

WILLIAM THOMAS ROSS

SWORN BEFORE ME THIS 20th DAY

OF JUNE 1994

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A Commissioner, etc.

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I, Anita Cox, of Orleans, Ontario am the sister of 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 and observations were accurately reflected.

This statement is only to be used in a situation where it appears that Catherine may otherwise be granted sole custody of Khierstyn and Hilary Ross. It has been very difficult for me to take this action which Catherine will perceive as a clear sign of betrayal. My only motive for making this statement is to serve the children's best interest.

I do not have the same memories as my sister Laura in the area of sibling rivalry. I did not feel I was competing for my mother's attention like Catherine and Laura since I was more self reliant. I view my childhood role as the peace keeper between my sisters.

I have not seen Catherine much in the last ten years except at the occasional family gathering and have visited her home several times. I have seen no indications in Catherine that she has changed or grown since adolescence. She has been very superficial with me. As an adult, it was never pleasant for me to be in the same room as Catherine since she felt uncomfortable around me and I don't know why.

As a child and teenager, Catherine was always nurtured, helped with homework, given attention and generally treated special by our mother with leftovers for the rest of the family. Because of being treated as a prima donna by our mother, Catherine has never learned to compromise in relationships. Catherine never participated in "team" type activities. Our mother always stressed that we were better than other people and should expect the best for (not of) ourselves. My mother tried to teach us to be free spirits, to be true to self before anything or anyone else which may lead to selfishness.

Our mother has extreme anti-establishment beliefs which she tried to instill in her children in the area of parapsychology with emphasis on astrology. She has contempt for scientists, engineers, doctors and any other representatives of the "traditional" belief systems. She considers such people to be smug, arrogant and unwilling to consider anything beyond reality. Catherine has the utmost respect for our mother and her "ideals". Since adolescence, Catherine has always seemed destined to follow in our mother's path and make the same choices. She shares our mother's contempt for people of the logical persuasion and shares her beliefs in astrology, tarot, etc. I could never understand why Catherine would want to marry an engineer, given her contempt for mainstream schools of thought.

Catherine is very good at belittling other peoples accomplishments and twisting words around to try to put them on the defensive. She is adept at skating around issues and shifting blame. Catherine can be a very good actress over the short haul when she is trying to get something. Her sense of self worth seems to be based on what she has and who she is superior to or can dominate.

At the times I have seen Catherine with the children, she has treated them as annoyances. I saw no emotional exchange and have never seen them on her lap. In Sept. 1992, I was at the Ross residence for dinner. The children ate by themselves in front of the TV. I bathed the girls while Bill went to get a movie. The girls were locked in their room to play for about a half hour, after which Bill read them a story and put them to bed. There was no interaction between Catherine and the Children from 5:30 until bedtime. Catherine spent the evening in the kitchen making dinner. We ate late after the children were sleeping. In March 1994, I invited Khierstyn and Hilary over for a few days during March break. They are good children, but were a bit hyperactive at first.

I do not know Catherine's motives for wanting custody of the children. I am not sure whether it is social expectations, emulating our mother, her inability to face failure or genuine love for them. I cannot imagine Catherine happy as a single parent and am sure she will not be able to cope with the demands. It is clear to me that if the children do live with Catherine as sole custodian, the children will be awfully mixed up because of Catherine's unrealistic value system and inconsistency. I believe the stability Bill offers would enable them to grow up as more productive members of society.

The allegations in Bill's "Postmortem of my Marriage" statement concur with my opinion of Catherine, although I have not seen enough of Catherine recently to know if my opinion is still valid. I am not surprised by her inability to form a lasting relationship, compromise, be a partner, solve problems or her financial irresponsibility. Her role model, my mother, shares these traits. I am surprised by the alcohol, since alcohol was not part of our lives until our mother started going to single parent dances after she separated from my father. This means that I have not seen Catherine enough to know whether she has an alcohol problem or not.

May 18/94 Anita Col.

Statement, Bill + Catherine