

1 people and they allowed him, they agreed to let
2 him have the lease as long as he's gonna, that
3 the lease would be paid and he filled out the
4 proper paperwork for he and his [REDACTED] to
5 stay there.

6 Q Okay.

7 DOCTOR URHAHN: So, his entire
8 family did not move over
9 there, just the father and
10 [REDACTED]?

11 COACH IRONS: Right.

12 DOCTOR URHAHN: Not the stepmother?

13 COACH IRONS: Not the stepmother
14 and the [REDACTED] because, see, --

15 DOCTOR URHAHN: And that's who [REDACTED]
16 had been living with for the
17 previous year, correct?

18 COACH IRONS: Right, they had been
19 living at that particular spot
20 for the previous year but [REDACTED]
21 indicated, you know, she
22 indicated down the line that she
23 was not coming with [REDACTED]

24 DOCTOR URHAHN: Okay.

25 COACH IRONS: And she wasn't gonna

1 go and then they found out that,
2 uh, he didn't, that he reneged
3 on coming to stay.

4 DOCTOR URHAHN: Okay.

5 COACH IRONS: Renege, he, he, he
6 decided he wasn't gonna, that
7 he was gonna come back and
8 forth.

9 DOCTOR URHAHN: Okay.

10 COACH IRONS: Uh, --

11 DOCTOR URHAHN: So, basically [REDACTED]
12 [REDACTED] lived there in that
13 apartment then by [REDACTED]

14 COACH IRONS: Basically [REDACTED] were
15 there by [REDACTED]

16 SHANNON McGARRY: Who paid the lease?

17 COACH IRONS: Well, uh, the first, I
18 did.

19 HAL GOLDSMITH: Tell them how you
20 paid that.

21 COACH IRONS: And how I paid it, see I,
22 I, I paid it with a, with a Money
23 Order. And, uh, I paid it at
24 first in the name of [REDACTED] because
25 that's where the lease, gave the

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Uh, it got to the point where he and I went round and round about why he wasn't living up to the portion that he said he was gonna live up to coming and staying with [REDACTED] and this that and the other. Uh, I, you know, didn't feel as though [REDACTED] should have been penalized totally by that.

I got in to the picture, it was my responsibility now. I talked to a couple people and they also stated, you know, you got [REDACTED] over here. You agreed to get, get, get [REDACTED] here, get [REDACTED] an education or whatever and do whatever, you know, play ball. So that's, that's how it happened, [REDACTED] stayed.

So, I ended up paying for, uh, from, for [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED] so I ended up

1 paying for the four years, four or
2 five years that [REDACTED] stayed.

3 Q Uh, [REDACTED] was entered in the ninth grade and,
4 and --

5 A And [REDACTED] was --

6 Q -- [REDACTED]

7 A [REDACTED]

8 Q So, you paid for four years?

9 A Uh, actually for five years that [REDACTED] stayed
10 there. [REDACTED] stayed five years.

11 HAL GOLDSMITH: Do you want to
12 tell them about the utilities;
13 how you paid the utilities?

14 COACH IRONS: Okay. Well, the
15 utilities were in, uh, were not
16 in, uh, uh, [REDACTED]
17 name. The utilities were in a,
18 a guy by the name of Rick Ryberg.
19 And, uh, Mike Noll through Rick
20 Ryberg, I was just introduced to
21 Rick, uh, a couple times. I knew
22 he was a big ol' guy and he kind
23 of, that was Mike Noll's, uh,
24 buddy and, and he was going to,
25 well, actually put the utilities

1 in, he actually put the utilities
2 in his name.

3 Q Why --

4 A I paid for the utilities.

5 Q Okay.

6 Why, why didn't you just put the utilities
7 in your name, Coach?

8 A Well, I had utilities already in my name at
9 my, at my house.

10 Q Okay.

11 A And at the time, you know, I was, you know,
12 they, I didn't want a connection, you know. That
13 was, no connection to the situation.

