.

436 Q So more than one cell would be shaken down at one time?

A Oh, yes, yes.

437 Q Were there other cells being shaken down as Mr. Love was being beaten?

A Yes, sir.

438 Q Were any of the other inmates beaten while that was going on that you are aware of?

A No. I'm not aware of them being beaten but I am aware that quite a few of them were gassed.

439 Q Did you know if any of them had offered any resistance?

A I know of three who didn't. *but not 10*

440 Q And they were gassed?

A They were just yelling through their bars and stuff and they were gassed.

440 Q Do you know who they were?

A No, sir. I don't have any way of obtaining the records.

441 Q Do you know what they were yelling?

A Yes. Calling the officers a few adjectives and stuff.

442 Q They were yelling inside of the bars or the

outside?

A Both.

443 Q And do you know what they were yelling to the outside?

A Not at this time.

444 Q Do you know any reason why Mr. Love had been beaten besides as a payoff for Officer Able?

A Well, Lincoln Love was--like I say, he was not well liked by the Department of Corrections and they've had trouble with him multiple times in the past up north and down here and the word was out that they were not going to tolerate any more bullshit from him.

445 Q Was there any similar word out in regards to John Cole?

A No. I've never had any problems with John Cole.

446 Q Do you know if anyone in the institution had?

A I know that two weeks prior to that, or three, he was caught--he was a Lay Advocate in MRU and during this time I shook him down and found marijuana on him. And Lt. Widener ordered me to cuff him and take him back to his cell. I cuffed him, took him back to his cell and uncuffed him. I had no problems with him.

I took him back over to CAB for his trial



and had no trouble with him that time. And two weeks later this happened.

447 Q Do you know if Mr. Love would ever have been beaten before?

A Oh, definitely.

448 Q How many times that you're aware of?

A By what rumor it had--what somebody else had told me, it had been several times. I had witnessed that he had been shackled and the chains jerked out--well, similar to the way this inmate is at the table here. If he had the waist chains and the shackles, is that correct? Okay.

We have also what we call a dog leash. They don't use--I don't know if they use it now or not. Ours was about 15--10 feet long and after they're cuffed and they're shackled--they're shackled to the bare skin, not to the socks. And they're escorted out to what we call the sandbox. That's where they are allowed to play. And in the process if the inmate doesn't behave or makes any smartass remarks, we call it, they're jerked out from underneath and he made the comment when that



happened that he was going to--there would be retaliations. And he did.

449 Q The dog leash attaches to the feet shackle?

A Yes, sir.

450 Q When did that occur?

A During the summer. During the summer sometime. An officer who lived down the street--I can't even remember his name.

451 Q The summer of '84?

A Yes.

452 Q Did you ever witness any other times that Mr. Love had been beaten?

A I went into his cell--was ordered to go into his cell one time and was replaced by another officer. I had to go back out in the yard. They said they had a hard time getting him out. I don't know if a beating took place to him or not.

453 Q Are you aware if Mr. Cole had ever been beaten?

A I have no idea.

454 Q What other beatings have you witnessed at the institution that you talked about earlier?

You said earlier you witnessed other beatings.

A Ever since I've been there. About 15 of them.

455 Q Can you describe them?

A 1983, the Rac Pad incident. Lincoln Love incident in 1984. Earlier in 1983 or '82 before the Federal ruling of shackling inmates to the bed, one was beaten and shackled. Three different times Inmate Smizer, I was ordered to hold him while the Sergeant and Lieutenant beat him about the body.

Inmate Malone, another black inmate, I went in and got him out of his cell several times. Brought him down to the MRU section and on the way down they bashed his head into the doors and busted the door glass, beat him and gassed him while he was in the shower.

456 Q What was the purpose of these beatings. I mean you stated before that Mr. Love was jerked by the dog leash for making smart remarks.

A That's what it was about. Lincoln Love didn't want to come out of his cell that day. He had no weapon. And he was told that if he didn't come out what was going to happen and that's the way--it goes down that way.

457 Q Would it be fair to characterize the beatings that you've seen basically for refusal to obey an order?

A Every beating that I've seen on any inmate in there has been totally uncalled for. There's never been a weapon. Any ones that I've been in there's been only one time, I've got a commendation for on my packet where an inmate had a weapon and I took it from him and then the inmate had decided he was going to fight, so then we fought. But that's the only time that an inmate's actually been hurt while I've been present that I've participated in. The rest were totally uncalled for.

