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Nikola Vuckovic (a.k.a. Nikola Nikolac, Nikola Vukovic) is a Serbian-born citizen of the former Yugoslavia who later moved to Bosanski Samac in northern Bosnia, where he was stationed as a soldier with Bosnian Serb forces during the Bosnian war. From May through November 1992, he worked as a jailer at the Sekreterijat Unutrasnjih Poslova (SUP) police station, the Territorial Odbrana (TO) warehouse, and the Osnovna Skola (OS) primary school building in the town of Bosanski Samac. These detention centers soon became notorious for torture and prisoner abuse.

Disturbingly, Vuckovic was acquainted with the plaintiffs from before the war because they were neighbors in Bosanski Samac. Several of his victims were friends and even relatives of his wife and sister. However, as the Serb ethnic cleansing campaign was launched, Vuckovic turned against the towns non-Serb population. He subjected our clients to vicious acts of torture and cruel, inhuman, and degrading treatment.

Vuckovic was able to enter the United States as a refugee, since he was married to a Bosnian Muslim woman. He was residing in the suburbs of Atlanta when his presence in the US was brought to our attention.

Vuckovic never appeared in court and failed to respond to the proceedings against him. According to his family, he has fled the United States. We surmise that his life has been significantly disrupted by the case brought against him.



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