

FRY: Football.

BRI: That the money was for, the bet that Pete owed him for?

FRY: No, no he didn't.

BRI: And did he tell you the amount?

FRY: He did, but I can't remember.

BRI: But he said that's why he had falling out with Pete?

FRY: Yes.

BRI: OK, let's move on a little farther. What's next?

FRY: Well I just continued -

BRI: This is June ..

FRY: June of '87, I just continued working at Gold's Gym and my other business M.E. Fry Company, assisting my partner in the management and operations and I waited, I was trying to cooperative with the Feds, you know, and I just really was an emotional wreck. I waited until October, I was pre-sentenced in

October, pretty much of this was dead at that point. I mean I Janszen and I kept talking, he started this sports memorabilia business that he's got and I ended up signing a bunch of baseball cards for Pete Rose's signature.

BRI: Tell us a little bit about that. You signed Pete Rose's signature?

FRY: Yeah.

BRI: Tell us a little bit about that, you signed Pete Rose's signature?

FRY: Yeah on baseball cards, posters, photographs.

BRI: And why did you do that?

FRY: Well Gio taught me how to sign Pete's name, cause Pete didn't have time to sign all the autographed things that were being required of him at the time and

BRI: Did Gio sign also?

FRY: Gio signed also, Gio signed everything for Pete almost.

BRI: And where did this occur?

FRY: It occurred at the gym, or at Pete's house.

BRI: In your presence?

FRY: Oh yeah.

BRI: Did you see Gio signing Pete's name?

FRY: No question.

BRI: To, again?

FRY: Baseballs, bats, anything. The only thing that they would let you know Gio wanted me to sign were flat things I could do Pete's signature perfect.

BRI: Did you ever see him sign Pete's name to a check?

FRY: No. I don't think Gio would ever be that stupid.

BRI: And you also did this for Janszen?

FRY: Yeah.

BRI: Oh for Pete, I guess?

FRY: Well I don't know. I guess it was for Janszen because Pete would sign things for Paul when he needed them and I think Paul was paying Pete to do it. At least that's what I gathered from. Because there would be times when Pete would be out of town and Janszen had already called some bulk baseball cards that he'd get \$1 for, something like that. They weren't very prominent collector pieces, they were just things that people would like to have and I'd sign them for him.

BRI: So you signed the low-budget items for Janszen?

FRY: Yeah.

BRI: But you'd sign baseballs and bats and other things ..

FRY: I never signed baseballs or bats, I signed posters, photographs.

BRI: I'm sorry, Gio, I'm backing up, Gio would sign the baseballs and bats and you would see him do that in your presence.

FRY: Oh yeah.

BRI: We're pretty well up now until you start serving your time.

FRY: Well no. I got preliminary sentenced in October. I continued until my sentencing February 29th. I got sentenced and divorced on the same day. And then started serving my time March 21st, 1988.

BRI: What happened in fall, winter of '87, spring of '88? Is Paul Janszen still around?

FRY: Yeah, he's still coming in.

BRI: Any betting action going on?

FRY: Not that I'm aware of.

BRI: And Pete Rose is not coming around?

FRY: No, Pete and Paul had at that time, had pretty well, as a matter of fact Paul wasn't gambling, he wasn't doing anything because it came out in the paper in October about me and I think a lot of people stopped whatever they were doing at that time.

BRI: OK. Tell us about your trips to Jonathan's Cafe.

FRY: Well, we'd go to Jonathan's, Gio with either collect money from Peters or pay him money, depending on whether he'd won or lost.

BRI: Take us the trips on an individual basis, specifically what you recall on the individual trips up there.

FRY: Well we would leave Gold's Gym, put in a call to Peters to track him down, hop in the car and drive up to Jonathan's. We'd go in have a sandwich and then go upstairs and..

BRI: Who would we be?

FRY: Me and Gio, Gioiosa.

BRI: What time during this time period did this happen, and on how many occasions?

FRY: It would always be in the afternoon. Middle of the afternoon, when the business at the gym was slack and we'd call Peters and make sure he was gonna be there and we'd go up and we'd take monies either owed or we would collect monies from Peters.

BRI: Who's monies?

FRY: These were Pete's. These were definitely Pete's debts.

BRI: How did you know that?

FRY: Because Gio couldn't afford to bet that kind of money.

BRI: Yeah but Gio's money, he would take it or he would leave it

FRY: It's Pete's money.

BRI: I mean but Gio would be the one handling it.

FRY: Yeah.

BRI: About how many times did this occur?

FRY: A weekly basis.

BRI: From about when to when?

FRY: There again, from the time football started up until the time that Pete left for spring training and then it ended.

BRI: For what years?

FRY: From the time period that I started hanging out with Gio, from the fall of '85 through the fall of '86 for that year.

BRI: Do you recall making a trip to Jonathan's with Gio and, in Gio's car, and Rose driving up there separately?

FRY: Yes, absolutely.

BRI: Tell us about that trip - when was this?

FRY: Well we went up there it was in the wintertime, I think it was in November, possibly December, but I think it was November because it was chilly, we had jackets on.

BRI: '85 or '86?