14 DOCTOR URHAHN: Right.

15 Q Okay.

16 Uh, and again, Mr. Ryberg, he was an
17 associate of Mr. Noll's, is that right?

18 A (Witness nods.)

19 Q Okay.

20 How do you spell Ryberg?

21 A R-Y-B-E-R-G.

22 Q All right, okay. Thank you.

23 A R-Y, capital R-Y-B-E-R-G. Rick Ryberg.

24 Q Did you, uh, other than the utilities and the
25 rent did you provide anything else of monetary

1 value to the [REDACTED]?

2 A I, uh, treated them like [REDACTED] were my [REDACTED]

3 Q Okay.

4 A I bought clothes, food. Made sure that [REDACTED]
5 [REDACTED] were, um, the, the apartment was furnished,
6 uh, by way of people givin', givin' [REDACTED] uh, beds
7 and television. You know, we, the television set
8 was given to [REDACTED] I was, gave [REDACTED] one that we
9 had at home. Uh, --

10 Q Did, did anyone else at Vashon High School,
11 Miss Ludgood, for example, did she know about this
12 situation?

13 A Yeah.

14 Q Did she know that you were paying those
15 things?

16 A Well, she, she knew that [REDACTED] were comin'.
17 Uh, I'm not gonna say that she knew that I was
18 paying the rent and, but she knew that I was
19 helping [REDACTED] on some of the amenities that, that
20 [REDACTED] needed.

21 Q How much would you say you spent in the five
22 years on the [REDACTED] on [REDACTED] food and
23 incidentals all, altogether; how much?

24 A You know, --

25 Q Let's just say, how about rent, rent

1 utilities and food, all total what would you say
2 you spent in five years?

3 A The rent?

4 Q Yeah. How much was it a month?

5 A About, maybe twenty-five, thirty thousand
6 dollars.

7 Q All right, all right.

8 A 'Cause the rent was four sixty a month.

9 Q Okay.

10 A Uh, you know, there, there, there were
11 people who, I guess donated and, you know, I
12 bought [REDACTED] school clothes. It was, wasn't too
13 difficult on the school portion because, uh, we
14 went to a, went to a uniform school and, and so
15 we, I was able to get the uniforms through the
16 school. The uniforms and stuff through the
17 school.

18 HAL GOLDSMITH: Did you tell them
19 about the car that you gave
20 to [REDACTED]?

21 COACH IRONS: Okay, right. I also
22 gave, uh, I had a vehicle, uh,
23 that was in my name that I gave
24 to, actually it was supposed,
25 it was supposed to be for [REDACTED]

- 1 ██████████ to have, for his (sic)
2 daddy to give transportation
3 for ██████████ to go back and
4 forth and actually for him to,
5 to, uh, come and go and see the
6 apartment and he got the vehicle.
- 7 Q Was it, did it stay in your name?
- 8 A No, no.
- 9 Q You transferred --
- 10 A The vehicle, the vehicle was in my name for
11 maybe about a, a year that I, I got it out of my
12 name and transferred, gave it and transferred it.
- 13 Q Who paid the insurance on that vehicle while
14 it was in, in his possession?
- 15 A Uh, --
- 16 Q Did you continue --
- 17 A I did.
- 18 Q All right.
- 19 And upkeep, did it have any mechanical
20 problems?
- 21 A Well, that wasn't, it had mechanical problems
22 but I didn't --
- 23 Q He took care of that?
- 24 A He had, you know, he had to.
- 25 Q All right.

1 A 'Cause I didn't take care of that.

2 Q And then, at some point this vehicle changed
3 ownership from you, what was the, give me a
4 description of the car. What year, what kind of
5 car?

