

West Valley City Police

Witness Statement

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My name [REDACTED] My date of birth is 0 [REDACTED]. My address is [REDACTED] West Valley City, UT 84120. My cell number is ([REDACTED])

I am not really sure how to write this out so I will just do my best. I met Susan and Josh through Kiirsi and [REDACTED] Hellewell as Kiirsi is my older sister. I met them several years ago. My first impression was that Josh was nice enough but a little loud, obnoxious, strange...whereas Susan was just a sweetheart and very fun to be around. We spent time with them on several occasions as the Hellewells would invite them to some of our family things because they didn't have a lot of family here. They came to Thanksgiving dinner one year, went to the parade with them one year, and saw them many other times. It got to the point where we kind of put up with Josh because we liked Susan and wanted her around.

My husband and I actually worked closely with Josh for a few months back in fall of 2005 because we hired him to be our realtor when we were looking for a home to buy. Kiirsi and [REDACTED] recommended him to us and we didn't really know any other realtors so we took him on as our realtor. He helped us buy a small 2 bedroom townhouse in Taylorsville. We moved there in November 2005 and lived there until September of 2009.

This past summer we started looking for a bigger home and we knew that Josh wasn't really in the real estate business anymore so we found a different realtor. But even if he was still in the business, we certainly didn't want to ask him to help us again. We knew they had filed for bankruptcy and I knew how he had been treating Susan in their marriage and how she was unhappy with many things. I told my husband that I wouldn't have felt comfortable with him handling our home selling and buying when he can't even handle his own finances and also because he is not being a good husband to Susan.

We moved over here to the WVC area in October after we bought a home here so we are pretty close to Kiirsi and John and Josh and Susans neighborhood. The last time I saw Josh and Susan was at the Dinosaur Museum at Thanksgiving Point when they had a free day in the summer. I was happy to see Susan but not really thrilled with seeing Josh. I tried to avoid him. He had changed a lot over the past couple years it seemed and kind of rubs me the wrong way now.

At the first candlelight vigil here in West Valley on that first Thursday after Susan went missing I interacted with Josh. I went alone as my husband didn't really want to go and someone needed to stay with the kids anyway. I spoke with him after briefly, then the reporter started hounding him so he gave his 2 year old [REDACTED] to me and left [REDACTED] with [REDACTED] Hellewell so he could get his car apparently. We kept the kids until he came around with the van. He then put the kids in the car and proceeded to talk to me, Kiirsi, and John for about 20 or so minutes. His kids were tired and cold and hungry but he just sat there and went on and on about the reporters and how he hopes they didn't get his kids on tape. Then discussed his cell phone that he had to buy and that it was crappy and he was annoyed that he didn't have his old one anymore. Kiirsi kept extending the invitation for him and the boys to come over for hot chocolate so they could get warm and he eventually agreed. We all drove over there

and he ended up staying there for a couple of hours. There were a few times where he would smile at something we would say, but the majority of the time he just sat there kind of staring off into nothing and letting us take care of his kids. [REDACTED] was kind of quiet but [REDACTED] was very talkative and talked about Susan a lot, how she made his sandwiches, etc.

A little while later we were all down in the Hellewells family room and [REDACTED] was talking a lot. He started a statement "I hate me dad. Do you want to know why I hate my dad?" Right away Kiirsi interrupted him and said, "Oh no you don't hate your dad..." and tried to distract him because we were all afraid he would say something incriminating right in front of Josh and we didn't know how he would react. Josh just acted sad at hearing those words. I really wish we could have heard the rest of [REDACTED] sentence because it may have been important. I just thought it was very interesting that he said that at all.

The next time I saw Josh was when he came back to pack up his house. I went over on Saturday morning to help box some things up. He let me in right away and there was one other man there, I think an Elders Quorum member from the ward, and also his brother Michael. I started boxing up the rest of the kitchen. After a little time had passed more and more guys showed up to help. I spent most of my time in the kitchen but observed how Josh was acting throughout the time I was there. After all of the boxes were removed from the front/living room, I could see that the carpet was missing in half the room. I knew why it was missing but didn't realize that much had been taken. I asked Josh, "Why is your carpet missing?" He looked at me and said, "It just is." I thought that was a strange response.

I also observed him laughing and joking about things especially the media outside and how he should do this and that, "We got to do it for the media...hahaha" Etc. Stuff like that. There was one time when he was wrapping up an easy chair in one of the bedrooms and I walked over there to ask him a question and he was just smiling and conversating away, and then another woman/neighbor asked him about the boys and asked how they were doing. Without missing a beat, I observed his whole face and attitude change from happy, cheerful, etc. to a 180 and put on this "sad" face and get all solemn and answer her questions that "the boys are okay..". I was amazed at the complete transformation in his attitude and tone and facial expressions as if he remembered he had to put on an act. That is just my interpretation of it.

He also seemed more concerned about his precious entertainment center getting moved carefully and being protected in the moving truck than anything else. He even used Charlie and Bradens baby blankets to put on and around the entertainment center so the ropes and things could rub marks on it.

Everything else I know about them is secondhand told to me from Kiirsi. Relating the troubles in Josh and Susan's marriage. how she was talking about divorce, her huge issues with Josh's dad and how he had a thing for Susan, her personal bank account, how Josh was so controlling with what they ate, what she bought, taking all the money she earned and spending it how he wanted, etc. I assume you already know all of this.

I hope this statement isn't all over the place. I have never had to do this before. If you have any other questions for me, please let me know. Thank you. I hope any of this will help.

~ [REDACTED]