458 Q Of the 15 or so that you've seen, how many would you say were directed towards black inmates?

A Every one but one. Inmate Reynolds.

459 Q Have you ever witnessed a black guard beating a black inmate?

A One time.

460 Q And when was that?

A We had two officers who had the same name out there. I'll have to get it for you from prior testimony. We used to call them salt and pepper team, they had the same name. During the '83 incident on the Rec Pad back there. It'd be the only time.



461 Q Have you ever witnessed a black guard beating a white inmate?

A Well, we don't have that many black guards around there. We had one Captain and three or four blacks. They weren't allowed to work there.

462 Q So generally would it be fair to say most of the beatings are from white guards to black inmates?

A Yes.

463 Q And do you feel this adds to the racial tension that you've described?

A Definitely.

464 Q Are you aware or have you ever heard of a group called the Aryan Brotherhood?

A Yes, sir.

465 Q What do you know about them?

A It's a white, like motorcycle type gang that lives in G cellhouse. They don't like blacks.

466 Q And it's composed of inmates?

A It's inmates.

467 Q Solely inmates?

A Everything I know. I've never heard of a guard belonging to the Aryan Brotherhood.

468 Q Are you aware of any white racially motivated groups that any of the guards belong to?

A Sons of Light.

469 Q And what do you know about them?

A It's a group of Lieutenants, Captains, Sergeants that belong to this that use the KKK literature and the same type of rituals. They are a splinter group. They're not affiliated, they don't pay the dues. It's developed solely for the institution.

470 Q What's their purpose?

A Well, they hate niggers, they hate Jews, and they hate Catholics. That's what was explained to me.

471 Q Who explained it to you?

A Well, you have Lt. Burke, which was the Reverend. He recruits the--

472 Q Excuse me. He's the Reverend?

A The Reverend is the man who tries to--he'll talk to you about joining the Klan.

473 Q He's the Reverend of the Sons of Light?

A Right.

474 Q He's not the Reformatory Reverend?

A No. No.

475 Q Okay. Go ahead.

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A Then you have somebody like Captain Sands. Our children used to be babysitted by him and played with his Klan robe. He carries a card. He's involved in it. That's the Captain which is over all the Captains of the institution.

And then you have now Captain Jackson which is involved in the Boga film and which Captain Sands took out of there to take to the group. We're trying to obtain a copy of that to get to the press.

476 Q The Boga film you're referring to is the film that was on the news?

A Is another beating.

477 Q The film that was on the news of the beating of another inmate?

A It shows an inmate in there cursing and cussing and calling people mothers and everything else, refusing to come out of his cell. And they took this film to show how they can just go in and obtain an inmate that is nude in his cell and remove him by shooting him with gas and then go in and club him.

478 Q What other personnel down there were you aware of that were members of the Sons of Light?



A Well, Lt.--let's see. I was told by Officer Boyd that Captain Jackson belongs to it. I know Lt. Stevens, retired Lt. Stevens belonged to it. Lt. Murdock, which has just retired about a year ago was a Klan carrying individual, which openly will admit it. Officer--no, I guess it would be Sgt. McClellan, which is next door neighbor to Barry Sands. I can go on with others if I had other names. I can sit down and study for you.

479 Q Of the personnel that were involved in the shakedown of the MRU on the day that this riot occurred, do you know of any men who were members of the Sons of Light?

A I don't know if they're--like I said, I know Lt. Wicker hates blacks with a passion because he's told me so himself. But as far as--they don't--this is really what I'm trying to explain to you. They don't go around and say, here's my card, my address, here's the \$25.00 for you. They'll leave the literature or something there on the desk. If you want to belong to it, fine. It's not a open the door policy where you first come in they jump you and want to hire you.

480 Q Is it a secret society?

A Basically that's what it is. It is not affiliated with the Klan so it's easy for the Justice Department to pull records and such they were unable to find them but they were able to find that they do belong to a secret group.

481 Q Were you ever approached about being recruited into the Sons of Light?

A Yes.

482 Q By whom?

A Lt. Burke.

483 Q Have you told anybody else this before?

A No, nobody asked.

484 Q Did you have anyone else approach you about it?

A No.

485 Q Do you know of any other white militant groups in the Reformatory?

A I can't remember the names of them. If you have anything written down I can tell you, but there are several.

486 Q So that there are several groups comprised of inmates and guards?

A Okay. You have--I can't remember the black group that they've got there.