6 A It was a 1987, '85, uh, Sedan Deville.

7 Q All right.

8 A It was blue.

9 Q Cadillac Sedan?

10 A Yeah, Cadillac.

11 Q Deville.

12 A And it was, it was mine, it was more like a
13 classic to me because I had had it for, since '87.

14 Q Where is that car today?

15 A I don't know.

16 Q Okay.

17 So after, after you transferred title you,
18 you parted --

19 A I parted.

20 Q All right.

21 A Took it off my insurance and did everything.

22 Q Did you see him drive that car back, even
23 though, after you had furnished it?

24 A Yeah, I saw him drive it to --

25 Q The apartment?

1 A Uh, yes, to the apartment. I also saw him
2 drive it to the games, some of the games that he
3 had come to.

4 Q Would he attend all of [REDACTED] games?

5 A Uh, he, he attended all of the, uh, home
6 games.

7 Q Okay.

8 A I know he was basically at all the home games
9 that [REDACTED] had played.

10 Q You mentioned just a, a little bit --

11 A Let me mention also too that I tried to get
12 him to, uh, relinquish guardianship to me and he
13 refused to do that. You know, once we got into
14 it, uh, you know, relinquish, to take the
15 guardianship, since I was paying the bulk of the
16 stuff and doing whatever --

17 COACH IRONS: You okay?

18 Okay.

19 A You know, and he wouldn't do it. For
20 whatever reason, you know, he, we went round and
21 round about that and he wouldn't do it.

22 Q Let me, let me go back to the point when you
23 first saw the [REDACTED]

24 [REDACTED] Did you contact the
25 Department of Social Services or did you file any

1 report of [REDACTED] ---

2 A No, I did not.

3 Q -- [REDACTED] P

4 A No.

5 Q Okay.

6 A I didn't.

7 Q [REDACTED]

8 [REDACTED]

9 [REDACTED] --

10 A No, [REDACTED] didn't look like, they didn't look

11 like [REDACTED]

12 [REDACTED]

13 [REDACTED]

14 [REDACTED]

15 [REDACTED]

16 [REDACTED]

17 [REDACTED]

18 [REDACTED]

19 [REDACTED]

20 So, one day I just decided to go back and

21 take a look at the things, you know, and [REDACTED]

22 [REDACTED] down in there. Uh, this, but, no, I

23 did not.

24 Q Okay.

25 You mentioned that there were other people

1 who contributed with you over this period of time.
2 You personally, this twenty-five or thirty
3 thousand dollar figure you mentioned, that was
4 you personally; is that, is that a fair statement?

5 A Right.

6 Q I mean, that's out of your own funds?

7 A That's a fair statement.

8 Q How much other money, who, who else
9 contributed to [REDACTED] to your knowledge
10 in sustaining [REDACTED] apartment and [REDACTED] living
11 expenses during this five years?

12 A Well, you know, the father would bring
13 groceries periodically, uh, later, more later
14 than early that he had started bringing, bringing
15 stuff.

16 Q Okay.

17 A Uh, I would, I would say there was, there was
18 teachers who were close to the basketball program,
19 team that would contribute, excuse me, by way of
20 giving [REDACTED] food or giving [REDACTED] spending money,
21 change. In that case with, you know, --

22 Q These are Vashon teachers?

23 A These are Vashon teachers.

24 Q Okay.

25 And would these have been the teachers that

1 [REDACTED] were in the classroom?

2 A Could have been.

3 Q Okay.

4 A They could have been, could have taken
5 classes and --

6 HAL GOLDSMITH: What do you mean
7 when you say close to the
8 Vashon basketball team?

9 COACH IRONS: Well, you, you, you,
10 you, you have a (inaudible) of
11 teachers who follow the team.
12 And when, you know, --

13 HAL GOLDSMITH: Supporters?

14 COACH IRONS: They were supporters.
15 And they would know, uh, they
16 would know the kids, they, you
17 know, they would find out what,
18 they would drop a kid off from
19 a game and drop a kid off. They
20 were not, I wouldn't consider
21 them being, trying to, uh, they
22 were just trying to be helpful.

23 Q Was there any other adult supervision in
24 this apartment, Coach, other than [REDACTED] when
25 he came over on the weekends, perhaps?

