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Interview of Michael Fry

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BRI: Mike, could you give us your full name.

FRY: Michael E. Fry.

BRI: Is that F-R-Y?

FRY: Yes.

BRI: And your date of birth?

FRY: 8/21/54.

BRI: And your last residence.

FRY: One Fairwood Court, Fairfield, Ohio.

BRI: And your employment.

FRY: I am self-employed. I was owner of Gold's Gym,  
owner of the M. E. Fry Company [pause]

BRI: OK go ahead, don't let that bother you, ignore it.

FRY: And I was self-employed, owner of Gold's Gym and the Fry Company, Incorporated.

BRI: What do you mean the Fry Company?

FRY: We, ah, sell construction fastening equipment. I am partners with Greg Berkhart. Also off of Sebring Drive right by the Gym. I started that business in November 1987. I'm sorry November 1986.

BRI: When did you start Gold's Gym?

FRY: I originally started the business plan for Gold's Gym in March 1984.

BRI: And did you have any partners at that time?

FRY: I had an investor, his name was Donald Stenger. He was also made vice president of Body Power Incorporated. Donald Stenger never owned any stock in the corporation. He was never issued, he never came to an agreement of how much more money he would invest or how much stock that investment would substantiate.

BRI: Now, Body Power Incorporated, was that the company that owned Gold's Gym.

FRY: Body Power Incorporated is the registered Ohio corporation name doing business as Gold's Gym.

BRI: And that was open again, when did the gym open?

FRY: The gym officially opened June 1, 1984.

BRI: Did you have any other employees?

FRY: We employed a manager, an assistant manager, aerobics instructors and exercise instructors.

BRI: And who was the manager?

FRY: The first manager that I employed her name was Debbie [pause]. I can't think of her last name.

BRI: Then, the assistant manager?

FRY: The assistant manager was a girl named, man, I

BRI: That's all right, let's go ahead down to a later time, when you employed Tommy Gioiosa.

FRY: Tommy Gioiosa first came around, it was approximately, November of 1984. He made an acquaintance with Don Stenger.

BRI: Do you know how they met?

FRY: I believe they met through either a friend a mutual friend of Don Stenger and Tommy Gioiosa, and I believe that they met uh in some kind of bar atmosphere.

BRI: Do you know who this mutual friend was?

FRY: Honestly no, because I never associated with Don Stenger outside of Gold's Gym.

BRI: And what was Tommy Gioiosa's position?

FRY: Tommy Gioiosa did not have a position at that time. Him and Don were friends. Tommy Gioiosa constantly would make statements of his previous health club experience as a manager and how he worked for a club in Arizona when he was out there and he was always saying about the potential of Gold's Gym. What the capabilities were, the financial capabilities would be, so on and so forth to Don Stenger. So what had

happened in . . . I'm sorry let's take that back.  
Instead of November, it was around September of '84.

BRI: Is that when the gym opened?

FRY: The gym opened on June 1, 1984. So we go through the summer months and now we're in September. That's when Don Stenger and Gio started hanging out together. They started coming up at the gym. Now as we go through the time frame of through the first of the year of 1985, Gio and Stenger were still hanging around together, and at that time, in November of '84 is when Pete Rose started coming in the situation. It was like when you became Tommy Gio's friend, you know, he took you around Pete. It was automatic. Now the club wasn't doing what Gio thought it could do. He made that very well known to Don Stenger and Don confronted me about it. Let's make a management change. So I fired Debbie in 1986 and hired...

BRI: We've gone through the whole year of '85?

FRY: 1985, I'm sorry. 1985 I fired Debbie and hired Gio as the manager. Gio, Kim Chapman, Don Stenger and Linda Kettle started running the gym. I just stepped back and watched. By this time, Don Stenger

had invested somewhere in the neighborhood of maybe \$25,000 into the club through monies we'd put in for improvements, equipment procurement, miscellaneous expenses to expand the club internally. But, we still never issued him any stock in the company at this point. I could never really get him to come up and do that, he was always too busy. Pete Rose is very prominent in this town.

BRI: This would be in '85?

FRY: '85, we gave, Pete.

BRI: About when in '85 did Gio become the manager?

