

# Eddie, The Ten Year Reunion

## The Perpetrator Found

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Mr. Savage asks, “is it safe to say, Captain Hayes, that you are friends with the defendants?” Captain Hayes replies, “in a way, yes. The defendants are certainly not my adversaries.” Trying to prove some sort of collusion, Mr. Savage asks, “do you believe that your testimony here today is skewed toward the defendants?” Taking control of the courtroom, Captain Hayes firmly replies, “let’s get something straight. My testimony is based upon what we call facts, evidence, and the law. I have a duty to uphold the law, and that is exactly what I am doing. My testimony is skewed toward presenting the evidence as the department sees it, not how you see it.”

Not liking being reprimanded, Mr. Savage asks Captain Hayes, “do you believe, sir, that Charles Black was mistreated by law enforcement officials, even in the least bit, specifically, in the sense that Mr. Black’s complaints were routinely just shoved under the carpet?” Captain Hayes replies, “this Charles Black character was not mistreated in any way. And, yes. Some of his complaints were justifiably shoved under the carpet.”

Repeating Captain Hayes’ words, Mr. Savage sarcastically orates, “‘this Charles Black character.’ A character. I see.” Thinking he has the captain trapped, Mr. Savage asks, “will you please give the court one or two examples of how the police department shoved Mr. Black’s complaints under the carpet?” Reviewing both his notes and Chuckie’s rap sheet, Captain Hayes replies, “on July 17 of last year, Charles Black asked that an officer come to his house. On that date, Charles Black’s complaint was that aliens have landed in his back yard,

and are sending coded messages using some sort of morse code. It turns out that the perpetrator was a woodpecker. Two days later, he called the department with the same complaint, demanding that something be done about it. We shoved that complaint under the carpet, and sent animal control out to deal with him. I tell you. This character is a real piece of work." Laughter breaks out in the courtroom, prompting the judge to strike his gavel.