FRY: This would be '85. It could have been in January too. It could have been anywhere from November to January. I think it was more towards end of November to December. Ron Peters wanted a baseball bat and I believe we took a bat up to him, if I remember correctly. No money was exchanged, no

nothing. There could have been some gambling discussed what the teams were doing, but there again, you know, I never really paid attention to it because I really didn't want to be there.

BRI: You say no money was exchanged - that's to your knowledge?

FRY: No, to my knowledge, yes.

BRI: Could it have been possible that Peters and Gio left your presence and Pete's presence to go up to his office?

FRY: No that didn't happen, that I know of. There again, boy, I can't help you out there much to be accurate, you know, it would be too much assumption.

BRI: Yeah, we don't want to assume. - Do you recall a situation on one of these trips where Gio picked up about \$37,000?

FRY: I know there was a lot of trips when he picked up a bunch of money, could have been yeah. I don't think Pete was there when we picked money up though.

BRI: You don't recall Pete being

FRY: I don't recall Pete being there. I only remember Pete going up with us one time.

BRI: What did Pete do there at Jonathan's.

FRY: We sat down, drank an ice tea. Gio and I ate a sandwich and Pete drank an ice tea I think and Ron came out and he either gave him a poster, a picture or a bat, I can't remember. I know we took a bat up and I know he took a picture up because I signed the picture that's on the wall in there. I can show you I can sign Pete's name.

BRI: What kind of car was Gio driving at the time?

FRY: A Blazer.

BRI: A Blazer.

FRY: Now let me think. Now wait a minute. He was driving his Porsche still at that time.

BRI: What color?

FRY: Red.

BRI: Oh yeah.

FRY Here are the cars Tommy had. He had a red Porsche, black Corvette and then he drove a Blazer that Pete let him drive for a while.

BRI: What would Pete, did Pete go up with you if you're in a 911 Porsche. Did somebody go separate or were you all 3 in one car?

FRY: I would all 3 could squeeze in one car.

BRI: Do you think you did?

FRY: Let me think. Yeah I think we did that day. As a matter of fact I think we took Pete's car. You know I can't be sure.

BRI: OK. Let's move on. I'm going to show you copies of some personal checks, the check numbers are 365, 366, 367, 368. They are all dated 2/5/86 in the amounts of \$8,000 each. The tops of them have the lettering of Pete Rose's name. One is made payable to Mike Fry, another Tommy Gioiosa and the other two made payable to Cash. And they have the signature

of Pete Rose as the maker of the checks. Do you recall these checks?

FRY: Uh huh (affirmative).

BRI: What can you tell me about those?

FRY: Well these were look like some of the checks that I was mentioning about being paid for reimbursements of monies that I loaned Pete to help his bookie.

BRI: OK they were all cashed February 5th, I believe that's 1987, at the same place.

FRY: '87 no it can't be '87, '86. Can't be '87.

BRI: I'm sorry '86 right. Do you recall when you cashed those?

FRY: This is not one of the tax is it?

BRI: No, this is another one. These are the ones here, Mike. Apparently, that's back in January, these all apparently were okayed by an individual by the name of Jack.

FRY: Jack

BRI: Must have been the manager.

FRY: I'll think of it - Horline. Jack Horline.

BRI: First National Bank?

FRY: No that's Fifth Third and Northgate Mall. These checks were cashed and okayed by Jack Horline and these were probably to pay me back some of the money that was owed to me or to pay Ron Peters off.

BRI: OK. The money owed to you from the sale of the Corvette?

FRY: No, money owed to me for paying, that I loaned to Pete to pay Ron Peters off.

BRI: Now we're talking about \$32,000 all in one slug. OK. How was that money paid to you - were there cashier's checks or was it all cash?

FRY: No, it was cash and then I the 30,000 was mine. That's remember the 30,000 I told you about, that's how I got it back. Cause I mentioned the checks when I talked to you beforehand.

BRI: I notice one, Mike, is payable to you

FRY: Uh huh.

BRI: and one to Gioiosa and the other two to cash. Do you have any ideas as to why they were made out like that?

FRY: No I wouldn't.

BRI: Who would have given you these checks?

FRY: Gio.

BRI: Would he have gone to the bank with you?

FRY: Yeah, he definitely went to the bank with me every time.

BRI: OK. Do you recall ever having any checks payable to you or to cash that were on say Pete Rose's business, Pete Rose's enterprises?

FRY: No.

BRI: All personal checks as far as you know.

FRY: As far as I know. I never really. It could have been. I don't recall.

BRI: Did you ever receive checks from anyone else to take care of his debts?

FRY: No, that was the only time. The only time I received any money from Pete is when I loaned him money, or that Gio might have needed to have someone cash a check to give Pete readily available cash.

BRI: Do you still have the toll records from Gold's Gym?

FRY: Joe Monsour, the gentleman who is purchasing the gym has those records, yes.

BRI: Who would have made them available to Sports Illustrated?

FRY: Joe Monsour. I assisted Sports Illustrated into contacting Joe Monsour because who is buying the club, he has those records.

BRI: Does he own the club now or is he

FRY: He's buying the club. The stock hasn't been transferred into his name yet, but I've received money down on it.

BRI: Could you also have him make those records available to us?