FRY: It was in January, first of February because my wife and I and my little girl were in Florida at the time and they made the change while I was down there.

BRI: Gio becoming the manager and Debbie ..

FRY: Debbie Hanlin was her last name. Debbie Hanlin was the manager, and Debbie was upset. Debbie was a previous manager of Elaine Powers, it was a beauty salon corporation in. It was a beauty salon organization in Cincinnati. Excuse me, I'm very nervous. I don't want any inmates walking in here.

FRY: He already knows that. He's going to keep them out. He told me he would.

BRI: If anybody says anything, tell them these are your attorneys.

FRY: Thank you I appreciate that. [Noise] I was going to tell them you were my attorneys. I was going to tell them I'm filing some suits because of all this falsities coming out in the paper about me being an informant. To get back to what we were talking about, in 1985 Pete Rose became regularly seen in Gold's Gym and we felt you know, kind of Pete Rose, you know kind of grown up about it because Pete, you know, is a superstar. I've always been a fan of Pete's, and I was very happy that he was coming up to the club. He was definitely Don Stenger's friend at the time. I didn't say much to Pete. Hi, as a matter fact, they kind of down played me there, but I didn't mind because I owned it. You know, I let them do their thing and I'd sit back and watch. I remember a lot of little things we gave Pete you know and no one would pay for them. That's why I remember the details with such, such as I do, because it kind of aggravated me that Gio kind of came in and took advantage of me. Don Stenger took

advantage of me and they didn't understand that when you had a business and paid for thing the business needed to be reimbursed for them. We gave Pete sweatsuits. As a matter fact in '85, there was an Enquirer clipping of Pete wearing a Gold's Gym warmup suit in spring training. And that was kind of neat for me because I gave it to him. Then what happened was, kind of funny. In the spring of 1985, a guy named Bruce Selik started showing up at the gym. He was a friend of Pete's, friend of Gio's and subsequently became a friend of Don's and ..

BRI: Selik started out as a friend of Pete's?

FRY: Yes, Selik was a friend of Pete and Gio's before he knew Stenger. From what I understood, he owned Anchors Away, a seafood company. He came down to the gym and seen the little club we had and was really motivated to open a Gold's Gym in Cherry Hill, New Jersey. At first, we were all gonna go together on this club and make them a chain. We were going to open up in Cincinnati. I didn't want no part of... I didn't want no part of Bruce Selik.

BRI: Go ahead, I'm sorry.



FRY: I didn't trust Bruce Selik. He was very loud, very boisterous, too flashy for me and I told Don I didn't want nothing to do with it. Well, we had a falling out. I come into the gym one morning, Don was out of it, he said he was out, he wanted me to buy him out. Gio quit. I ended up running the club for a month and a half by myself.

BRI: This occurred when?

FRY: This occurred in the spring.

BRI: Of '85.

FRY: March of '85.

BRI: So you're not even a year old yet?

FRY: Not even a year old and they quit on me. I then hired ... then Dave Remington was going to become an investor in the club with me. Dave and I had become good friends parallel to Pete, Tommy and Don Stenger being good friends. Dave was never involved in any type of drug, gambling of any type. Dave's a straight up individual.

BRI: He worked out at the gym.

FRY: He worked out, he was my training partner. Dave and I became very good friends, and by the time he wasn't even aware of my involvement in cocaine or anything. I never made anyone aware of that except the people I dealt with. At that point, Dave was helping me in the gym because he'd seen me working by myself. I was literally coming in at 7 in the morning and working until 10 at night. It was my club. You know.

BRI: Had Don Stenger pulled out?

FRY: He had pulled out.

BRI: Had Tommy Gio left?

FRY: Tommy Gio left. Kim Chapman left, Linda Kettle left. They had, they staffed the club by themselves. When they left, I was left holding the ball. My mom started working with me. I hired a guy named Rod Carr. He managed the club up through the summer of '85. Then September of '85, Gio, there's some things I want to add. In '85, Pete sold Don Stenger his M-1 BMW to cover gambling debt, \$75,000 - \$125-150,000 sports car for \$75,000 cash.

BRI: What kind of gambling debt, let's talk about that.

