

# West Valley City Police Witness Statement

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Detective Maxwell,

I have know Susan and Josh Powell for approximately 6 years. I got to know them more through the Ward than anything else. When they first moved in, they were both very active in the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. Susan and Josh both sang in the choir (I played the piano) and soon Susan was expecting their first baby. [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

Josh started talking classes to become a Real Estate Agent and soon passed and got his license. After a while Josh stopped coming to choir because time was money and he felt that his time was best spent trying to sell houses. By the time Susan was expecting their second child, Josh had stopped coming to church and activities all together and was pretty much not available to help Susan in any way when she had activities to attend.

After [REDACTED], Susan was able to be a stay at home mom, but after [REDACTED] she knew that she would have to go back to work. I think at first she worked weekends, but soon it became full time again. For a while Josh stayed home with the kids, but he found a job and went to work as well. They had only one vehicle at this time and Susan started riding her bike to and from work. I don't know what she did in the winter, but if it was good weather, she rode her bike.

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] would go Home Teaching and be gone for sometimes 2 hours or more just to visit the Powells. I know that Josh loved to talk to people because anytime he could stop someone at church (when he was coming), he would talk your ear off. He was a nice guy, but loved to talk. He was (in my opinion) full of himself and maybe even somewhat arrogant.

[REDACTED] Josh wanted to be their Realtor. They did not want him as their realtor because he was arrogant; however, he did show [REDACTED] one home. The entire time we were looking at this house, Josh was on the phone talking to other clients. I felt he should have been helping us and answering questions, etc.

Susan had their second baby and came to church every Sunday with her two children and no husband. She became very open about her feelings of her marriage and the fact that her husband was not supporting her and coming with her. Often in Relief Society she would talk about how she thought she had married the man of her dreams (returned missionary, testimony, able to give Priesthood blessings, etc.) and then she would tell all of us that she was thinking about divorcing Josh. In the meantime, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Susan told me that Josh would frequently not answer the phone if he knew it was [REDACTED] calling and she asked that he call her on her cell phone. Then Susan started calling a lot for [REDACTED] to help out with different projects. She called frequently asking if [REDACTED] could come and give her or her boys a Priesthood blessing. Eventually she told me that Josh would not even come into the room when [REDACTED] was there home teaching. He would stay downstairs or in another room. She and I had a long conversation about the situation at one time. I told her that, while [REDACTED] still came to church, [REDACTED] I told her that I could not tell her what to do, but I strongly suggested to her that she get out while she still could and while she only had two children. She told me that she was thinking about that, but wanted to give Josh every opportunity to make changes back to the Josh that she knew and loved. I tried to tell her that the changes that he had made were not good and he would not change back just for her. She had already told all of us that she was thinking about divorce and I suggested that although it would be hard, don't stay in a situation that was not good. She told me that she had opened her own bank account and was putting enough money into it from each check to cover her tithing and a little extra for food. Josh would no longer allow her to pay her tithing and never gave her enough money for groceries.

[REDACTED] I guess the point I am trying to make is that Josh ALWAYS loved to talk and I don't understand why he is not talking now.

I'm not sure, but I think that is all I have to contribute. I don't know how much that helps, but I hope it helps some.