

Former disgraced Chicago police chief Jon Burge dies at 70



Chicago, September 21 (RHC)-- In the U.S., disgraced Chicago police commander Jon Burge has died at the age of 70. Between 1972 and 1991 more than 200 people, most of them African-American, were tortured under his reign.

Officers under his command routinely used electric shock, suffocation with plastic bags and typewriter covers, among other methods, to extract confessions from men who were later shown to be innocent.

In 2015, the Chicago City Council approved a \$5.5 million reparations fund for victims of police torture. One victim of the torture was an African-American man named Darrell Cannon who spent more than 20 years in prison and confessed to a murder he didn't commit after being tortured by officers under Burge's command.

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