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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, January 12, 2010 11:19 AM
To: Bryan Peterson; Michael Fossmo; Ellis Maxwell
Subject: My theory about Susan's disappearance

More about this paragraph from my previous email:

I wonder if his breaking point was the Roth money going out. It was only a few months before she disappeared that she'd started that. Maybe he misinterpreted it to be money going in a hidden account getting ready for divorce and he snapped.

Susan was annoyed because Josh kept putting off doing their finances (reconciling MS Money and doing taxes- they'd extended the deadline to Oct.) He insisted that she had to scan all receipts (no matter how useless they are) before he would allow it. So whether they finished it or not, I don't know, but Oct came and they had to do taxes or get in trouble. This probably motivated Josh at the last minute to get it done. This means he wasn't paying too much attention to what money was going out until the end of Sept or first of October. Then he had to get 2008 reconciling finished. After 2008 taxes were done he probably finished catching up 2009 reconciling cause he was on a roll or noticed something off, etc. (see email excerpt below)

Susan started having auto payments to Josh's and her ROTH IRAs on Aug. 21, 2009 (see email excerpt below). It was going to be a significant amount coming out (\$644+ per month she said- depending on whether she had 2 or 3 paychecks in a month). I believe Josh caught on by early October (perhaps not realizing this was money going into IRAs not a secret account) and started planning in his mind how to get rid of her.

I believe his plan included making himself look better by suddenly going to church regularly. I asked [REDACTED] how often he was going lately and she said almost every week for the last couple of months before she disappeared. Interesting timing, especially considering that in July he was unwilling to go even once a month and he told Susan there was no need to go to church (see email excerpt below).

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[REDACTED]. Then suddenly he starts going to church all the time? It makes no sense to me except when thinking of it in this overall idea of he probably made a plan.

He also suddenly wanted to go Christmas shopping to get gifts for their boys. This is normal for most people, but Josh was cheap and unwilling to buy a lot. He preferred to let the grandparents carry the financial burden and they (grandparents) did tend to shower the boys with gifts. He rarely bought Susan anything anymore. When he did it was something really super cheap, like the small whiteboard calendar thing that was on their fridge. The frame was discolored when she opened the gift and he made some comment to her about how he got it on clearance and she should feel lucky he got her anything. Susan was very surprised that Josh suddenly said he wanted to go shopping for Christmas presents for the boys, so she told me about it specifically. I believe this was part of our conversation on Thursday, Dec. 3 when we spoke of going [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Financial records would probably show when they went. They also went to their Ward Christmas party too- another attempt to make the ward think better of him, in my opinion (see email excerpt below).

I heard he said that he just forgot it was Sunday and that's why he didn't go to work the next day or call the daycare lady to cancel. This makes no sense to me. The only day off Josh and Susan had together was Sunday and has been for a long time. I believe it would have been very difficult for him to "forget" it was Sunday because they spent the afternoon together, after she got home from church.

He made food for her and her friend on Sunday, early evening, which is also unusual. Josh covered her with a blanket (I heard) when Susan sat on the couch feeling unwell, which also seems out of place for him to do. He hadn't publicly expressed acts of caring toward Susan for years so that seems strange for him to do. I think he probably poisoned or drugged her and he wanted her to "fall asleep".

At 11:45pm, her neighbors came home and heard the car alarm in Josh and Susan's garage. It went off for 2 minutes they said- which is a long time for Josh and Susan to "not notice" and turn it off. I believe there must have been something that alerted Susan to something being wrong at this time, but she was still unwell from the drugs, and Susan must have hit the panic button for the car alarm. There must have been a struggle in the living room and this led to something happening to the carpet. Did he hit her, stab her, or what?- and got it on the carpet. He got her into the back end of the van, perhaps tied -unconscious or dead. He stopped to clean the carpet and put out fans. Then he woke the boys and loaded them into their carseats and left about 12:30am Monday morning. He drove to some unknown location and disposed of her body, dead or alive, I don't know. He took her cell phone though, so it makes me think she was alive when he dumped her and he didn't want to take a chance on her calling someone.

He stayed away until Monday evening or perhaps he drove so far that it took that long to get back. And miraculously he remembered it was Monday again and went to "pick up Susan" at work. How did he expect us to believe she went to work when they only have one car? How did she get there? Doesn't make sense to me. Just another lie in a string of lies and half truths, I think.

Excerpts from email to me from Susan on 7/2/09 with subject: [REDACTED]

josh has pretty much completely gone back on his word as far as, "he goes to church once a month, i miss church for a family event, once a month" and i'm so frustrated with that! (he even said to me Saturday-there's "no need to go to church" i keep getting the answer to wait, do everything i can within my control but don't expect him to even go once a month. he still wears his garments. he acts super annoyed if i want to say a prayer for dinner...seems to come up with ideas/activities to encourage me and/or the boys to miss church activities...tries to dictate which part of my callings/duties to fulfill (i put my foot down here...) almost seems to encourage NOT reading the children's picture scripture stories (as in, "let's read this instead" or just skips over that book when i put it on the pile of books to be read...)

...josh hasn't noticed that i'm paying my parents \$100/month since Dec so obviously, this money isn't missed.

Excerpt from email to me from Susan on 8/3/2009 with subject: RE: the REAL #s...i get susan-to journal

[REDACTED] These changes won't happen until the August 21 paycheck

[REDACTED] per person, EACH paycheck, (paid every 2 weeks)

[REDACTED]/month contribution a person, (if it's [REDACTED] pay check to each person)=[REDACTED] a month total gone from my paycheck.

([REDACTED] on the first paycheck, when [REDACTED] goes to second mortgage, plus the [REDACTED] for both contributions) that plus [REDACTED] to my parents a paycheck and [REDACTED] to me a paycheck=[REDACTED] already gone from the [REDACTED] i normally net, leaving [REDACTED] instead of [REDACTED] something that he's used to seeing...i remembered that we haven't filed our taxes yet so that should help us get closer to paying off the 0% that expires in November when we will owe [REDACTED] due on the 25th

[REDACTED] per person x 8 months (until April) = [REDACTED] a person, = [REDACTED] contribution total for the both of us-so basically we "caught up to half of our maximum contribution" (plus there is a third paycheck in October that I didn't add in)