

MARSHALL CITY POLICE DEPARTMENT
INTERNAL AFFAIRS DIVISION
STATEMENT OF LUCKY STOKES
FEBRUARY 4, 2002

My name is Reginald "Lucky" Stokes and I am making this citizen complaint with the understanding that nothing in this statement may be used against me, either criminally or civilly.

I am making a complaint at this time against a Marshall City Police officer by the name of Jan Bridges. I first met Bridges in 1996 when Bridges was a driver for the Chief of Police. I had an arrangement with the Chief where I would be protected in my business - I was dealing drugs - as long as I was paying protection. The Chief kept raising the amount of tribute I had to pay and threatened my life if I didn't comply. In 1998, I started cooperating with the Federal Government and testified against the Chief. He not only lost his job as Chief of Police, as a result of my cooperation. He also was convicted and sentenced to 20 years in prison, - my testimony put him away.

As part of my agreement with the Government, I promised to go straight, and I kept my promise, or at least tried to. I retired from the drug business. About a year ago, Jan Bridges came to my house and told me that I was going back into the drug business. Bridges told me, "I am your new partner." Bridges would supply me with drugs and provide protection. I move the drugs and pay Bridges. Bridges said it was going to be like old times, just like when I was working with the Chief. So I caved in. Then, Bridges keeps lowering my percentage and demanding more money. Just like the Chief did. Bridges has threatened both me and my family if I fail to come up with the money.

I am afraid of Bridges and I am willing to cooperate with the authorities if they are willing to protect me from Bridges.

Bridges is totally ruthless.

Reginald "Lucky" Stokes