

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE POLICE & INVESTIGATIONS
SUBCOMMITTEE OF THE CAPITAL PUNISHMENT REFORM STUDY
COMMITTEE**

May 5, 2006

**Criminal Justice Information Authority
Chicago, IL**

Notice of the meeting was sent to all members and posted on the Illinois Criminal Justice Information Authority website.

Present: Subcommittee members: Chip Coldren and Gerry Nora; legal counsel: Peter Baroni
Non-Subcommittee members: Leigh Bienen, Linda Hui (Bienen's Assistant) and Tom Sullivan (via teleconference)

The meeting was called to order at 10 a.m.

Data Collection Issue

Chip Coldren led a discussion on the collection of data for the committee and submitted a list of potential survey questions to be asked of major crimes task forces across the State. The discussion focused on the best means of collecting objective data. One suggestion made at the meeting was to find an objective academic social scientist to assist the legal counsel in collecting information and developing a Committee-wide database of information – collected in one place for use by all four subcommittees. There seemed general consensus that any social scientist retained by the Committee should be a person outside the death penalty milieu. Coldren suggested that he would bring up the discussion at the full CPRSC meeting on May 10.

Sequential Line-up Study Issue

The Subcommittee discussion of the Chicago Police Department Sequential Line-up study focused on the protocols at the foundation of the study. There seemed genuine confusion as to what the statute required of the administrators in conducting the study. One opinion was critical of the study for comparing dissimilar line-ups – comparing simultaneous, non-blind line-ups (status quo) with double blind, sequential line-ups. The suggestion was made that such a comparison was flawed because both approaches were not double blind (a flawed protocol), thereby undermining the veracity of the study's findings. A different opinion was also expressed. That opinion suggested that the study administrator's were statutorily required to compare the current system (simultaneous, non-blind line-ups) with sequential, double blind line-ups. It was further suggested that such an approach may not be ideal, but that the comparison and study results were, nonetheless, valid. No one at the meeting suggested a lack of good faith on the part of

the administrators of the study. There seemed to be a consensus that the statute was not as clear as it should be in mandating the sequential line-up study.

Guest Speaker Issue

The guest speaker scheduled for the meeting, Crystal Marchigianni of the Public Defender's Office Homicide Task Force was unable to attend the meeting. Chip Coldren indicated that he would try to reschedule.

The next subcommittee meeting is set for June 5, 2006 at 2:00 p.m. at the University of Chicago Law School, 1111 East 60th Street, 6th Floor (Prof. Stone's Office, Room 625), Chicago, IL 60637.

The Subcommittee adjourned at 11:50 a.m.