

**THURSTON COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE**

☐ Suspect
☒ Victim
☐ Witness

Case #: 21-3298
Date:
Time: 1035 hours

NAME: Kathryn L. Stoker
DATE OF BIRTH: 07/21/1949
ADDRESS: 6945 76th Avenue NE, Olympia, WA
INTERVIEWING OFFICER: Deputy Blankenship, 1P56, TCSO
INTERVIEW LOCATION: 6945 76th Avenue NE, Olympia, WA
ALSO PRESENT: None

1 Q All right Kathryn, do you understand that this statement is being recorded?
2 A Yes.

3 Q Is this statement being recorded with your consent?
4 A Yes.

5 Q All right, so what happened today?
6 A Today about 9 o'clock, between 9 o'clock and 9:30, uh, our daughter Selena Smith, walked
7 in our front door, which was unlocked, uh, barefoot. We don't know how she got here.
8 She walked into, uh, the TV room where the children were and, uh, took them both in her
9 arms and, uh, I -- I said, I asked her what she planned on doing and she said, "I want the
10 kids with me or you're going to have to arrest me." Uh, my husband and I, uh, remained
11 calm and, uh, did not interact with her very much. I gave her a cup of coffee and then left
12 for another room. Uh, I called, uh, my attorney and I call, uh, the Sheriff's Office, uh, for
13 them to come and try to sort out the situation. When the, uh, Sheriff's Office came, they
14 were able to get her out of the house, but she clutched both children to her and went out on
15 the front, uh, porch by the front -- front yard and, uh, refused to let go of the children. Uh,
16 the children became more and more upset. The oldest girl is autistic, uh, and she became,
17 uh, verbally combative with the officers. Uh, finally, uh, the officers, uh, devised a method
18 of which to get the children out of her arms and as they attempted to do that and I attempted
19 to, uh, pick up the autistic child, uh, she kicked me in the legs and started screaming at me.
20 We were able to get the children away from her and, uh, brought back into the house. Uh,
21 the youngest child at 3, uh, scraped her back and had dirt all over her back and both children
22 were very upset. Uh, the autistic child especially. And now I'm, uh, giving a statement to
23 the police about that was my view of what happened.

24 Q Does Selena live here?

1 A No.

2 Q Okay. And has she ever lived here in the past?

3 A She has lived here in the past, maybe, oh gosh, she -- she lives -- she lived for a couple

4 years in the upper house up there, which we gave to her for rent free, but, uh, we haven't

5 seen her or been around her for, uh, several months now. At least six or seven months.

6 Q Okay, okay.

7 A She hasn't lived in this house, uh, for years.

8 Q Okay. She hasn't lived here for years?

9 A Yeah.

10 Q Okay and, um, did you let her in this morning or did she --

11 A No, she walked in.

12 Q She walked in. And do you know where her whereabouts have been the past several

13 months?

14 A As far as I know, she's been living in a homeless camp in Portland, Oregon. We thought

15 she was in Portland.

16 Q Okay and do you have custody of the children?

17 A We have guardianship granted by the court, Superior Court of Thurston County of the

18 children, yes.

19 Q And is Selena allowed to see them?

20 A Uh, they hadn't ruled on that. They were going to rule on it this coming week of whether

21 she would have supervised visitation.

22 Q Okay, but that hasn't been made --

23 A That hasn't been made right now. We had guardianship and which gave us control of -- of

24 where the children were and what was going on with them.

25 Q And did Selena give any notice that she would be here today?

26 A No.

27 Q Okay and did you ask her to leave?

28 A Yes.

29 Q Okay and what did she say?

30 A She said that we would have to have her arrested. Uh, that she wouldn't leave unless she

31 could take the children with her.

32 Q Okay. And does Selena to your knowledge suffer from any mental illness?

33 A Yes, Selena has been, uh, diagnosed with Border Personality Disorder and, uh, anger

34 management problems.

35 Q Okay, any narcotics or -- or alcohol usage or problems?

1 A Uh, as far as I know, uh, marijuana, although she has admitted to me in, uh, a few years
2 ago that she smoked crack cocaine. But, uh, I -- I don't know of anything personally.

3 Q Have you had any contact with her in the last several months?
4 A No.

5 Q Okay. Um, and when she was living here, she did not live in the lower house where you
6 lived, she lived in another residence?
7 A Yeah, we own the upper house up above and we gave it to her, because she was homeless.
8 And, uh, we wanted the children to be okay and she stayed there for a couple years. But,
9 uh, she and her, uh, boyfriend fought and fought and fought, until they both ran away and
10 left everything behind.

11 Q Okay, did they take the kids with them or did they leave them?
12 A Uh, when she left the last time, she took all the children with her and drove all over the
13 United States, until she was -- we were notified by New Jersey CPS that, uh, the children
14 were wandering alone and that's why we filed a guardianship case.

15 Q Okay, okay and do you have any idea how she was able to get up here?
16 A I have no idea -

17 Q Okay.
18 A - how she got up here. She does have a friend in Lacey, uh, and she might have, um, she
19 might have asked her friend in Lacey to drop her off at the driveway and I think that's the
20 most probable scenario. I don't know how she got up here from Portland.

21 Q Mm-hmm, um, and when law enforcement attempted to arrest her, did she do anything to
22 you?
23 A Uh, she, uh, she kicked me and called me names and, uh, re- -- wouldn't let the children
24 go. Uh, which was very, very traumatizing to the children. Uh, horrible. She was basically
25 as mentioned, using them as a shield. Uh, I just -- I don't know.

26 Q All right, do you have anything else that you'd like to add to this statement?
27 A Uh, no, uh, after this scenario, we're definitely going to get a restraining order and, uh, try
28 to protect ourselves and lock our doors. Uh, instead of, uh, being laissez faire about it.

29 Q And has she ever gotten physical with you or anybody else in the household?
30 A Yes, uh, there -- we -- the police were here once before when she slapped my husband and
31 they gave us information about getting a DV protection order, which we didn't followup
32 on at the time. Uh, but she's always been very combative with us. Uh, she, uh, she just is
33 very angry. She's an angry person.

34 Q All right, have any threats or promises been made to you since we started this interview?
35 A No.

36 Q Okay, at any time during this statement have you asked the taping be stopped?
37 A Pardon?

1 | Q Have you asked that the taping be stopped at any point?

2 | A No.

3 | Q Okay, all right, we're going to conclude this interview. The time now is going to be 1043
4 | hours.

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6 | Ending Time: 1043 hours