FRY: I don't know.

BRI: Is this hearsay?

FRY: No this is isn't hearsay. This is what Gio told me and what Stenger told me. It's hearsay as far as, you know, they told me, but I believe it to be true.

BRI: Stenger wound up driving the M-1.

FRY: Absolutely, and that was a car that Pete, he took it to New Jersey with him.

BRI: And Gio told you that this was to cover a gambling debt that Pete owed.

FRY: Yeah.

BRI: Now, did he sell the car to sell the money to pay a gambling debt.

FRY: Yeah.

BRI: And did Stenger also tell you this?

FRY: No.

BRI: Did they, where were you when you were told this?

FRY: I believe it was in the gym and then Gio had made numerous remarks to that effect after him and Stenger had a falling out and then see .. in September, Gio went up to New Jersey with these guys. Stenger paid 118,000 cash.

BRI: September of 198\_?

FRY: '85. During the summer of '85, or somewhere around in that time frame and I lost track of Stenger and I couldn't tell you his events, but they went to New Jersey and Stenger put \$118,000 in cash in a bank account there to open a Gold's Gym with Bruce Selik. Well Gio went with them and all the attention circled around Don and Selik and trying to get Pete involved in it and Gio felt like an outsider so he became discouraged with that situation came back down and talked to me and asked me. He said, hey Mike, I made a mistake getting involved with Stenger, he says and Selik, he says I think they're both liars. He says, what I want to do is, he says, I want to come to work for you. He says I need \$500 a week to work. I'm going to bring

Kim back as the aerobics manager and he put a big sales pitch on me.

BRI: This was Kim Chapman?

FRY: Yeah.

BRI: And what was her relationship with Gio?

FRY: Girlfriend. So Gio

BRI: And then he came back.

FRY: He came back in September of '85 and I bought his sales pitch because Rob Carr wasn't a very motivated individual, good guy but, he wasn't doing a job that I envisioned needed to be done, so I fired Rob Carr and I hired Gioiosa. And, when I hired Gio I became friends with Pete, automatically. OK. Gio took me down to the stadium. I was kind of in awe, he'd be driving onto the stadium and Tommy wanted to walk outside the office and walked right into Pete's office.

BRI: What was Gio driving at this time?

FRY: At that time he was driving a little red Porsche. A 1974 Porsche.

BRI: 911 type?

FRY: 911, I was driving a 930.

BRI: 930 is a turbo Porsche?

FRY: Turbo Porsche, yes.

BRI: Probably the most expensive at that time.

FRY: Mine was a used one. I paid, it was all beat up and I bought it, fixed it up and that was what I did. I bought, sold Corvettes and I bought this Porsche, in very bad condition and I fixed it up. The first time I went down there, I loaned Pete \$17,000 cash.

BRI: You went to the stadium. Went to the Reds Stadium with Tommy Gio?

FRY: Went to the stadium with Tommy Gioisa.

BRI: About when was this?

FRY: This was in September '85.

BRI: OK, now give us some detail of exactly what happened to the best of your memory.

FRY: I went down to the stadium. I met Pete.

BRI: Previously at the gym?

FRY: No.

BRI: This was the first time you'd met Pete?

FRY: I'd met Pete at the gym, sure, but I never really talked to him or associated with him and when I went down there you know I got a little closer to Pete at that time and Pete called me Mike and he knew who I was and Gioisa asked me if I had \$17,000 that he needed to pay a bookie with. I said sure. I have 17 grand, here and I gave it to him. A few weeks later, Pete repaid me.

BRI: This took place at the stadium?

FRY: Yeah.

BRI: In the clubhouse or where?

FRY: Yeah in the clubhouse.

BRI: Did Pete say why he needed the money?

FRY: No, Gio did.

BRI: Did he say for what type of gambling debt?

FRY: Uh, no.

BRI: What time of year was this?

FRY: It was in September, it was before he broke the record.

BRI: And the Reds were playing when you were at the stadium, when you were at the stadium were the Reds playing at home?

FRY: I believe so.

BRI: Is there any indication that this would have been a gambling debt on horse racing or sports?



FRY: I wouldn't have known.

BRI: And Gio didn't say.

