

West Valley City Police Witness Statement

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I first met Susan when my family moved [REDACTED] in 1990, [REDACTED] Susan was in the third grade. Our families lived pretty close to each other, we went to the same schools, and were in the same church classes. We spent lots of time with each other as kids. Susan has always been a dear friend to me and one of my oldest friends. We went our separate ways as we got older and went down our different paths, but we have always tried to keep in touch.

I can't pinpoint the exact first time that I met Josh but I believe it was at some kind of Young Single Adult event that Susan wanted me to come to so that I could meet him and I remember going to his apartment, which seemed nice, but besides that I don't have a recollection of really meeting him and having any impressions of him.

One of the first times that I met Josh where I did have an impression of him was in either the end of December 2000 or beginning of January 2001, [REDACTED] Susan was engaged or about to be engaged and wanted me to go wedding dress shopping with her [REDACTED]. I remember her telling me that Josh said he had to come with us so that he could approve of the wedding dress that she was wearing. I remember her saying something about how he has to like the way the dress looks on her body because he was the one who was looking at her so it had to be pleasing to him. After that I did not like him and saw that as a "red flag."

[REDACTED] to visit Susan and be there for [REDACTED]. Susan told me that she did not have any access to money to buy groceries or a blessing outfit [REDACTED]. I remember that she wanted to make pizza [REDACTED] after the blessing and Josh would not let her buy the items needed to make pizza for us or to purchase a blessing outfit. Susan and [REDACTED] and purchased shoes for herself and a blessing outfit for [REDACTED] anyway. During that same visit Susan and Josh were suppose to go to their ward meetinghouse and clean it because they were receiving financial or food help from the bishop, but Josh would not go help clean. They got into a fight and they yelled at each other about it. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Susan told me she did not have any access to money, Josh locked her out of bank accounts and she had no passwords on their computer or accounts to access any information.

Since I have known Josh or since they moved to Utah, Josh has not been able to hold a steady job for very long. Susan has worked all, if not most of the time and she has changed careers and done many different things to accommodate Josh. After high school Susan attended the [REDACTED] and after they moved [REDACTED] they both got temporary jobs, but I think Susan was the only one who got hired on permanently. Josh tried realty and according to my best knowledge Susan had done most of the work to also become a realtor. Susan told me about a lawsuit that Josh was involved in. Something about ad space in a phone book, I believe, they tried to go to the news to get some kind of report done on it, but it didn't work out. Susan did not want to work, her heart was with her family. She wanted to be a mom and especially to have a girl. The last year or two Susan had decided to open her own bank account and start being independent of Josh or defying some of his

wishes by paying tithing at church, buying and doing what she wanted. She told me things had gotten better with Josh after she had started standing up for herself and being strong. Susan is a very strong person. She baked, gardened, worked, and parented with very little or no help from Josh. Josh was supposed to get the basement in their house finished and the deck.

Susan talked to me about divorce. She was seriously contemplating it. She was torn and often sought advice or thoughts from many different people. Susan wanted to make the best choice. Susan was an affectionate person, ever since I have known her, and Josh would not give her the affection she sought. Susan told me they were in counseling and that things would get better and then they would get bad again.

Susan was uncomfortable going to her father in law's house. She told me she was scared to be alone with him. She felt paranoid that he was watching her or even taking videos of her.

Susan told me about a camping trip they took to [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] At some point in their trip they stopped at a rest stop to sleep for the night, Susan woke up for some reason and there were two masked men outside their car. Susan made sure the doors were locked and woke Josh up, the guys ran to their car and drove away, I think Susan said they drove after them to get a license plate number. I believe there was some kind of interaction, like Susan yelled out her window at them or something. I think there might have been a police report filed, but I'm not sure.

I didn't really have any interaction with Josh, but honestly I tried to stay away from him because I do not care for him. He never asked you about yourself he always talked about himself or something related to what he was doing or interested in. He is interested in electronics and cameras and would rather talk about that than anything else, even his family.

I know Susan trusted her day care provider and had thought about putting [REDACTED], she emailed me to ask me what I thought about preschool.

I don't think Susan told me everything that went on between her and Josh. Susan always put a happy face on and dealt with life.

I know that Susan cared about how she looked, not like she was vain, but she wanted to eat right, be healthy, exercise, and look her best.

Susan and Josh carpooled and I think Susan even rode her bike to work at times. Like many other people have said already I don't believe that there is anyway possible that Susan would leave without taking her children or telling someone something.

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