FRY: You could do that, you could ask him if he would cooperate with that. He won't?

BRI: No I asked him, he says that they weren't in his property, he didn't have access to them.

FRY: OK I will call my mother and have her talk to Joe and make those available to you, yes I will do that.

BRI: OK. How far back do those records go?

FRY: From the time that I opened the club.

BRI: And he has all of those?

FRY: Absolutely, we kept pretty accurate records of those things.

BRI: You kept copies of the phone bills?

FRY: Absolutely.

BRI: Did anyone have a car phone at that time?

FRY: I paid for Gioiosa's car phone in '85 and my own car phone, yes.

BRI: Where are those car phone records?

FRY: Probably at the gym, the same records are in there. Any legitimate business expense that we wrote off on the basis that the corporation pay for we wrote off and kept the records.

BRI: Did you include those, All telephone records from the time...

FRY: Why don't I do this. Why don't I write on a piece of paper here I give you two gentlemen express permission to examine those records

BRI: And to make a copy of it

FRY: OK.

BRI: and put a date up at the top.

FRY: What's your last name?

BRI: Joe Daly.

FRY: D-A-L-Y?

BRI: D-A-L-Y. Lee Federle, F-E-D-E-R-L-E.

FRY: FEDERLE.

BRI: That's right.

BRI: Examine and copy and all telephone bills, including
car phone bills

FRY: Copy all telephone bills including car phone bills,

BRI: Put an & sign.

FRY: I'm putting telephone bills and car phone bills

BRI: Belonging to Gold's Gym.

FRY: Body Power Incorporated.

BRI: OK. Do you have the period?

FRY: I'm going to put why,

BRI: From the period from the opening of Gold's Gym to whenever you left.

BRI: Did you say you wanted to put something in there about why - talk to you? Do you think we'll need that or do you think Mr. Mousour will, Sign it and date it and you'll have to call your mom and let her know. If you could put on there that, they are known to me to be investigating

FRY: I'm going to put this is for the express, this is for the purpose of investigation

BRI: Conducted by the Special Counsel for Major League Baseball.

FRY: OK. Express purpose to assist the investigation

BRI: Being conducted.

FRY: Being conducted by the Special Counsel for Major League l-e-a-g-u-e

BRI: Correct.

FRY: Baseball. No publicity will occur.

BRI: And we will not furnish them to anyone else. You can write that in there.

FRY: No copies will be furnished to media or any type of news agencies.

BRI: Sign and date it and put Terre Haute, Indiana.

FRY: Michael Fry the number here.

BRI: April 11 isn't it Joe. Write down April 11 there and initial it.

FRY: Why did I put 4/11, oh my watch says 4/11.

BRI: Put your initials beside that .. OK good. Now I got to make sure that Joe honors this request. Call your mother, next time you talk to your mother ...

FRY: Soon as I leave here, I will call my mother she has a 3 way conference call, I'll have her put Joe on the line and I'll talk to Joe personally. And if he doesn't, I'll put our deal on hold and I'll make sure you get that ready.

BRI: Just tell him one of us will be out there, we'll make copies and then return the originals to him.

FRY: He may not want to give them up to you. What he may want to do is to furnish you a copy.

BRI: That'll will be fine, or he can accompany me somewhere to

FRY: I'll let you guys work that out.

BRI: Will we be assured that he will furnish the complete set.

FRY: If he doesn't, you can always get them from the phone company.

BRI: We can't, you would have to.

FRY: Oh, I can have my mother, my mother is president of Body Power, Incorporated

BRI: Your mother could get them if he won't furnish them.

FRY: I can give you my mother's phone number, if you would like.

BRI: What is that?

FRY: It's 681-1582. Her name is Dallas D-A-L-L-A-S Duran D-U-R-A-N. You want to hear something funny, her husband's nephew is Billy Duran, he plays second base for the Houston Astros.

BRI: How about that, small world. Can you think, do you have any documentation either in your possession or somewhere else that would relate to gambling activities?

FRY: No. I never kept track of them. That was always Gio's bag.

BRI: OK. Is there anyone else, other than these people we've talked about, Gio, Janszen, yourself that would have knowledge of this gambling?

FRY: Stenger.

BRI: What did Stenger do?

FRY: Stenger did the same thing we did. He was in the same position.

BRI: Did he loan money?

FRY: Sure, that was, he loaned money, I believe he loaned money. I don't know if in fact, if he did. I can remember some conversation to that effect that I know, sure I know that yeh he did loan money to Pete. Sure, I can say that because that was a controversial situation. If he loan Pete money and that's how he had to take the car back because Pete couldn't pay him the money, so he took the car instead.

BRI: This is part of your theory about the three of you about you...

FRY: That isn't theoretical that's a fact. The car went into Don Stenger's possession because of the gambling debt Pete couldn't pay.

BRI: Were there any other people that we haven't talked about? Did Gio's girlfriends know of his activity?

FRY: Oh, Kim Chapman would. No question. Kim Chapman would be very much aware of that, she was aware of drug activity that I was involved because Gio made her aware of it. She was aware that Gio was involved in the drug activity.

BRI: Was she a user?

FRY: Well she may have been. At one time I know she was. And I think Gio was also a user. I never used cocaine.