FRY: No.

BRI: Did you give the money to Gio or to Pete?

FRY: Gio.

BRI: Was Pete there?

FRY: Yes.

BRI: Did you see Gio give the money to Pete?

FRY: No.

BRI: Did Gio say it was for Pete in front of Pete?

FRY: Yes.

BRI: What I'm getting at is, could Gio have been conning you.

FRY: No, no he didn't con me, because Gio didn't have the financial ... he wouldn't have conned me and then

continued to work for me, because I got the \$17,000 back in a couple of weeks.

BRI: And he ..

FRY: I'll tell you guys one thing that there was a lot of checks cashed. I cashed checks for Pete at the Central Trust Bank in Tri-county, Tri-county Office at the Pittsburgh (?)Bank at Northgate Mall.

BRI: What kind of amounts?

FRY: Anywhere from \$10-30,000 worth of checks.

BRI: Personal checks, company checks?

FRY: Personal checks for Pete.

BRI: What would he ask you to do that for?

FRY: Because he needed the money.

BRI: Why didn't he cash them himself?

FRY: See you got to understand something. Gio was Pete's messenger guy, you know he ran a lot of favors for Pete and Gio used me because he didn't have, he

couldn't go in on his name and cash, cash \$30,0000 worth of checks, because the bank wouldn't look at that. You know, I had a business relationship with these banks and I could go in and take a \$30,000 check and they'd say no problem. Sign it and I could cash it.

BRI: Let's go back to the stadium. Gio told you Pete needed \$17,000 for

FRY: Yes.

BRI: For what?

FRY: To pay a gambling debt.

BRI: But he didn't tell you what type of gambling debt.

FRY: No.

BRI: And how did you pay Gio the 17,000?

FRY: Cash.

BRI: Did you have it. Why would you have \$17,000 cash.

FRY: I was dealing drugs.

BRI: So you had a lot of cash on you.

FRY: Depends, you know. My cash would build up over a 3-month period. See I wasn't real big on drugs. I mean, like compared to what Stenger was. I would purchase a kilo, move it every 3 or 4 months, then I'd buy another one, move it, sometimes I would go 6 months before I could move it all.

BRI: Did Gio know you were doing that?

FRY: Yeah, absolutely.

BRI: Did he ever buy any from you?

FRY: Yeah. He did. Absolutely.

BRI: For his personal use or to sell?

FRY: No, to sell. As a matter of fact, he sold, I went up to Franklin on 2 occasions I gave Gio an ounce of cocaine and he in turn sold it to Ron Peters. It was agreed that Peters didn't know he got it from me.

BRI: Getting back to this \$17,000 you loaned, this must have taken place at the club, or where did you give Gio the money?

FRY: In the stadium.

BRI: How would you have known to carry \$17,000?

FRY: I went back and got it. Because they were getting ready to go out of town. He was getting ready to leave. Now, thinking about from what I know now, I believe he was to pay an out-of-town bookie. I don't believe it was a bookie in Cincinnati.

BRI: In other words, you think he needed the money to take with him on a trip.

FRY: Right.

BRI: And when were you repaid?

FRY: It was a couple of weeks later.

BRI: Did Gio repay you?

FRY: Pete repaid me.

BRI: Pete repaid you \$17,000?

FRY: Yeah.

BRI: In what method?

FRY: It was cash - I believe. I don't know, see I loaned him money a couple of times to pay his gambling debts and I was getting to that. I don't know, I can't remember if he gave me checks to cash. A lot of times you see, I only loaned him money twice. \$17,000 and another time I loaned him \$30,000. Which <sup>by the way</sup> ~~probably at~~ that time he cleaned me out.

BRI: OK, now did Pete know you were dealing in drugs?

FRY: I think he knew I was doing something illegal to have that kind of money, but he thought the gym was doing good and I don't think he was aware of it, no.

BRI: Let's go to the second time you loaned him money and then we'll go to when you were paid back - Is that the best logical order?

FRY: I was paid back a few weeks after that \$17,000 and I can't remember exactly how he did it. I think we cashed a couple of checks for Pete. Three checks to

the tune of \$7,000 at Provident Bank, I mean at Central Trust Bank in Tri-county and the gentleman that we cashed the checks to is now working at the Central Trust Bank on Sharon Road, Route 42 in Sharonville.

