

WILLIAM THOMAS ROSS

SWORN BEFORE ME THIS 20th DAY

OF JUNE 1994

  
A Commissioner, etc.

To Whom it may concern:

On Halloween evening in 1992 Bill and Cathy Ross, along with their 2 daughters, visited my home in Almonte to join myself, my wife and 2 daughters to take the children out trick or treating.

Bill and Cathy arrived just after 6 PM . It was decided to first take the children to the "haunted house" set up in Almonte. Cathy Ross did not want to participate so it was decided that the husbands would take the children and then come back to my home afterwards to prepare to go trick or treating. My wife offered Cathy Ross a drink (alcoholic) which she accepted and Bill and I proceeded to take the children.

Bill and I returned from the haunted house and discussed with my wife and Cathy Ross how we should partition the trick or treat expeditions. Again Cathy did not want to participate so Bill and I took the children on the first round of house to house calling. The children were all very excited. When Bill and I returned from the first shift my wife was set to go out on the next round with the children. Cathy Ross was still not interested in participating so Bill went out with my wife. I stayed in my house with Cathy Ross. Several neighbours dropped in to say hello. Through the commotion of people coming and going I was also handing out treats to children appearing at my front door. Cathy Ross did not want to help with any of these Halloween activities. I did notice the Cathy was quite willing to mix herself another drink which she did at least twice.

When Bill and my wife returned with the children there was a lot of excitement as the children looked through the candy in their bags. My wife also told of a very moving experience at the old age home where one of the children sat on the lap of an elderly lady who had not spoken for some time and managed to get the lady to say a few words. Everyone was very excited about the events of the evening except Cathy Ross who remained very detached. I was surprised to then hear Cathy ask Bill to get the kids ready to go as she sat back and finished a drink.

The events described above are true and accurate to the extent of my recollection.

By Jan Ladiges at Almonte on June 8, 1994  
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