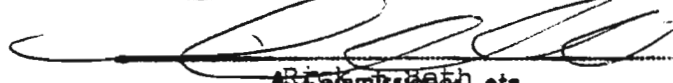


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SWORN BEFORE ME THIS 20th DAY
OF JUNE 1994


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I, Richard Dalton Beange, of Ottawa, Ont. am acquainted with Catherine Lois Eleanore Ross. This statement was prepared by Bill Ross based on interviews with me and my wife Beth M. We worked together on this statement with Bill until we felt our views were accurately reflected.

Rick: In the summer of 1991, I performed extensive renovations at Bill and Catherine's home at which time Catherine was running a daycare during the day. In total, I was there for about one month and a half and some weekends. My wife Beth and I also attended dinner socially at the Ross residence several times.

I noticed nothing out of the ordinary regarding the treatment of the children by Catherine during the day. except that she never once played with the children or did any activities with them. There were no daily walks. The children either played in the yard by themselves or ran around in the house. However, I did notice that right after lunch (when the children were in bed), Catherine would start drinking rum and diet cokes. The reason I know what she drinks is that often she would ask me to pick up diet coke at the store when I went to lunch. Sometimes, towards the end of my day (3:45) before Bill got home, she would offer me a drink, which I would sometimes accept. I could smell the alcohol on her breath.. I am not sure how many drinks she had between her first and the end of my day drink.

Bill and Catherine were often at each others throats, which is not that unusual in a renovation situation.

Both: When we were over socially, Catherine waited so long before serving supper (10:00) that once Beth nearly passed out from hunger (she was pregnant at the time). Right after supper Catherine went right to bed (both times), which seemed sort of weird. Catherine drank more than we would consider normal. She didn't look well (skin pallor, circles under eyes). Rick: I know some serious drinkers, and the last thing they want to do is eat, since it interferes with the alcohol. Once they do eat, all they want to do is pass out.

Both: Regarding the children, it was sort of strange that the kids had to eat alone by themselves in front of the TV. Catherine enforced this strange rule that the children were not allowed in the kitchen when guests were over which is a poor way to treat little people. Catherine spent the entire evening (till mealtime) in the kitchen cooking and drinking. Bill did the kids bath, read them a story and put them to bed. He spent much more time with the children. Catherine went up for a two minute goodnight kiss.

Rick: On the Saturdays that I was working there, Bill took the kids into town for swimming lessons and shopping.



They could have saved some money if Catherine had gone into town and Bill had stayed to help me.

Beth M. George

May 11/94

Richard George

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