BRI: You mean the manager?

FRY: The manager, yes.

BRI: What was his name?

FRY: His first name is Mike, I don't remember his last name - he's a black guy, real nice gentleman. He cashed the checks for me and I believe I took the \$17,000 out of that. And gave Gio the rest of the money.

BRI: Gio or Pete?

FRY: Gio. Pete gave us the checks. I'm saying I remember that. Now I don't remember exactly if that was to pay the \$17,000, it was a long time ago and I didn't really care about it at the time. It was just a passing thing, you know it wasn't something that I dwelled on to remember specifically. But the second time I loaned him money I was a little

skeptical about it, so we struck a deal. Pete had broke the record and he received a red Corvette, I put the red Corvette in my garage. It sat there for a few months. I marketed the car as a Pete Rose collector of memorabilia, collector item. I paid for a car cover, I had it exclusively for Mr. Pete Rose, 91185-4192 and we were supposed to market the car and split the money when we sold it. Pete and I would, and I was to get my \$30,000 back at that point.

BRI: Is that what you loaned him on the second time?

FRY: Yes, on the second time it was \$30,000.

BRI: Was this also cash.

FRY: Yes.

BRI: And was this to Pete personally or was this again through Gioisa?

FRY: I believe it was to Pete and Gio. I always gave money to Gio. I've never given money to Pete directly, but I believe we went over to his house, we took the money over to his house. It was in the fall. It was like in November of '85.



BRI: Well this was after he got the car?

FRY: After he got the car, I had the car at my house, I cleaned it up, detailed it - it looked beautiful. You know, that's what I did, again. And the car sat in my garage up unto through January, February I think, even up into the spring. After he went to Florida and I still hadn't received my 30,000 back.

BRI: When had you loaned him the 30,000?

FRY: I loaned the 30,000, I think it was in October or November, somewhere in that time frame.

BRI: And you say, this you believe took place in Rose's house?

FRY: Yeah. I believe we took the money over to Pete, Tommy and I did.

BRI: And again what was this money for?

FRY: I believe it was to pay gambling debts?

BRI: Did Tommy ever say or did Pete say?

FRY: Yeah, they made wise remarks about boy we're not doing too good this week, and I do remember this, I can remember sitting in Pete's office and talking about can't bet in football, basketball and I made the statement I said, Pete why don't you bet baseball. Because I heard him talk about baseball, he knows a lot about baseball and he said, he made the remarks that it was it just wasn't something that he does, to that effect. He did make that statement.

BRI: About when was that?

FRY: It was in '85.

BRI: What time of the year?

FRY: It was at the end of the season.

BRI: End of what season?

FRY: Wait a minute, let me take that back. It could have been at the beginning of the '86 season in the springtime. That's when it was.

BRI: When he made that remark.

FRY: Yeah.

BRI: But you had loaned him the money.

FRY: Wait, let me think here. I'm getting mixed up. It was in October of '85 because the playoffs were going on, OK. And we were, that's what we were commenting on, who likes who, you know, what teams do you like and this and that and Pete, you know, he was making comments, well these guys are hot and I said Pete why don't you bet on them, you know. You know so much about them and he wouldn't do it. He said, no I don't, I don't remember the exact statement that he made. I really don't.

BRI: This was then in the fall of '85.

FRY: Yeah, it was in the fall of '85.

BRI: But he has already borrowed ..

FRY: 17,000 and 30,000

BRI: Before that time?

FRY: No, I don't remember, I don't remember. He borrowed the 17,000 before I made the statement because it

was before the playoffs, I do remember that. And he borrowed the \$30,000 after baseball season was over, when he borrowed the 30,000. Yeah. And by that time, from what I noticed was going on with Gio a lot of heavy betting for football and basket .. football especially, no basketball at that time cause, I don't think the season started yet, but football betting, Pete would bet 2,000 a game.

BRI: Where did this occur?

FRY: This occurred at Gold's Gym. Tommy would come in with a sheet and have it tucked in his sock and be marking it up on Saturday and Sunday. That's all he did, was sit right there in front of the TV and watch the games and talk to Pete.

