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Holten alleges police misconduct in Genoa case

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First, two Genoa police officers shot Dellace Holten Jr. as he cowered inside a car last May. Then, they lied to investigators and tampered with evidence.

Those claims come from court papers, filed in Ogle County in February, includ-

ed with a 78-page motion seeking to dismiss charges Holten faces in connection with the May 7, 2002, incident that began with a high-speed chase in Genoa and ended with Holten being wounded three times by Sgt. Robert Smith and Officer John Klink.

An Illinois State Police investigation that concluded

last summer absolved Smith and Klink of any wrongdoing, but Holten contends they should have been charged with, among other offenses, attempted murder.

Both officers claimed self defense, saying Holten attempted to run them down with a car while on a farm in Monroe Center.

Holten, 38, has been

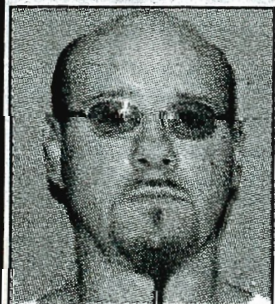
charged in Ogle County with burglary, reckless conduct and criminal damage to state-supported property. Officials in DeKalb County charged him with aggravated fleeing to elude police and possession of a stolen motor vehicle.

He is being held at the Dixon Correctional Center on a parole violation, with a

scheduled release date of May 8. It is not known which county he will be sent to upon his release from prison.

Holten's case is set for an April 14 status hearing, at which time a date for the motion to be heard will likely be set, Holten's Ogle County attorney, Dennis

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