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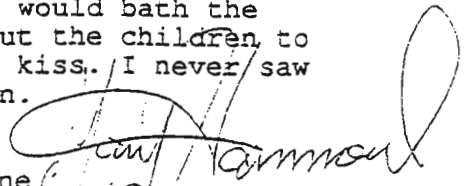
I, Garry G. Hammond, of Kanata, Ont. am acquainted with Catherine Lois Eleanore Ross. This statement was prepared by Bill Ross based on interviews with me. I worked together on this statement with Bill until I felt my views were accurately reflected. I have seen Catherine and Bill socially eight times a year on average since they first met.

When we went out, Catherine usually drank double rums. Bill would sometimes try to get Catherine to take it easy in what she ordered, since he always paid the bill. Catherine ordered what she wanted. Catherine always wanted to go home early and Bill always drove. When we went to the Ross residence, the pattern has always been the same. Catherine would spend most of the evening in the kitchen cooking and drinking. The children would always eat in the living room in front of the TV. We would eat late after the children were in bed. Catherine was always tired and went to bed right after dinner. We would stay later and socialise with Bill and sometimes stay overnight. Catherine always had a drink on the go until she went to bed. When we stayed overnight, Catherine sometimes stayed in bed late and we did not see her before we left. Bill did the kids breakfast and get up routine.

Bill and Catherine were not abusive to each other. In disputes I have seen between Bill and Catherine, Bill's point of view always seemed to be the reasonable one (although I do not pretend to understand the female point of view in general).

When I was there, the only interaction I saw between Catherine and the children was when she fed them, gave them their goodnight kiss, picked up after them (it seemed she wanted to hide all evidence of the children) and pushing the children out of whatever room she happened to be in. The children seemed to be an inconvenience to her. I have never seen Catherine treating the children as little people, spending quality time, playing with them or letting them on her lap. Every time the children wanted attention from Catherine, she either was too busy, sent them to another room or found a way to distract them into some other activity that did not involve her. She became annoyed with them if they persisted in asking for attention.

Whenever I was there, Bill shared his time with us and the children, did one on one activities with them such as story time and bike rides. When Bill was busy, he would usually interrupt what he was doing to allow the children on his lap, answer questions or whatever else they wanted. The children appeared to be people with more than physical needs to Bill. Bill (or sometimes my ex partner) would bath the girls. Bill always read them a story and put the children to bed. Catherine gave them a short goodnight kiss. I never saw Bill get angry or annoyed with the children.


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