BRI: Was Chapman involved in the sale?

FRY: I don't believe so, no.

BRI: How about Rose?

FRY: The girl, no.

BRI: But she had knowledge of Gio's gambling activity?

FRY: Absolutely, no question.

BRI: Anyone else.

FRY: Wayne Richard.

BRI: Is that who was from New Bedford, Massachusetts?

FRY: Uh hum (affirmative).

BRI: Did he stay in Cincinnati or did he leave?

FRY: I couldn't tell you.

BRI: Do you know where he lived?

FRY: In Cincinnati? He lived with Gio.

BRI: Where did they live?

FRY: They lived over on Caroby Court, they lived in condominiums over

BRI: Williamsburg, down that area, Calvert City?

FRY: They may have, I don't know. I lost.

BRI: Over in the Western Hills area.

FRY: At one time Gio rented a house from a police officer over there, but that was before him and I..

BRI: How about Janszen's girlfriend?

FRY: Danita. Danita should be well aware of all the things that went on. Especially with Paul's

gambling. I think she would be a very accurate witness.

BRI: Why do you say that?

FRY: Well she was around, you know. She was aware of it all.

BRI: How about anyone else at the gym. There was a Carol that worked at the desk there at one time.

FRY: Carol, yeah, Carol could shed a lot of light on what went on. She didn't hear it first hand. She just from an observation. Gio didn't really make it a secret that he was betting for Pete and I understand, I read something in the paper, where one of the members knew that Janszen was betting baseball for Pete. That's a false clue. That couldn't be, that could not be accurate. Because for one thing, members of the club were not allowed to go into the office. It was off limits, and if Janszen was in there using the phone and a club member went in there and overheard, it just couldn't happen.

BRI: Now, you remember seeing Janszen sitting at the juice bar looking over the baseball figures. Could another member have seen that?

FRY: Could have sure and you know, that's something else you want to take into consideration, keep in the back of your mind that, you know, it was an ego thing to be around Pete Rose and I know Paul's cooperating and I know his intentions are good, but this is a very delicate subject we're dealing with here especially the baseball situation. And, if Janszen in any way feels puffed up, egotistically, or is trying to in some way get back at Pete for not paying those debts off, it would be very easy for him to say that Pete bet on baseball. Logically, the only way that you could really prove that Pete bet on baseball is if Ron Peters had gambling receipts and records, explicitly naming Pete to be gambling in that time frame.

BRI: That brings up another question. Did Ron Peters ever visit Gold's Gym?

FRY: A couple of times he did, yes.

BRI: While you were there?

FRY: Yeah.

BRI: Do you know what the nature of his business was?

FRY: No, I don't I don't remember I know a couple of times Pete, he stopped in at, here is a name, Jim Eveslage, that knows Ron Peters very well. I don't know if you've talked to him.

BRI: Did he visit Gold's Gym?

FRY: Jim Eveslage was a member there, yes.

BRI: Could he have known that was going on?

FRY: Ah he knows Ron Peters' business. He knew of the gambling. He knew Ron Peters' booking operation. He didn't know the exact detail of who he bet with, but he knew of the booking operation yes.

BRI: Would you recall if Rose was present when Peters made a visit to the gym?

FRY: No, I don't believe he was.

BRI: Do you recall them getting together on a conversation. Is there any place else that you've

ever gone with Gio other than baseball and the stadium

FRY: And Pete. I went to Milwaukee once with them. At the grand opening of a sporting goods store. We ate out frequently at the Montgomery Inn, went out to lunch frequently, but other than that no. I had an opportunity to go down to the stadium when he broke the record, but I didn't. I watched it on TV.

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BRI: Let's just talk a little bit if you could about the cocaine.

FRY: Yeah.

BRI: What would Paul Janszen's involvement be?

FRY: I think Paul's involvement was getting it from Gio and then putting it out to where ever.

BRI: Do you know how much, what type of volume was involved?

FRY: There was, Gio was selling to a couple of guys, that I, that, I never witnessed the transaction, but to

hear Gio say it, he was dealing with Janszen, Ralph Smith. He may have had, I know he was doing business with Ron Peters, and he got the product from me. I know that Gioiosa made some trips for Don Stenger when Don was in town from New Jersey to Florida, but other than that, you know, you see the thing about dealing drugs is you don't question who you give it to.

BRI: So you don't know the size of Janszen's cocaine.

FRY: I don't, I wasn't really, I'll be honest with you, I figured, I figured Paul was dealing drugs but I didn't know on what level, umm and there was a time when I sold Paul drugs. I never told anybody this and if I'm going to be completely honest, I'm going to be completely honest. It wasn't that much. It was just a couple ounces here and there back when I was with Stenger in the gym when we very first started getting involved in drugs.

BRI: Do you think he was selling it or using it?

FRY: I think he was selling it, I don't think Paul was a user.

BRI: How about Linda Kettle?

FRY: Linda Kettle was Don's runner.

BRI: Drug runner?

