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Re: D. J. Stenson  
Case No. 931180

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INTERVIEW OF JANETTE SARAH OBERMAN  
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1. Janette has lived at her current address since September 1993.
2. Janette is 22 years old and is the youngest member of her family. Janette has a son William, who is three years old.
3. Janette said Denise Hoerner called her a couple of days after the murder and kept saying "When are they bringing my kids home. When is D.J. coming home to me." Janette said she told her that the kids were fine and that D.J. was not coming home to her. Janette said "It was just really weird and really twisted." Janette said after she got off the phone she called D.J. at their parents house and told him what Denise Hoerner had just said. D.J. told her to call Monty Martin, the detective and to tell him everything she had just said. Janette said she was at her son's father's house, Jerry Eck, in Puyallup when Denise Hoerner called her. Janette said Jerry Eck knows D.J. but has not been interviewed.
4. Jerry Eck's address is 4115 85th Avenue E., Puyallup, Washington. This is an apartment complex but all the units have separate addresses. His telephone number is (206) 926-3319. This is the only place Denise Hoerner knew where to reach Janette Oberman. Janette said she believes Denise

called her from her house. Jerry's telephone number was different at the time Denise called her there, it was 922-1858.

5. Janette said she called Monty Martin and told him about the conversation with Denise Hoerner. She then asked him "Do you want to talk to me, do you want to know anything, this woman is like the psycho-bitch from hell."
6. Janette said about ten minutes after she got off the phone with Martin, Denise called her back. Janette said Denise told her "I'd better keep my mouth shut or I'd end up like my sister." Janette did not call Martin back to give him this information.
7. Janette said she called Denise Hoerner a couple of times, but that Denise had called her several times. Janette said Denise made several trips down to Jerry Eck's apartment to purchase "pot" from people who lived in the same apartment complex. Janette said she guesses Denise did not have a contact of her own in her area. Janette said she could not imagine anyone making a trip like that just to get some pot.
8. Janette said three weeks before the shooting Denise Hoerner was talking about killing Frank. Janette said when Denise was talking about this "I was getting really uncomfortable but still kind of laughed it off because there was no possible way I could ever have taken anybody seriously like that." Janette said "I didn't feel really comfortable -- I didn't feel like she was making a joke out of it." "I still just laughed it off because I never thought I would come into contact with anybody like that ever." "I know that Denise, my sister, she called me so many times and told me she was afraid of her." "She didn't want her coming around anymore,"
9. Janette said that in her sister Denise's bedroom, in the shower, there is a door that opened. Denise would open the door and Denise Hoerner would be standing there staring at her, watching her take a shower.
10. Janette also said her sister Denise would hear something upstairs and then go up and find Denise Hoerner going through her jewelry.
11. Janette said Denise Hoerner would sneak into the house without calling. Janette said she witnessed this herself when she was visiting her sister. Denise would not call, knock on the front door or walk-in saying "Hi, how's it going" she would just sneak in. Janette said her sister was real uncomfortable having Denise Hoerner around anymore.

12. Janette said she would sometimes tell her sister she was just being afraid and that Denise Hoerner was her friend. Janette said her sister kept telling her "No, you don't understand, I'm afraid of her." Janette said Denise wouldn't tell D.J. because she thought he would say the same thing to her that she was, like "Come on, knock it off, she's only little Denise." Denise did not want to bother D.J. with her fear of Denise Hoerner because she felt she wouldn't have been believed. Janette said she took her sister's fear seriously and said she knew she was not overreacting, but never really thought Denise Hoerner would hurt her.
13. Janette said that "Now, when I think back, basically from what I can see from what Denise, my sister had told me, and what I could see from Denise Hoerner and her actions, it was like stalking. She was stalking my sister." "Like I never said, I thought I'd never know anybody like that, so how are you supposed to watch for the signs, if there are any real signs."
14. Janette said she also knows that Denise Hoerner had checked with at least three different divorce attorneys because she wanted to divorce Frank. Janette said she believes they were all over her on this side of the water. Janette said she does not know the names of the lawyers but knows there were three. Janette said Denise Hoerner would ask people about attorneys and there was also a friend of her and Frank's that was an attorney who told Denise Hoerner he would refer her to other attorneys but wouldn't help her divorce Frank because he was also his friend. Janette said she did not ask this attorney's name, but knows he was a friend of theirs. This was about two or three months ago.
15. Janette said three weeks before the shooting she was up visiting her sister and Denise Hoerner came over and was talking about killing Frank.
16. Janette said Denise Hoerner was seeing a "shrink" who was telling her "Men are ass holes, divorce him and leave him." Janette said Denise had wanted to see a marriage counselor but Frank had not wanted to go so she had gone on her own to see a counselor. Janette said when Denise Hoerner would call her and tell her what the woman counselor was telling her, Janette said she kept telling Denise she was seeing the wrong type of counselor, because they were supposed to try to keep their marriage together, not break it up."

