

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

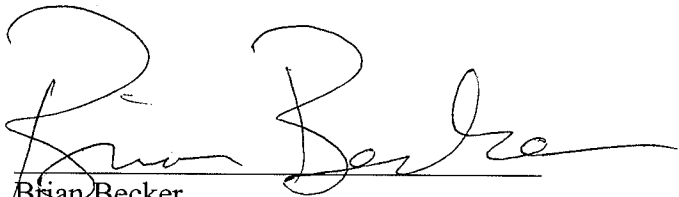
Alliance for Global Justice,)	
<i>et al.</i> ,)	
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Plaintiffs,)	
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v.)	Civ. No. 01-0811 (PLF/JMF)
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DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, <i>et al.</i> ,)	
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Defendants.)	
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AFFIDAVIT OF BRIAN BECKER

1. I certify that I am over eighteen years of age and am competent to testify to the following based on personal knowledge.
2. I was arrested during the April 15, 2000 mass arrest. My statement herein pertains to those events.
3. I participated in the protest march as a demonstrator. The police permitted or allowed the march. I understood by their conduct and facilitation of the parade that my participation in the protest was both lawful and being permitted by police.
4. I did not disobey the lawful order of a police officer.
5. I was not given, nor did I hear, any such order that led to my arrest.
6. I was not given, nor did I hear, any order(s) or announcement(s) that suggested in any way that I was subject to arrest unless I complied with some directive.
7. I was not given, nor did I hear, any order(s) to disperse.
8. I had no notice or warning in advance of my arrest.
9. I was given no opportunity to disperse or leave the vicinity once the police trapped me in the arrest zone on 20th Street between I and K Streets.

10. As an organizer, I addressed the crowd just before the march started. I reminded the crowd that the police had already begun repression of the protests with the morning raid and closure of the Convergence Center, that the largest events were planned for the following day, and warned that police would like nothing more than to disrupt the protests further by arresting demonstrators. I directed the crowd to engage in a “militant, spirited *but disciplined* march so we are not picked off [by false arrest] one by one so that we are strong tomorrow.” I also told those assembled that “We will not give them a pretext to do what they would like to do.”
11. When we were trapped on 20th Street between I and K Streets, after over an hour of attempts to communicate and speak with the commanding official, I was able to speak to an officer who I have now been told is Commander Jose Acosta. I asked Acosta to allow us to go straight to the subway, or wherever, to disperse. I told Acosta that our intention was to end the demonstration. I explained that, just before the march was corralled as it proceeded up 20th street, police had directed and agreed that the march would proceed up 20th Street to DuPont Circle from which the protest would disperse.
12. I have reviewed the video and still images submitted with plaintiffs’ opposition to Chief Ramsey and Gainer’s motion for summary judgment. Where I have been identified in the accompanying opposition filing as being depicted in a still or video, it is in fact me.

I certify, under penalty of perjury, that the foregoing is true and correct. Executed on April 4, 2007.



Brian Becker