FRY: Drug runner, yes. She, once the cocaine was delivered in Ohio she would distribute it to various people. The last kilo of cocaine I received, the one I was busted with, I received it either in late October, early November, and I didn't even get into it, until right when I was busted with it in June. I was distributing some pot that Don brought in and I had paid cash for the kilo of coke and then I invested some more money I had, the balance of my money and some pot that Don Stenger brought in, and I couldn't even get rid of that. I had that all through the winter and I had 22 pounds of it left when I was busted in June. But Linda would go around and deliver the kilos of coke to various people, to her suppliers. There's a guy here right now, she delivered cocaine to, the same way.

BRI: So she was heavily involved.

FRY: Absolutely, she gets 4 years. You know, that's kind of funny. It's, I can't believe it.

BRI: You mean that's a whole lot or not enough for...

FRY: Time for what Linda, compared to what I did, compared to what they did, no they didn't get near the time that was, that, I'm glad she only got four years, because I think Linda has learned a lesson. I think, Linda never made a lot of money from cocaine. I think she loved Don and Don used her. Don used a lot of people and I believe that she was sucked into a situation and taken advantage of and I am glad she only got four years. I understand how heavily they cooperated and you know, that's good, that's how they should use people, to curtail the drug situation.

BRI: Gioiosa, again his involvement was working for Stenger also?

FRY: Where he worked for Stenger and me, yes.

BRI: As a seller?

FRY: Yes.

BRI: A guy by the name of Joe Kaiser ring a bell.

FRY: Kaiser, yeah, Joe Kaiser, I believe worked down at ah, I'll think of the name of the place, it's a bar down on Second Street.

BRI: How about Flannigan's.

FRY: Flannigan's Landing. Yes. And Joe was good friends with Pete and Gioiosa and he would go down and pitch batting practice. Kind of help the Reds out and pitch batting practice and never really got nothing for it, but you know he could go in and put a uniform on and he loved it, you know, Joe is a good guy. Pretty honest guy as far as I know. I don't think that he's involved in the hard work, you know I don't think he's involved in drugs or gambling as far as I know, at least I was never made aware it.

BRI: Anybody else that we haven't asked about, or that you haven't mentioned?

FRY: Chuck Byersdorfer. I don't know if you have talked to him.

BRI: You say he was at the Superbowl?

FRY: Chuck was at the Superbowl party and you know, Gio and I got Chuck his little job over there working around the house.

BRI: For Pete.

FRY: Pete would pay him. He did a monumental amount of work over there and Pete would give him \$200.00 a week or \$250.00 a week. Just took advantage of him, you know. Chuck got pretty distraught about it and he got to the point where he just couldn't work for that much and asked Pete for more money and Pete told him no and he quit.

BRI: About steroids.

FRY: Steroids are going to be present in any gym situation, anywhere where you have body builders. Body building is synonymous with heavy working out, good nutrition and steroids. You know. Paul dealt in steroids and bought steroids from Paul and a couple other guys up there, Lance Humphrey. Just about anybody in the gym, associated with body building would have access to steroids. Pete never took any steroids or any kind of drug that I never know of, he didn't even drink you know. Pete,

gambling, women and baseball, that's his life. I just can't see Pete jeopardizing his baseball career for betting, but I guess it's possible you know.

BRI: Do you have any knowledge of him owing heavily to anyone as a result of his gambling activities other than the money that you loaned him?

FRY: Other than the bookies?

BRI: No other than yourself, Don Stenger, and Paul Janszen?

FRY: I have known him to owe Peters quite a bit of money, you know, that's what...

BRI: Other than Peters. How about, you mentioned New York, betting in New York.

FRY: Uh, I heard a lot of stories about Pete owing people money and then make a statement "well I'm Pete Rose what are they going to do to me." Gio would tell me these things. I know the, what he would do is he'd run up tab with Peters and before he could get that tab paid off, then he would utilize the bookie in New York and either win and lose, whatever happened,

if he got a tab run up in New York, well by that time he would have Peters paid down, and then he would bet with Peters and he would always used to book it that way.

BRI: And do you know about the bookie in New York because...

FRY: Because Mike, he contacted that bookie through Mike Bertoneli, I believe is his name. Bertolini or something like that.

BRI: How do you know about that?

FRY: Well, because it was talked about and Bertolini was down at the stadium on various occasions and Gio made the statement that "I don't like betting through this guy," and this and that and Pete would say he's all right, don't worry about it.

BRI: Gio would make the statement that he didn't like betting through this guy. This guy meaning Bertolini?

FRY: Yeah.

BRI: And Pete would say what.

FRY: It's all right you know. Pete would say they are all right guys, don't worry

BRI: This happened in your presence?

FRY: Uh huh, sure.

BRI: And you seen Bertolini at the stadium?

FRY: Um hmm. Absolutely.

BRI: And from the conversations of Pete and Gio you understood that Bertolini was involved in betting.

FRY: Yes.

BRI: Do you know anything further about Bertolini?

FRY: I just know that he's a hustler, he does a lot of promotions about baseball memorabilia. I didn't like the guy either. I didn't talk to him.

BRI: Anything else Lee?

FRY: Let me ask you a question, are they investigating Pete for taxes also?

BRI: All we know is what the papers say. The papers indicated that there possibly was that kind of a situation going on. Do you have some knowledge in that area?

