

Disclosures - to Ross
Thompson

disclosed?

A Basically it started out as a, I suppose, my son thought a fun thing. He chose the child in our family that was closest and Michael wanted to have a secret club. I thought nothing of it but - and Ross played along with him because, I mean, we agreed that this child doesn't function at a ten year old level. And then at that point he indicated well, if you have a secret club you have to have a pad to write on, right. So he would get Ross to go into the bedroom and, before he realized what was happening, there was some things going down on paper.

139 Q Okay. And what did he put down on paper?

A I would have to check back to know exactly for sure, but there were things that indicated he was afraid and that - things like cups being thrown, cuts being made, a knife being held to him.

140 Q And by who?

A Birth parents.

141 Q Okay. That was in the first disclosure?

A M'hmm.

142 Q That's in writing?

A It's in writing and I believe, I would have to check, but some of that - see Michael would say to Ross, well you be the president or whatever,

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you write, but there is some handwriting in that that is Michael's too, but I wouldn't be able to tell you right now what was what.

143 Q Now, as these came along - as these came up, did you record them in any way?

A Yes.

144 Q Okay. So you have records of that somewhere?

A We have, m'hmm.

145 Q Okay, so I don't have to go through everything along the way?

A No.

146 Q We can get that later, is that - from your end of it anyhow, I just wanted to know how you felt about that?

A Well, anything that I've had has been taken to the Department and to Carol's and photocopied and so there should be several copies of -

147 Q Okay. So we can save time with that?

A M'hmm.

148 Q Anything - any of the disclosures any of the children have made you had communicated to Carol?

A Oh yes, definitely.

149 Q Okay. And that's gone on right from the start?

A Right from the start. I would never have taken this job on without -

150 Q No, fair enough, okay. Well, I think we can save

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some time on that point. Your - you were present for some of the taped hearings, right, in - pardon me, some of the taped recordings at the police station in Saskatoon, in October, November of 1990?

A That's true.

151 Q When the children were taped, you would be the - you'd be sitting and watching the tapes as they went on?

A That's true.

152 Q Okay. Now, those - during those disclosures there were some rather bizarre and odd disclosures by the children, is that fair?

A Definitely odd, coming from a normal mom's point of view, yes.

153 Q And you - each of them, if I can summarize this, I don't want to be unfair but just for the purpose of saving time, there were disclosures with respect to killing and eating and cooking and de-boning babies?

A No.

154 Q No?

A Not - excuse me, would you ask the question again?

155 Q Oh, did the three children allege that the birth parents killed babies?

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- A Yes.
- 156 Q Okay, that's what I was getting at.
- A Okay.
- 157 Q All three alleged that?
- A Yes.
- 158 Q And that - you observed those on the tapes, when the tapes were made?
- A Yes, anything that we saw on the tapes, we had heard at home before it went on tape. That would be very fair to say.
- 159 Q Okay. So those came up prior to that at home?
- A There was nothing on the tapes that my husband and I felt we hadn't heard.
- 160 Q Okay. That - the one point I'm raising is with respect to the killing of the babies, that was alleged against the birth parents?
- A That's true.
- 161 Q Okay. And with respect to any of the Klassens, or any of the circumstances around there, did that come up in any time in that way?
- A With babies?
- 162 Q M'hmm.
- A And killing, no.
- 163 Q With respect to the birth parents only?
- A Yes.
- 164 Q Okay. And did you find that rather odd?

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A Well, there was a lot of such odd behaviour with these children that - I would have to say yes, as a normal mother, of course.

165 Q Okay. And did you believe those?

A Pardon me?

166 Q Did you believe those?

A Yes.

167 Q Okay. You never viewed it as something of a fantasy at all then, with respect to any of the children?

A I suppose it would be fair to say that maybe, over a space of time, they maybe have over glorified some things. But when you see a child disclose something like that, it's different than just hearing a story, like the child is right in it.

168 Q No. The impact is there, you react to it and positively, you're very - you've been supportive of them all the way, right?

A Yeah, yes, m'hmm.

169 Q Okay. Now, at this stage, do you still accept that?

A Yes, I do.

170 Q Okay. So you don't feel those children are fantasizing?

A No.