Janette said Denise had called her about the counselor because she knew Janette and her son's father had been seeing a counselor to see if they could get back together.

17. Janette said Denise Hoerner brought her prenuptial agreement over to her sister's house around the same time she had been talking about killing Frank.
18. Janette said Denise Hoerner had called over to her sister's house saying "I need you to see this, somebody has to read this." Janette said her sister Denise was kind of like "I don't know anything about this, give me a break." Denise Hoerner brought it over and Janette was kind of looking at it. Janette said Denise was showing her the whole prenuptial agreement and was telling her "It says in here that if I divorce him I can take what's in my personal account and then we split what's in the joint account." Janette said Denise Hoerner then said "That bastard is taking money from our business account and money from our joint account and putting it into his personal account. If I divorce him I can't touch his personal account. He's stashing all this money away, he 's planning on doing something." Janette said Denise Hoerner "was just going off." Janette said she talked about it and told Denise "Basically it looks like your screwed, girlfriend."
19. Janette said Denise then starting making comments like "I guess the only way to get out of this marriage is to kill him" Janette said this is the one thing Denise said that really, really bugged her because she was way too serious about it.
20. Janette said she remembers a couple of years ago when Vern Vorenkamp, Denise and D.J.'s insurance agent, brought some life insurance papers over for them to sign. Her sister Denise was looking the papers over, oohing over the dollar amount and joking about whether an insurance company would believe a scuba diver could die in his own pool. Janette said they were all laughing about it. At the time, D.J. had just gotten a ride-on lawn mower and Denise had joked about a headline stating "Squim Man Has Freak Ride-On Lawn Mower Accident." Janette said her sister was totally joking and they were all just carrying on with girl talk.

Janette said when Denise Hoerner was around she could see how uncomfortable her sister would get when Denise Hoerner would make comments about things like that. Janette said it was as if Denise knew she couldn't joke about stuff like that with Denise Hoerner.

21. Denise and Denise Hoerner met because their kids went to school together. This was probably two and a half years ago. Denise and D.J. Oberman had lived in Squim for about four and one half years.

22. Janette said Denise and D.J. have a daughter named Ashley who is seven. At the time Ashley was born, Denise and D.J. were not married. Janette said "Denise had Ashley and then D.J. went off to do his thing." Denise became pregnant again when D.J. came back in again. Janette said she thinks D.J. was down in California for a while before he went to the Phillipines. At the time Denise lived in the Seattle area with her parents.
23. Janette said Denise and D.J. were married after their second child was born. Denise got pregnant again after they moved to Squim. This child, Conner, is now two years old. Denise and D.J. have been married five or six years.
24. Janette said when her sister met Denise Hoerner she was happy to find a friend "under forty, who didn't wear polyester pants. Someone who enjoyed cruising and cranking up the tunes."
25. Janette said "Probably after about six months Denise Hoerner got really obsessive about everything. She demanded all of my sister's attention." Janette said "Denise Hoerner would get really pissed because my sister would not join different classes, and do this and do that." Janette said her sister had tried this with Denise Hoerner, but she would not follow through with anything. Her sister got sick and tired of wasting money for things Denise would not follow through with. Denise Hoerner was the one who got her sister to join aerobics. They also joined ceramic classes together and Denise Hoerner stopped going, but her sister continued because she liked it.
26. Janette said Denise Hoerner called her and complained to her that D.J. would not let Denise do anything. She claimed D.J. would not give her any money or watch the kids for Denise. Janette said she talked to her sister later that same night and asked her what was going on and told her that if she wanted to go do aerobics classes she should go do them. Her sister told her she was not interested in "forking out \$40 or \$50 for two months of aerobics classes when she is not even going to show up with me." She said she did not want to go to the aerobics classes by herself when she could just stick in a workout tape at home. Denise told Janette she had told Denise Hoerner that she had used D.J. for an excuse and had told her D.J. could not be depended upon to watch the kids. Janette said D.J. let Denise do whatever she wanted and took the kids whenever she needed him to. Janette said this was easy because D.J. worked right on the property.