FRY: Possibly.

BRI: Let's talk about that.

FRY: It is not going to become public record, correct.

BRI: No. Like everything else it is going to the Commissioner.

FRY: I understood that when Pete went to Japan, he came back with \$100,000 cash, unreported money. And he carried it in a little blue purse right through Customs and Gio was bragging about it, something that they got him on film carrying it.

BRI: When was this?

FRY: Whenever he went to Japan. And I got the purse at home. Because Gio came over to pay me some money, money back that he got from Peter for drugs and was bragging about it. You see this purse, Pete brought this through Customs with \$100 grand in it, 100 dollars bills.

BRI: Ok, anything else in that area?

FRY: Well, I know Pete's done a lot of, a lot of appearances and from conversations that I heard from Gio, never from Pete, he made a lot of cash that way. I don't know if he ever reported it, that I don't know?

BRI: What were the appearances, what were the appearances for?

FRY: No I don't.

BRI: Tell us about your contacts with Pete's attorney.

FRY: OK. I am trying to get them to move on putting the Gold's Gym deal together. I called Reuven Katz to try to get financial statements from Pete and try to get the ball rolling. Reuven seemed a little apprehensive of the situation, but since Pete wanted

to do it, fine, let's do it. And those were the only conversations that I had with Reuven concerning anything, the possibility of putting the deal together between Pete Rose and I and Gold's Gym.

BRI: Is there anything else that you feel we haven't touched on that's important in this interview?

FRY: Not that I can recall. I believe that the things I've told you are accurate. I want say that Gio has heavily lied and Pete is lying about what their relationships are and what bets were placed, that is a complete falsehood.

BRI: What's a complete falsehood?

FRY: That Gio never placed bets other than racing, dog racing. Gio placed bets for Pete Rose concerning basketball, college and pro. Football, college and pro with Ron Peters, and that's all I know. I don't know of any baseball activity other than what I mentioned.

BRI: How about race track betting? Did you ever go to the track with Gio?

FRY: No.

BRI: Did Gio ever talk about it?

FRY: Oh, yeah. It was always ah...

BRI: Did he ever talk about winning or Pete winning, of Pick Six?

FRY: Yeah.

BRI: Tell us about that.

FRY: Well, at the time that Pete won the Pick Six I wasn't hanging around with those guys but previously that Pete Rose bet the Pick Six. And I think he hit it one time before Gio was telling me. And ah...

BRI: One time before which time?

FRY: The last time he hit it.

BRI: You're talking about the one time in 89' or the one in 87'? The one just happened here in 89' like \$265,000.00.

FRY: I didn't know about that.

BRI: OK, you know about a previous one.

FRY: I knew about the one. I thought there was one back a few years back that he hit.

BRI: OK, tell us about it?

FRY: I just recall a conversation about the race track betting and they were trying to get me to go down because I had money you know, I could have gone down and afforded to bet a \$1,000 here, but I didn't do it because I'm not a gambler. And they were trying to hype me up saying but we could win all this money and wave the big cash, but I wasn't interested in it and I heard about them winning the Pick Six in 87', just out of hearing it from Janszen. But's that as far as...

BRI: You didn't hear it from Gio?

FRY: No. We just talked about the Pick Six situation existing there that you could win a lot of money and uh...

BRI: You didn't hear any discussion of who claimed the winning ticket, reported it?

FRY: No, but Gio always said if I ever get busted for drugs or anything I just tell them I'm a gambler and they're going to have to prove where I got my money. That was Gio's philosophy. And I'll tell you Gio's covering up for Pete a lot here, you know. He's just trying to cover up for Pete and it's going to catch up with him, he can't do it.

BRI: Where you aware he was indicted?

FRY: Oh yeah, I read it in the paper, read it last night as a matter of fact. My mom visits me every other week and she made me aware of it Sunday and I seen the look on his face and he looks scared. I don't know what kind of plea bargaining he's gonna, this deal is gonna cut or if he's gonna fight it or what's gonna happen, but you know. I don't know, I would say that the quality of cocaine that Gioiosa dealt out was roughly a half to three quarters of a kilo all together, could approach a kilo very possibly. I don't know what kind of con or something about 38 years if you'll run them consecutively that never happens. He may get three

years out of it, the maximum. I don't know, but I do know this. If anyone deserves to go to prison out of everybody that's in prison, including myself and Don Stenger, it's Gio. Cause he's got a total disregard for people, for rules and his world revolves around a lie. That's why I fired him from Gold's Gym. There's a lot of stuff coming out of the papers that I leached off Pete Rose. Pete Rose still owes me money. I never, I never...

BRI: What was that money used for?

FRY: Just little things, like the car cover on the car that, and the ads, I spent about \$1,500 trying to market this car for him and I never got my money back on that.

BRI: He didn't reimbursed you for anything?

FRY: No, no, he thought, he's Pete Rose, you know. He's got it coming.

BRI: What was his relationship with Gio. Gio is saying in the paper that Pete gave him all the ..

FRY: Pete never gave him nothing. Pete never gave Gio anything. That's a lie.

BRI: Well what did Gio say about the relationship financially? Did he say that Pete owed him money?