BRI: And how did, was Pete on the phone or was Pete there with him?

FRY: Yeah. He'd call Pete on phone, call him at his house.

BRI: Did you hear him make calls?

FRY: Sure.

BRI: And what were the calls about?

FRY: The games, the scores, the.. There's no question Pete bet baseball bets or basketball, football. He never bet baseball when I was around him, but the in 1986 see, when we had the falling out with Gio, which we never got to, but I'm getting out of line on your questions, I'm sorry, I ...

BRI: That's all right, go ahead. Let's continue on with the 30,000, the paying back the bet. You loaned it to Pete at Pete's house with Gio, anyone else there?

FRY: No.

BRI: That again, you were told by Gio that it was to pay gambling debts.

FRY: Sure.

BRI: Were you told that Pete?

FRY: You said something that they mentioned that they had a bad time, a bad run or something. Did Pete enter into that conversation?

FRY: Yeah, we definitely, we'd go over there and sit down at his kitchen table, every day we'd go over, and yeah Pete was aware that I knew of his gambling debts and his winnings and his losses.

BRI: And were you paid back the \$30,000?

FRY: Yeah, after we got rid of the car. He owed me 30, well, here's what was supposed to happen. Pete at this time was going to come in as an investor at the club, Gold's Gym, and I was to get my 30,000 back, I was to get another 50,000 for 49% stock of Body Power, Incorporated and we were going to open up some new clubs, OK. And Gio kept talking this up and he strung me along.

BRI: Pete didn't talk about it?

FRY: Pete talked about it. He said he would, he was definitely interested in it as long as long as Tommy was working, then he wanted Dave Rose to get involved in it and I said no, Dave Rose isn't going to get involved in it because Dave Rose knows nothing about the health club business and you know, I will keep control of this company.

BRI: Who's Dave Rose?

FRY: Pete's brother. At that time, Gio continued working at the gym. Spring training came ..

BRI: That was spring training of '86?

FRY: '86, right around that time is when I got paid back my money.

BRI: In cash?

FRY: Yeah.

BRI: And the car came out of your garage?

FRY: Yeah.

BRI: Were you involved in the sale of the car?

FRY: Well I was supposed to have gotten half of the money that Pete made off the car, which I never knew what the final amount was. You know, I was supposed to get my 30,000 plus the half of what he owed me for helping with the car. I never received the money.

BRI: Who bought the car?

FRY: I don't even know. I think a guy in Cincinnati did.

BRI: Alright well listen. Go ahead with

FRY: OK. So Pete went to spring training and Gio continued to work the club. Him and Paul Janszen became friends.

BRI: When did Paul get into this?

FRY: Paul entered the picture, it was in late December, late November, early December '85, Paul Janszen entered the picture. He and Gio started betting football together, they got me involved. I was betting football.

BRI: Did you know Janszen before this?

FRY: Oh yeah, I've known Janszen oh couple of years before that.

BRI: Why, because you're both involved in bodybuilding?



FRY: Weightlifting yeah.

BRI: And Janszen started coming to Gold's Gym?

FRY: Yeah, everyone in Cincinnati who was anybody in weightlifting came to Gold's. And Janszen came and Paul and I were never really that close. We were acquaintances. We had mutual respect for each other. Gio and Janszen started hanging out together. I kind of backed away from, I'm thinking here to make sure I'm getting my time frames correct. No let's continue, Janszen didn't come into the picture yet into the fall of '86. So we continued up to the summer

BRI: Of '86?

FRY: Of '86 from the spring to the summer. I noticed no betting activity through Gioisa at that time.

BRI: You're saying that once football is over, and once basketball is over

FRY: We had a Super Bowl party at Pete's house. That was the year Chicago beat New England. Pete, Gio was on the phone to bookies from Pete's house. Arnie was there, Nets, myself, Gioiosa, a couple of other guys.

BRI: Friends of yours, friends of Pete's?

FRY: Chuck Beyersdoerfer, a guy named Jim Williams, who was working at the club also.

BRI: At Gold's?

