

No. 13-6827

IN THE
SUPREME COURT OF THE UNITED STATES

GREGORY HOUSTON HOLT A/K/A ABDUL MAALIK MUHAMMAD,

Petitioner,

v.

RAY HOBBS, DIRECTOR, ARKANSAS DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTION, ET AL.,

Respondents.

On Writ of Certiorari to the United States
Court of Appeals for the Eighth Circuit

DECLARATION OF ERNEST COX

1. My name is Ernest Cox. I am over the age of 21 and am capable of making this unsworn declaration pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1746. I have not been convicted of a felony or crime involving dishonesty, and the facts contained herein are within my personal knowledge.

2. I am the Hot Spring County Coroner, based in Malvern, Arkansas. In that role, I am responsible for confirming and certifying the death of individuals within my jurisdiction.

3. On Thursday, August 8, 2013, I received notification of a death at the Arkansas Department of Correction, Ouachita River Unit, in Malvern, Arkansas. I arrived at the Unit that evening and examined the body of Steven Oldham.

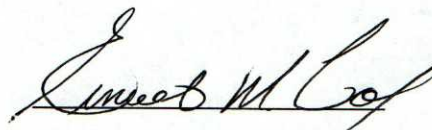
4. Mr. Oldham died of excessive bleeding caused by a cut on his right wrist. The cut apparently was inflicted by an orange plastic disposable razor, which had the plastic around one end of the blade broken off. Department of

Correction officials informed me that the razor was the standard type of razor issued to prisoners, and that Mr. Oldham had been issued the razor so that he could shave.

5. After examining the body, I provided a written report to the Arkansas State Police and did not retain a copy. I remember the case well because of the unusual amount of blood.

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

Executed on: 8-18, 2014


Ernest Cox, Coroner

WITNESS: MONTY VICKERS
8-18-14 10:20AM