- 1 A Me.
- 2 Q Okay.
- 3 A I would, I would --
- 4 Q Well, I mean, you stayed there?
- 5 A I would, I would, I would, no, I wouldn't
- 6 stay there, uh, but I would probably be there
- 7 sometimes or would go through at a late time if
- 8 I'm out would ride through there, check on [REDACTED].
- 9 Uh, you know, fortunate, you know, for the most
- 10 part [REDACTED] very good [REDACTED] Uh,
- 11 [REDACTED] you know, I, I would say
- 12 that [REDACTED] you know, [REDACTED]
- 13 [REDACTED] did a very good job of, of policing [REDACTED]
- 14 Q To your knowledge did Miss Ludgood ever go
- 15 there to the house to your knowledge?
- 16 A Uh, no. I don't know of Miss Ludgood --
- 17 Q Was there ever, in five years, any other
- 18 person other than yourself who was inside that
- 19 apartment that was connected with Vashon High
- 20 School?
- 21 A There was a, a young lady who I asked to go
- 22 and, and help to make sure that [REDACTED]
- 23 [REDACTED] clean and her name is [REDACTED] But she,
- 24 she just, she's, she was a graduate of Vashon and
- 25 then she was around Vashon basketball and, uh, I

1 had asked her would she act as a surrogate, uh,
2 parent to [REDACTED]

3 Q Okay.

4 A Or help [REDACTED] out.

5 Q What did this surrogate parent, what did she
6 do for [REDACTED] specifically?

7 A Well, she would probably come, uh, I, I know
8 she cooked, cooked Sunday dinner for [REDACTED] several
9 times. Uh, --

10 Q Would she go there and cook it there?

11 A Yeah, she cooked it there, prepared the meal
12 for [REDACTED]

13 Q All right.

14 A Uh, she would go and clean, you know, she
15 would make sure that [REDACTED] clean. And she
16 would assist in [REDACTED] cleaning. She only did this
17 maybe, maybe she did it about a year and she did
18 it a whole year.

19 Q So, the, the, uh, --

20 A I don't know of anybody else who would, would
21 go there and --

22 HAL GOLDSMITH: You told me before
23 that at least a couple of the
24 assistant coaches knew about
25 the situation.

1 COACH IRONS: Yeah, both of the,
2 both of the --

3 HAL GOLDSMITH: Who were they?

4 COACH IRONS: Okay, I'll give you
5 the names. Uh, Ray Merriweather
6 and Steve Hall. They knew about,
7 uh, the living arrangements of [REDACTED]
8 [REDACTED] And I would ask them, uh,
9 you know, whenever they get the
10 opportunity, go by just to check.

11 Q When, when all this changed, when the father
12 reneged and, and [REDACTED] were here did you ever,
13 did it ever cross your mind that, that the things
14 that had been provided were being provided to
15 [REDACTED] might violate the undue influence
16 rules of MSHSAA?

17 A Yes.

18 I, you know, I --

19 Q Did you ever think about reporting or --

20 A To MSHSAA?

21 Q -- correcting it, or correcting the
22 situation? Did you ever talk to anyone about
23 correcting the situation?

24 A No, I don't think I ever talked to anyone
25 about correcting the situation. I just felt it

1 was my obligation now because, --

2 Q Okay.

3 A -- you know, uh, I guess if I hadn't talked
4 to the father to bring [REDACTED] over here and the
5 father hadn't agreed to do it, it might not have
6 been done. Matter of fact, I knew it wouldn't
7 have been done.

8 Q Did the father ever work in, in employment,
9 actually work in employment that you arranged for
10 him?

11 A No, no, no.

12 Q Okay.

13 And who, other than this restaurant job what
14 was the job he was to do there?

15 A Where, at the restaurant?

16 Q Yes.

17 A Uh, I guess he would, would, would clean.

18 Q Okay.

19 A Uh, wash dishes, whatever they, you know, it
20 was a paying situation. It was more than what he
21 had and I don't, and I think that, as a matter of
22 fact I know by being around him that that was
23 something that he felt was a, was, was beneath
24 him.