FRY: Yeah. Pete was supposed to give Gio \$1 an autograph. For every autograph he signed and Gio would always complain that he never got the money.

BRI: How about the car security?

FRY: Gio bought his own car. He always put it in Pete's name.

BRI: How did he do that?

FRY: Then you don't have to show any net worth. He shows no net worth, then you don't have to explain how he paid for it.

BRI: Did Gio tell you this?

FRY: Sure.

BRI: Did you tell the IRS that?

FRY: No, I lied to the IRS about Tommy Gio. I lied to the FBI about Tommy Gio because of reasons. I don't know why I did it. I was, like I told you, I was in

a frame of mind that no matter what I did for these people, they weren't going to help me.

BRI: Now, the last conversation you had with the IRS and the FBI, you did not clear this up?

FRY: No, I talked to Leo Wolfus, yesterday. I called him and I said Leo I would like to come in and see you on a furlough writ and he said that he don't know if I could help him. And I believe that I could help him, based on what I'm telling you. So you'll have to make this aware to Leo, if you would. As long as it doesn't... I can't stand anymore publicity, public record, anything. If they're, they'll lock me up and put me in solitary confinement and that's hard time. I don't need no hard time.

BRI: Yeah. This is, I mean, our impression when we walked in, sure you're tired of looking at the place.

FRY: Yeah, but they'll lock me in over behind the wall in a cell that's, take and draw a line about right here, it's about this big with a bunk bed, toilet and a sink and a set of guards in front of it.

BRI: Is that over at the other...

FRY: It's over at the main prison, yeah.

BRI: Did you discuss with Leo what you're telling us?

FRY: Yes, I explained to him, if he could get me through the prosecutor and the judge, they could call the warden here and get me you know, to let me come in to Cincinnati and take another polygraph and to reevaluate my facts to them of my knowledge and let me help him out, and I mentioned Gioisa to him. He said he would talk to Hunt, see what he could do, but he ain't gonna promise me nothing. When you go out on writ, and when they take you, they transfer you through the federal system and it's a nightmare. I can't explain to you how bad it is to go through this. You get transferred into Elwino, Oklahoma, you sit, they put 50 men in a little room and it's terrible and I don't want to go through that again. I went through that transferring from Springfield to here, and I'm 3 hours away from Cincinnati. If I was gonna run anywhere, I could just take off across the field and run. Because of the length of my sentence I don't qualify for community custody, and therefore, the judge or the prosecutor needs to write a letter into the warden saying that they need to talk to me and that it is OK to endorse the fact that the trustee is going furlough, to go in and talk to him.

BRI: Did you talk to Leo about Leo coming over here?

FRY: Yeah, he said he's too busy right now. He said he's too busy.

BRI: That might be true. How about, you mentioned that your problem with the polygraph was due to the an individual named Spicer?

FRY: Uh hum (affirmative).

BRI: Did you ever clear that up?

FRY: No, I've never cleared that up.

BRI: Is that a drug situation?

FRY: Yes. See Spicer was an individual I met in 1979. We went into the restaurant business together in 1980. We weren't involved in any drug activity then, we went to New Orleans for a year and I became very displeased with that situation down there because a lot of promises were made and nothing was kept. I moved my whole family down there, my wife was upset. So we moved back. In the meantime, Spicer came back in 198-, late '83 early '84, we became reacquainted and he was bringing up the pot

and I started dealing some pot. And, he got busted for marijuana straight to Cuba or somewhere down in the Caribbean, 25-35,000 lbs. of pot on the boat, and he got busted, he gave his operation to a guy named Paul. Well, I became, I started working with Paul for Stenger and I, OK. We would get, Stenger and I were kind of like partners. I would get the drugs from Paul and then Stenger would distribute them. He knew a lot more people than I did. I was very small. My thing was just selling a little bit of pot here and there to make some extra money. Stenger knew all these cocaine connections and that's how I got started. Well, when the price, when Stenger got to the point he wanted to start moving kilos, so he went down and got his own connection and he started moving kilos. And I said hey, that's too big for me. Well I got a few kilos from Don and a few kilos from Paul and that's how I did my business. You know, I think total, you know, I know that Linda and Don said I was more heavily involved than I was, but I wasn't. They were trying to make me look bad to make them look good, you know, and I only had me and there's two of them. You know, I think Paul Janszen could substantiate my level, he knows how big I was in the drugs and what my level of the drug situation was, and that's why I

lied. I told them that I knew nothing about Tom Spicer. That's why I lied.

BRI: What happened to Spicer?

FRY: He's still, he did 3 years here, and he was out. And you know, he says hey, you can't tell them that you and I did business together because I don't want to go back to prison. I said Tom there's no reason for me to tell them that you and I did business together because you know, this guy Paul, and I don't even know Paul's last name, because I didn't want to know. You know, this was a guy that Tom gave his business to and he took it from pot to coke, you know, and he made it expand I guess. I don't know how big that got. I just know that once every 2-4 months, somewhere in there, I got a kilo of coke from him.

BRI: Did he get busted?

FRY: Not that I know of. His name never came up.

BRI: About what period of time did this occur?

FRY: This was...

BRI: That coke from Paul?

