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Re: Investigation of Brian Dugan
Information

Dear Attorney General Hartigan:

In February of 1983, ten year old Jeanine Nicarico was abducted from her home in Naperville, Illinois, sexually assaulted and murdered. Her body was recovered several days later in unincorporated DuPage County. After a comprehensive investigation in which state, local and federal agencies cooperated, Alex Hernandez, Rolando Cruz and Stephen Buckley were indicted for these crimes in March of 1984. The three men were tried and in early 1985 Hernandez and Cruz were sentenced to death, while a hung jury resulted in a mistrial of Buckley. The trial was very hotly contested, polarizing large groups of both police officers and citizens for and against acquittal.

As the retrial of Buckley was pending, Brian Dugan, a confessed rapist and child murderer, began to suggest through his attorney that "hypothetically" he might be willing to confess to the Nicarico abduction and murder if he were promised a no more serious penalty than that which he already had - natural life.