27. Janette said when she read in the paper that Denise Hoerner had said D.J. kept her sister like a prisoner, she thought it was so ridiculous. Janette said Denise would tell D.J. she wanted to come down and visit her mom and he would tell her the time the ferry crossed, give her a credit card and tell her to have fun. When Denise came down for Janette's 21st birthday, D.J. kept the kids and told Denise to enjoy and take her sister out.
28. Janette said on the day Frank and Denise were shot, they were at Jerry Eck's house. They had had the phone off the hook. When they got up at 8:30 a.m. Janette said she put the phone back on the hook and it rang right away. It was Denise Hoerner asking for her mom and dad's telephone number. Denise Hoerner told Janette "Your sister's dead and so is my husband. D.J. just caught them both in bed. He shot them." Janette said she said "You are full of shit" and was laughing at her and telling her she was sick and twisted. Janette said she asked her why she was saying something like this to her. Janette said she does not remember if she gave her parent's phone number to Denise Hoerner or not.
29. Janette said she immediately grabbed her son and went over to the neighbors and tried to call her parents house but got the answering machine and she knew something was going on. When Janette got back into the apartment her sister Debbie was talking into her answering machine telling her to get up and pick up the telephone. Janette said when she picked up the phone she asked her sister Debbie, "Denise isn't dead is she?" At this point her mother got on the phone. Janette said they were calling from Harborview Medical Center. Janette said her mother kept saying "Cheryl is on her way down to get you, you need to get up here." Cheryl is their other sister.
30. At first Janette said she could not remember why she had gone to the neighbors to call her parents home but then remembered that Jerry had a long distance block on the phone and she couldn't call out from there. Janette said she was "just hysterical" and "had totally lost it."

Mike and Sherry Rasher were the neighbors who had lived next door to Jerry Eck. Janette said they are gone and nobody knows where they have moved.

31. Janette said she kept asking her mom "D.J. didn't do this, Denise would never sleep with Frank." Janette said she knew how Denise felt about Frank and that she thought he was an "okay guy, but was a total geek and wanted nothing to do with him."

32. Janette said she called Jerry Eck at work and told him that Denise had been shot and was in the hospital. By the time Jerry got back to the apartment, Cheryl had arrived and they had left for Harborview. Jerry automatically assumed Denise was at the hospital in Port Angeles. Janette said Jerry went to the house and was let on the property. Jerry saw Denise Hoerner hugging D.J. and telling him that "Now they had to stick together." Janette said Jerry had seen her on the phone with Denise Hoerner earlier that morning.
33. When Denise Hoerner had called Janette a couple of days earlier Janette had repeated their conversations to him immediately afterward.
34. Janette said Jerry waited at the property for the police to finish with D.J. because they wouldn't let him take any of the cars and drove him down to Harborview.
35. Janette said her brother David and Tracy had D.J.'s kids. Jerry took Janette from Harborview back to his apartment.
36. Janette said Denise Hoerner called her that night. At this time, everyone kept saying that Frank had gone in and shot Denise and then shot himself. When Denise called Janette that night, Janette kept asking Denise how she and Michael were. Janette said the only thing Denise Hoerner was worried about was what the police were telling them and she asked whether Denise said anything. Janette said Denise Hoerner did not ask how herself, D.J., or the kids were. Denise kept saying "Did she say anything, what are the police saying." Janette said she kept telling Denise the police would be telling them the same things they were telling her.
37. Janette said when she called up to the house to talk to D.J. the police said they were referring all calls to Jack and Becky. Janette said she does not know Jack and Becky's last name. The police took Denise and D.J.'s kids to Jack and Becky's house. Jack and Becky are friends of D.J. D.J. was at the house when she called but the police would not let her talk to him.
38. Janette said she asked Becky what was going on and she told her she didn't have any idea except that Frank was dead and Denise was shot. She told her she did not have any idea how Denise was doing and told Janette she would probably know more than she would about Denise. Becky said that when she was coming home from work at about 5:00-6:00 a.m. she found Denise Hoerner driving around looking for Frank, saying she didn't know where Frank was. Janette said Denise Hoerner did know where Frank had gone. Becky's telephone number is 683-1533 in Sequim.