25 Q Did, um, the, was this job, did the

1 restaurant ever offer this to, to the dad? Did
2 they actually offer the job to him?

3 A No, they didn't actually offer the job to him
4 but they did let us know that the, --

5 Q That it was available.

6 A -- the job was available for him --

7 Q Okay.

8 A -- to take.

9 Q How would you describe the athletic skill of

10

11 A You know [REDACTED] high school ball
12 [REDACTED] who, uh, could play. You know, I wouldn't
13 say that [REDACTED] exceptional.

14 Q

15 A [REDACTED] decent enough [REDACTED] to play in
16 our program, yes. To learn and grow and mature in
17 the program, yeah.

18 Q Okay.

19 Did [REDACTED] actually play for your, your team?

20 A Yes, [REDACTED] did.

21 Q Did, let's talk about [REDACTED] for or let's talk
22 about the [REDACTED]

23 A Um-hum.

24 Q Did he ever become a starter? He came in his
25 [REDACTED] year.

1 A Right.

2 Q Did he start?

3 A Well, uh, yes, [REDACTED] started as a [REDACTED]
4 [REDACTED] because we were in transition. Uh, when I
5 say in transition, we had just, uh, graduated
6 several seniors. Uh, we had, uh, you know, a, a
7 very young team. [REDACTED] at that time would
8 have been the, the, the junior and [REDACTED]
9 and [REDACTED] would be, would have been the,
10 the seniors. And I think we only had, maybe we
11 had four seniors coming back and that was, uh,
12 [REDACTED] (inaudible) and, uh, one other
13 kid.

14 Q Did, did [REDACTED] continue starting for
15 your team in his [REDACTED]?

16 A Yes.

17 Q All right.

18 Did he receive any honors or, you know,
19 recognition?

20 A Well, uh, in his, in his junior, at the end
21 of his junior year, well, his senior year he
22 received honors, I know. Uh, and I think he made
23 all, uh, PHL, uh, and he made All District and --

24 Q Okay.

25 A -- uh, I don't know if he made All State but

1 I know he played in the State, State Final.

2 Q How about [REDACTED]? Did, when he started
3 he came in the [REDACTED]?

4 A Yeah, he didn't start. [REDACTED] didn't start --

5 Q He was on your roster though?

6 A Yes, he was on the roster.

7 Q Okay.

8 Did he ever become a starter on your team?

9 A Yes, he became a full-time starter as a
10 [REDACTED]

11 Q Okay.

12 And did he receive any recognition?

13 A Basically he received the same type of
14 recognition that his, that his brother had
15 received along with others. And he, you know, --

16 DOCTOR URHAHN: I think [REDACTED] was
17 All State.

18 COACH IRONS: [REDACTED] might have been
19 All, yeah, [REDACTED] was, his [REDACTED]
20 year.

21 DOCTOR URHAHN: Yeah, his [REDACTED] year.

22 COACH IRONS: Uh, he became All State
23 after his performance that year.

24 Q Coach, is it a fair statement for me to ask
25 you if you saw, when you saw [REDACTED] in the [REDACTED]

1 [REDACTED] that [REDACTED] in did
2 you also see in them athletic potential?

3 A Yes, I saw athletic potential. I see
4 athletic potential in all my kids.

5 Q Okay.

6 A And I'm not trying to --

7 Q I understand. But I'm trying to say when
8 you, when you did take interest in [REDACTED] you also
9 had an interest in [REDACTED] athletically, is that
10 true?

