

On April 7, 1989, Lori Peters, former wife of Ron Peters, was interviewed by BRI Investigators Joseph E. Daly and Leroy Federle in the presence of her attorney, James Sheets, at Sheets' office, 304 East Warren Street, Lebanon, Ohio 45036, (phone no. 513-932-2121).

At the outset of the interview, they were advised of the identities of the BRI Investigators and that this investigation was being conducted for John Dowd, Special Counsel to the Commissioner of Major League Baseball.

Lori Peters furnished the following information:

During the spring of 1983, Ron Peters started working at the Back Porch Saloon, located near the Tri-County Shopping Center in Cincinnati. Previously, Ron worked as the assistant golf pro at Beckett Ridge Country Club, where he became acquainted with "Diamond" Jim Eveslage, Jay Basil and David Bradley. After working at the Back Porch Saloon for a short time, Ron quit and began to run with Basil and Bradley on a daily basis. Lori was aware that Ron was previously involved in bookmaking (bookie) on a small scale.

By the time their son, Jonathan, was born in July, 1983, Ron was heavily involved in bookmaking. She and Ron had been living in a condominium at Beckett Ridge, while David Bradley lived in another condominium nearby. Bradley and Ron operated a bookmaking business out of the basement of Bradley's condo.

About Halloween of 1985, Lori and Ron moved to a home in the Cinnamon Woods area near Beckett Ridge. During early 1986, Ron came home and told her that he had an impressive new client that was placing bets with him. Ron told her the client's name was Pete Rose. Ron told her that Rose was placing his bets through Tommy Gioiosa. Ron had told her that Diamond Jim and Gioiosa were friends and that Gioiosa was a good friend of Rose's. Ron also told her that he was personally introduced to Rose and Gioiosa by Diamond Jim at Gold's Gym.

Lori advised that Gioiosa came to their home at Cinnamon Woods on a number of occasions. Gioiosa never came into the house, but would either knock on the door and ask for Ron or blow the car horn. Gioiosa drove a black Porsche automobile. She answered the phone on a few occasions when Gioiosa called but she would give the phone to Ron and Ron would make notes.

Lori stated that Ron took bets on all major sports, including Major League baseball games. He was busy year round with his bookie operation which made it difficult for them to travel or go on vacation. When Ron left the house in the morning he never told her where he could be reached. He kept his betting records in a briefcase that he always carried with him. He usually settled up his clients' betting accounts on Mondays. A Dave Morgan helped Ron in the bookmaking operation.

If Ron was unable to handle or cover all the bets he received, he "laid off" that which he could not cover with other bookies in the area. Names of other bookies that she could recall were: Steve and Keith Sexton, Centerville, Ohio; Jay Basil; David Bradley; and Terry Middleton, who lived in Tennessee. The Sextons and Bradley are now living in Las Vegas.

Lori stated that Ron became paranoid over a period of time and would sit near the front window of their house worrying that someone was after him. Ron came home in an agitated mood one night and told her they were moving. Before she could say anything, he had sold the house, agreeing to a 30 day occupancy with the new owner. Subsequently, they bought a home in Springboro, Ohio, that they moved into on December 23, 1986.

Shortly after moving into the house in Springboro, and before the Superbowl football game, Ron came home with a paper bag full of cash money. He counted the money on the family room floor and it totaled \$110,000. At first he hid the money in the basement of the house. He then moved the money to another location in their house and later to his safe at Jonathan's Cafe. He then placed the money in the care of his father who took it to his house and, Ron said, hid it in the fireplace. She did not know the ultimate disposition or location of the \$110,000.

Lori advised she was introduced to Gioiosa at Jonathan's Cafe during early 1987. On that occasion Gioiosa came in alone. She could not recall the nature of his visit.

Lori said she never took any bets over the phone for Ron. People would call their house asking for Ron, including Gioiosa, but none ever asked her to take their bets.

Lori advised she has never personally met Pete Rose. On the day Rose visited Jonathan's Cafe, she was playing golf. Her understanding of the reason for Rose's visit was that he was doing it as a friend of Ron's to help promote Jonathan's Cafe.

She was not aware that Ron made tape recordings of his wagering conversations with bettors. She has never seen any such tapes. She has gone through all of her belongings searching for tapes but located none.

She has never met Paul Janszen nor did she have any knowledge of Janszen betting with Ron.

Lori noted that about two months after moving into their house in Springboro, she filed for divorce and Ron moved out.