39. Janette said Denise Hoerner might be little, but she is a psycho. Janette said her sister Denise called her once about 10:30 p.m. and told her "You will not believe what just happened. Denise Hoerner was just here and she went over to this girl's house because this girl called her a bitch or said she acted like a bitch (something real stupid like that)." Denise Hoerner called Janette the next day and said she had thought about it, got really pissed, got up and got out of bed and went over to this girl's house." Janette said Denise Hoerner described the girl as "A big Harley rider looking kind of a bitch." Denise told Janette that she had beat this woman senseless and that she had to go over to her sister's house because she had a handful of this woman's hair wrapped around her fingers so tight she could not pull it off. Janette said her sister Denise told her she had to take a tiny pair of scissors to cut this woman's hair off of Denise Hoerner's fingers. Janette said Denise Hoerner called her the next day talking about doing it and cracking up laughing about it. Janette said Denise said "Yeah, this bitch was five times the size of me and I still knocked her ass out." Janette said Denise was proud of it.
40. Janette said she does not know who this woman is. Denise, her sister told her she just knew her from Denise Hoerner talking about her, but didn't really know who she was.
41. Janette said she had never met Frank, but had seen pictures of him and he was even smaller than Denise Hoerner. Janette said she can't imagine D.J. having to drag this man because D.J. is a big guy. Janette said from what she has heard of Denise Hoerner, this is exactly something she could have done.
42. Janette said Denise Hoerner called her all the time. Janette said she didn't get pissed about Denise Hoerner calling her all the time, but thought she was not her friend and that Denise should call a "real friend" and not bother her. Janette said she was never rude to Denise Hoerner because she was a friend of her sister.
43. Janette said once Denise Hoerner told her she had driven out to a small town where her brother lived, Monroe or Maltby. Denise had climbed up something to get to his apartment on the top floor just to get a pipe full of "pot." Denise had told Janette Frank had been angry at her and wanted to know what she had been out doing because her legs were bruised. Janette said when she told this story to her sister Denise she had commented that this sounded like a sign of a true drug addict.

44. Janette said sometimes when she had visited her sister, she might have gone in on a little pot with Denise Hoerner but that was the extent of her drug use. Janette said her sister Denise might have a small amount of pot, but could save it for a couple of months for when she came to visit. Janette said she does not know if Denise Hoerner used other drugs like cocaine.
45. Janette said if Denise Hoerner had ever tried to speak with her about guns, she would have just told her to not saying anything to her about it because she did not want to hear about it. Janette said her personal opinion is that it is wrong for the general public to be able to own a gun. Janette said she felt this way before her sister was shot. Janette said she is against people with children owning guns.
46. Janette said D.J. owned a rifle or shotgun and she would give him dirty looks because he owned these weapons. Janette said she did not feel it was right for him to own these guns because the children were there.
47. Janette said Denise Hoerner no longer calls her. Janette said this is because her son's father had the phone turned off and then had his number changed. The only way Denise Hoerner could reach Janette would be to track her down and she does not know her current address.
48. Janelle Owens is another person who Denise Hoerner talks to. Janette said Janelle would call her and tell her that Denise Hoerner wants to know why Janette is saying things about her. Janette said she would respond by telling her because it is the truth. Janelle Owens was a friend of her sister and they had been friends since their teen years.
49. Janette said Janelle Owens has since gone "extremely off the edge." Janette said Janelle called her a couple of weeks ago at 1:00 a.m. saying "Jump in a cab and come out here, I just got some coke, let's do some." Janette does not know if Denise Hoerner talks to Janelle Owens all the time. Janelle Owens telephone number is 745-8497.
50. Janette said friends of hers saw Janelle Owens at a bar and she was telling everybody at the bar what was going on in the investigation. Janette said a patron of the bar asked Janelle to stop talking about it because it was a downer. Janelle then "went off" and went into the bar and hit something and had to get stitches in her hand. Janette said Janelle has totally gone over the deep end with the drinking and the drugs, pills, etc. Janette said this is because of the way Janelle is, not because of her sister's death.

