

On March 28, 1989, James Eveslage was contacted at his place of business, Miami Beach Tanning Salon, 29 N. High Street, Oxford, Ohio 45056, (phone no. 513-523-2405), by Leroy D. Federle, at which time he was advised of the investigator's identity and the nature of the inquiry.

At the outset of this contact, Eveslage was advised that this investigation was being conducted for John Dowd, who is a Special Counsel representing Major League Baseball.

Eveslage indicated he would listen to the questions posed by the investigator, but warned he would be inclined to answer "no comment" if he felt a question would require an answer that could be incriminating or cause harm to his reputation.

By way of background, Eveslage stated that Ron Peters is a good friend. He has known Peters about ten years, or since when Peters was the assistant golf pro at Beckett Ridge Country Club, and Eveslage was a member there. Eveslage recalled loaning his automobile to Peters for use at Peter's wedding reception.

Eveslage knew Don Stenger for about eight years before Gold's Gym was built, when they both worked out at Mendenhall's Fitness Center in North College Hill, Cincinnati, Ohio.

Eveslage first met Mike Fry at Gold's Gym when he sold Fry and Stenger a carpet installation job for the gym. Eveslage gave them a discount on the carpet job in exchange for a free life membership at the gym.

Sometime after Gold's Gym was in operation, an individual by the name of Tommy Gioiosa was hired as the manager of the gym. At the gym, Gioiosa worked for Fry. Eveslage advised that Gioiosa had been in the physical fitness business before coming to Gold's.

Eveslage knew that Gioiosa was a gambler who made bets on all types of sports games. He characterized Gioiosa as a "scum bag, liar, thief and unethical."

About 1986, Gioiosa approached Eveslage, asking if he knew anybody who could take "big action" for Pete Rose. Gioiosa told Eveslage he wanted to lay down bets on football for Rose. Eveslage was aware that Rose and Gioiosa hung out together as he had seen them together on occasion. (Eveslage said "no comment" when asked if he had ever met Rose.)

Regarding Gioiosa's inquiry of Eveslage if Eveslage knew anybody who would take big action for Pete Rose, Eveslage told Gioiosa he would make the information available to him as Eveslage told Gioiosa he knew someone who would possibly take the bets. Following this conversation with Gioiosa, Eveslage contacted Ron Peters, advising Peters that "I don't know if this guy (Gioiosa) is in business or not. He says he's laying down money for Pete Rose". (Eveslage said "no comment" when asked how Peters first became involved in gambling activity. He also said "no comment" when asked if Peters took the bets through Jonathan's Cafe).

After Eveslage contacted Peters for Gioiosa, Eveslage personally introduced Gioiosa to Peters. Eveslage declined to say where, when, and who else was present when he introduced Gioiosa to Peters.

Thereafter, for a period of two or three weeks, Eveslage served as an "intermediary" for Gioiosa and Peters, in that on each of those weekends Gioiosa would place bets on ten football games at \$2,000 a game. Eveslage advised that the payoffs were delivered to him at his house by the bookie, or picked up if the bettor lost. But, as Eveslage recalled, Gioiosa won money most of the time. Eveslage declined to identify the bookie(s) involved, or who took his (Eveslage) place after the two or three week period had ended. Eveslage said he had no knowledge of Gioiosa placing bets on baseball games.

Eveslage advised that Don Stenger was a friend/bodyguard of Rose before Gioiosa placed the bets on the football games. Eveslage recalled that during the first week of the two or three week period previously mentioned that Stenger placed bets, but indicated to Eveslage that he was making the bets for himself.

Eveslage stated he did not make any money from acting as the "intermediary" for Gioiosa and Peters. He advised that in the past he has placed bets for himself on football games.