FRY: This was from late '84, well I'm talking about ounces, very small quantities, and then it got bigger, you know as the demand and the pressed coke came cheaper, more people wanted it I guess and you know, this was from the time '85 through '87 or '86. The last kilo I got from Paul was like either August or September of '86 and then I got one from Stenger in '87 and then I got, I got involved in my gym heavily and I just set aside and really became involved in my business operations, and then once those stabilized I brought this kilo out of hiding and I was gonna distribute it again. Plus I had some from the previous kilo that I had bought, you know, I just put it out as these guys would need it.

BRI: Who Paul? You say you don't know if he was busted? Did you tell the FBI or the DEA about Paul?

FRY: No, I didn't tell em about it.

BRI: So as far as they know, or as you know they know, you got your cocaine from Stenger?

FRY: Stenger and, I think they think I got it from Spicer. Spicer was never involved that I know of in cocaine. Now, I believe he was involved in cocaine but I don't know at that time, you know, his main thing was pot.

BRI: You did know that Paul was, though?

FRY: I do know that Paul was.

BRI: You physically obtained cocaine from Paul?

FRY: Sure, absolutely.

BRI: Paul wouldn't have been working with Spicer at the time?

FRY: I think what happened, I think what happened when Spicer went to prison, he gave his connection in Florida to Paul and then what Paul did with that Florida connection was take it from pot to coke and expand it up into Ohio.

BRI: Was Paul from Cincinnati?

FRY: He's from Morrow, Ohio, I believe.

BRI: Does he live here now or does he live down there.?

FRY: I believe he still up in Ohio somewhere. No, I haven't had any contact with him, as a matter of fact, that's where I got the kilo from Stenger at the time, and in November, this was in November of '86 is because I couldn't get a hold of Paul, OK. And, so Linda, when I lived at 1558 Woodley Avenue, Linda dropped the kilo cocaine off to me and I had, you know, a bunch of it bagged up, I don't remember the quantity from my previous kilo and I was in the process of getting rid of that, so I took this kilo and I sat on it until I needed it and then subsequent to that this pot came in that Don Stenger brought in, and me and a guy named Al Olson went in together on a pot deal and I tried to get rid of the pot and I still, you know I still had 23 lbs. of it left when they busted me. I mean I just wasn't, the drugs, I was trying to get out of the drugs, and it's a hard thing to get out of when you've got people that want it, and you got a supplier behind you, but the good thing about the supplier was that it was Stenger you know, and at that time I had kind of cut myself off from these other guys. So from that end of it, I was getting out of it but I just needed to sell what I had, to get my money back and

greed got me, greed and money, because I could have made a good living out of my club. Didn't need to deal drugs, could have made \$70,000 a year out of my club, no problem. Yeah, so I really screwed up, you know, I just want to put this behind me. I've done 13 months in here and I've got 41 or 42 more to go. Well, I'm not going to be any more rehabilitated than I am right now because I know I did wrong and I know what I need to do to do right. I just want another chance.

BRI: Whose contact did you use for the media?

FRY: The Sports Illustrated reporter was the first individual to contact me. All the local papers in Cincinnati tried to contact me, I wouldn't talk to them because of what they did to me when I was busted. They made me out like Al Capone. It was a lie. The local people here contacted me and I wanted to make a public statement to let everyone know where I stand because that's my story, you know. So, I agreed to do a TV interview here, with the local channel. I think it's CBS, which was my big mistake perhaps ___ Pete from the newspapers cause they were giving out all the information about me being an informant and setting the drug dealer up

and all this, and that's a lie. I never set nobody up before. I did set an individual up that came to me in Gold's, he says I got a guy bringing up a kilo are you interested in it? Since I told the DEA that I would help them, I said OK I'm interested in it and I was going to set this guy up. The DEA came in and they had a wire, Stuart he wore a wire on him, the guy said yeah, the guys right down the street, he got the money. Stuart says well how much you want for it, he says 35 thousands, Stuart says that too much, we won't pay that much. End, end of story. Now I guess I was kind of befuddled. I guess when I seen that happen, it really aggravated me and I said to myself, well they're not gonna help me regardless of what I do or what I tell them, so why should I tell them about these people, you know. That's one of the reasons I lied to them because, you know, I was trying to do good and this guy legitimately came to me and wanted to sell me a kilo of coke because you know, there's a few guys I've done business with them in the past. I sold ounces to them, a few here and there, and I was trying to do good for these people and when they say it was too much, that he only wanted to pay \$20,000, I said, man, are they more interested in saving money or getting the coke off the streets. I

didn't understand it, you know, so I guess that was one of the reasons why I decided to lie to them because you know, from what I've seen happen. I guess it was a bad choice because I think, I think they would have helped me, I think Mr. Hunt called me down to his office the Friday before I turned myself in and told me to submit my little 35, questioned me and told me to submit my rule 35 and you know, he would see what he could do to help me. He filed a motion against my rule 35 because of the fact that I lied. Which I don't blame him I guess. They didn't know that I lied until Stenger, what information Stenger told them when he was picked up, and I'm sure Stenger painted it a little to make himself look good. You know, what I've told you guys here today is the truth. It's exactly how it happened. I don't know how helpful I was, but...

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