

Sept. 25, '96

JUDITH SAMUELS

Cool, cloudy Wednesday. Rip and Dog meet up about 10 a.m. in NYC, Dog hears tape of first Judy interview in May. They get her in for second go-around. Question her about three hours. She cries, falls apart, upset, etc. Rip threatens her with jail; She wails "Why???" Dog says they don't want to do that, so don't make them. All this stuff about her will come out unless she cooperates. Five abortions, breakdown at one point, sex stuff, occult stuff, involvement with Jesse, Maksim and others.

Took her down for a poly about 5:30 p.m.; that lasted two hours between set-up and doing it, etc. Examiner said they should call Quinones in since it involved occult, and they did. They watched on TV monitor from another room.

She was caught lying on saying she didn't remember who dropped off the package for her after the Halloween '81 murders.

When asked off the machine (per MQ) if she knew David Berkowitz, she "jumped in her seat like she'd been shocked" and then denied it. This wasn't asked on the machine, probably to eliminate a "paper trail."

In the interview, she admitted getting a bunch of calls from Jesse about a "big deal" going down and that she agreed to help. Jesse said it was "very important" and she had to help. She did.

She admitted the calls from Jesse, and she admitted receiving a package at Columbia U., and she admitted the package was the size that could hold four or five videotapes. She also admitted mailing the package, but couldn't recall to where.

She knew Maksim, of course, but claimed she couldn't recall if it was him who delivered the package. She asserted Maksim later raped her at some point in time. (Maksim said otherwise, that he'd had consensual sex with her at one of those clubs.)

She also admitted the earlier menage a trois with Jesse and Maksim (a double team event), whereas she'd previously claimed it was one at a time while the other was in another room.

She tried to deny she used to claim she was related to Howard Samuels, but Rip caught her in this lie when he told her she'd previously admitted just that on tape (in May).

She admitted she'd been involved in some "Eastern religion" type of occult "church" in lower Manhattan, and said "no OTO" on her part. Rip said "many times she used the word esoteric," which is what coast sources said about her: involvement in Esoteric Encounters (the vampire stuff, etc.)

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She'd previously admitted going to these "parties," and so forth, and said former Mayor Lindsay was at one of them.

She denied she knew about the murders in advance, but said "of course" she knew what had happened afterwards.

Session ended about 7:30 p.m., and Rip told MT they intend to have one more go at her. (If she said the name "Maksim" on the package drop-off, there'd be enough to indict. She may know that, and may be afraid she'll be killed if she says it. There still may be enough to indict.) Rip said she's extremely fragile and would not likely stand up as a trial witness, but he and MT agreed that she could be OK in grand jury as that's "friendly fire." MT cracked: "we'll have to tell Jesse to choose a stronger ally to handle his business next time."

The Police poly examiner told Rip and Dog that "not in million years do I believe Berkowitz was alone, but I'm just one guy." He also ripped up paper with questions which contained DB's name for security reasons. He said all SOS stuff had been removed from files there at some point in the past. (Lab work, ballistics, etc.). He has no idea where it went, but suspects it could've been deep-sixed.

The examiner and Quinones were warned severely about security. (Yet Rip told Quinones he'd personally seen DB as recently as last Friday).

In summary, Judy corroborated everything, except to say the name "Maksim" on the delivery of the "crudely wrapped" package: the package that held the snuff videotapes.

She's already been caught in several lies, and her denial about knowing (casually) DB is also a lie. DB knew she/Jesse were a couple; DB knew Jesse was bi; DB knew she was a "freelance occultist," and DB knew she'd claimed she was related to Howard Samuels. DB also called her "attractive" in those days, which Jesse confirms and which Rip says she indeed could have been, looking at her now and flashing back 20 years.

And of course, DB had ID'd Jesse's photo immediately, and called him "Mickey," which Jesse himself confirmed he was known as by various people.

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