

I, Gary James Roy Browne, of Scotland, 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 am Bill's nephew. On Thursday, October 6 1994 at 8:45 PM, I and my brother Mike visited Catherine without her expecting us (I was expecting to find Bill there). We were there to pick up our Grandfather's camcorder, which Bill had borrowed.

Catherine invited us in. She asked me if I had been drinking and I said yes, two beers. She said she had also had a few drinks. It was obvious that she was drunk and we could smell the alcohol on her breath. She was slurring her words, flushed a bit red and very emotional. She started crying as soon as she saw us. I did not see her drink any alcohol while we were there.

We all went upstairs to get the camcorder. My cousin Khierstyn opened her bedroom door and said "mommy - who's here?". Before she even got a chance to see us, Catherine screamed "it's just your cousins - shut up and get back to bed!". The children did not even find out which cousins and were not allowed to say hello or anything to us. As we were going back downstairs, we could hear Khierstyn crying and carrying on and Catherine yelling at her! A few minutes after Catherine came downstairs, Khierstyn stopped crying.

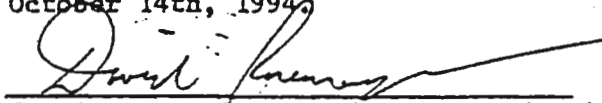
Catherine gave us a tour of the house, pointing out all the missing stuff that she said Bill took. She kept saying "Bill took everything". In response to this I said "you've got the house and kids". Catherine replied "not for long". Catherine was very emotional. The house was filthy.

Catherine has lost a lot of weight, she is just bones. She appeared desperate for someone to talk to and to give her sympathy. Mike left and I stayed for about a half hour to chat.

We talked about the situation. Catherine claimed that my uncle Bill beat her, was very abusive, was doing all sorts of nasty stuff and that everything was his fault.

As I left, she asked me to come back the next Wednesday to talk to her.

Declared before me at the  
Township of Oakland in the  
County of Brant on  
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Statement, Bill - Catherine