11 A Well, I hadn't seen [REDACTED] play when I, when I
12 saw [REDACTED]

13 HAL GOLDSMITH: But maybe this would
14 be the time to talk about what
15 Mike Noll had told you about

16 [REDACTED]

17 COACH IRONS: Well, yeah, Mike Noll
18 did tell me that [REDACTED] good

19 [REDACTED]

20 HAL GOLDSMITH: Good [REDACTED]

21 Q Good, good [REDACTED]

22 A Well, somebody, I don't know if he had seen
23 [REDACTED] He did tell me [REDACTED] good [REDACTED] and
24 good [REDACTED] But that's, you know, good [REDACTED]
25 meaning good [REDACTED]

1 Q Okay.

2 A That, that [REDACTED] you know, [REDACTED] had
3 potential.

4 Q Okay.

5 A [REDACTED] you know, you, as a coach I've
6 been around a long time, you know, and you've got
7 some kids who, who you might consider, might
8 consider as a good player as a seventh and eighth
9 grader that might not pan out to be whatever.

10 DOCTOR URHAHN: Right.

11 A Fortunately for [REDACTED]
12 And, and again, you know, uh, --

13 HAL GOLDSMITH: Let me just ask
14 one easy question, okay,
15 something we talked about
16 before. Mike Noll didn't
17 bring [REDACTED] to your
18 attention because he thought
19 they were living in --

20 COACH IRONS: Oh, no, no.

21 HAL GOLDSMITH: -- [REDACTED]
22 [REDACTED] He brought them to
23 your initial attention because
24 he thought [REDACTED] had great
25 potential as basketball [REDACTED]

1 COACH IRONS: Well, yes. I won't, I
2 I won't --
3 HAL GOLDSMITH: And that's why you
4 got interested and --
5 COACH IRONS: That's why --
6 HAL GOLDSMITH: -- why you went to
7 see [REDACTED]
8 COACH IRONS: And Mike Noll, I don't,
9 I can't say because I didn't go
10 with Mike. Mike was --
11 HAL GOLDSMITH: I'm talking about --
12 COACH IRONS: I can't say that Mike
13 ever went to see [REDACTED] play.
14 HAL GOLDSMITH: Okay.
15 COACH IRONS: He might have seen
16 [REDACTED] play but not with me.
17 HAL GOLDSMITH: Okay.
18 COACH IRONS: And, and he didn't go
19 to the house with me 'cause Mike
20 never went, I never saw Mike at
21 the house. He didn't go with
22 me. If he, if he went then he
23 went on his own.
24 HAL GOLDSMITH: My only point is your
25 initial interest in [REDACTED]

1 [REDACTED] was [REDACTED] basketball
2 potential.

3 COACH IRONS: Basketball.

4 Q And then, other than this [REDACTED] who,
5 you said a year and there was five years in here,
6 was there any other, uh, well, let me say, she
7 would have been a booster of your, of your
8 program. Wouldn't you, would that be a fair
9 statement?

10 A No, I wouldn't say she was a booster.

11 Q She --

12 A I would say --

13 Q She was always around your program?

14 A She, she came to the games.

15 Q Supporter?

16 A Uh, moral, uh, just, just being a person who,
17 who wanted to be there but no financial
18 situations. She's never given anything.

19 Q Was there anyone other than [REDACTED] who
20 performed the sort of duties as a surrogate parent
21 that you described that [REDACTED] performed for
22 one year?

23 A With [REDACTED]?

24 Q Yeah.

25 A No.

1 Q Was her year right after things blew up, is
2 that the year that she came in and did this --
3 A Uh, --
4 Q -- or was it toward the end of somewhere in
5 the middle?
6 A Somewhere in the middle.
7 HAL GOLDSMITH: Can I --
8 MAL MAYSE: Yeah.
9 HAL GOLDSMITH: You used the term,
10 father reneged and then this
11 blew up.
12 MAL MAYSE: Yeah.
13 HAL GOLDSMITH: The father never
14 came over full time, right?
15 COACH IRONS: No, never came over
16 full time.
17 HAL GOLDSMITH: Do you understand
18 that?
19 MAL MAYSE: Yeah. I, I was using
20 Coach Irons words.
21 COACH IRONS: As far as me, the
22 father reneged.
23 MAL MAYSE: I understand, that
24 was your word earlier.
25 COACH IRONS: And it's still my