FRY: Yeah. Mike, no wait Mike was not there, he was one of the bookies. He was one of the contacts that we were betting through over the phone at Pete's house.

BRI: This was betting on the Super Bowl that we're talking about?

FRY: Yeah.

BRI: Is there another individual you are trying to think that was there...

FRY: Yeah, that was all. Me, Gioisa, Pete, Gioiosa, myself, Chuck Beyersdoerfer, Paul Williams, Tommy's friend from Bedford or where ever it is, his name is Woody ...

BRI: Do you know his last name?

FRY: Yeah, but I can't think of it.

BRI: It could be Richardson?

FRY: Richardson, yeah.

BRI: Did he live ...

FRY: Wayne, Wayne Richardson.

BRI: And they called him Woody?

FRY: Kim. Kim Chapman.

BRI: Did Kim still work at your place at the time?

FRY: At the time, yes.

BRI: And she was also Tommy's girlfriend?

FRY: Yes. I guess that was all that was there. Chuck Beyersdoerfer's wife was there.

BRI: And there was betting on the game?

FRY: Betting on the game, yes.

BRI: And you called or someone called the bookie?

FRY: Yes, Ron Peters and someone from New York.

BRI: Who called the bookies?

FRY: Gioisa.

BRI: And how do you know he called Ron Peters?

FRY: Because I was listening. All you had to do is get Pete's phone records from that time and you'd see calls placed to Franklin and probably to New York.

BRI: And what makes you believe there were calls to a New York bookie?

FRY: Because they were using two different bookies. Because I believe, if I remember correctly, we couldn't get enough bets through the one bookie, so they bet through two bookies at the same time, or something like that.

BRI: You mentioned something about a Cincinnati bookie?

FRY: That was Ron Peters.

BRI: Now did everyone get involved in the betting?

FRY: No, I just bet \$1,000 on the game, for Chicago, I bet Chicago; Gio bet \$1,000 and Pete bet, or he may have I don't know.

BRI: How much did Pete bet?

FRY: I don't know. I have no idea.

BRI: Was Gio handling the telephone and bets?

FRY: Gio was handling the telephone and the bets, yes.

BRI: Was there any discussion about other bettings at that time?

FRY: Ah there was a little stings we were betting. We bet twice. We bet for the first half and the second half. There was 10-1 odds that the Frig Perry would score, get to run the ball and score and we were gonna bet that, but I didn't because I didn't believe he would get the ball, but he did he get the ball and did score. So I was mad about that and you know. Little things like that but that was all the betting.

BRI: Was there discussion of other bettings on other days?

FRY: I can't recall.

BRI: Let's move on then past the Super Bowl. And this was early '86.

FRY: OK. Yeah, that was January of '86. Then Pete went to spring training somewhere in that time frame I was repaid my money. We continued to do our thing at Gold's Gym. I let Gio pretty much have the run of the club. He talked me into firing my mother because she was, that was one of the biggest mistakes I made. She was watching over the club, it's my mother you know and Gio didn't want that.

BRI: Was Gio managing at the time?

FRY: Yeah, he was managing.

BRI: How about the betting activity?

FRY: What about?

BRI: Did that continue into the spring. You still had sports involved in the spring after the Super Bowl?

FRY: No, like I said, I mentioned it, the betting activity at that time, all except for the basketball, I think the basketball betting continued

cause I knew exactly what was being bet on because Gio and I were friends. We would discuss it and he definitely continued to bet on basketball, absolutely.

BRI: That was the spring of '86. Do you still see Pete Rose?

FRY: No, I didn't see Pete after that. I was supposed to go down to Florida, but I didn't.

BRI: You mean Florida for spring training?

FRY: That's my watch. Yes, it was for spring training. We were gonna go down and just hang out for a little bit, but we didn't, we ended up not going.

BRI: Alright, let's move on then, we're in '86 to the summer of '86.

FRY: Summer of '86 betting activity all but stopped as far as I was concerned, as far as I knew. We had at that time just basically continued on the normal business of Gold's Gym. Gio and Kim worked the gym and I you know was there with them.

BRI: You don't remember anybody betting on baseball during the summer of '86?

FRY: No.

BRI: If there were calls from Gold's Gym to Ron Peters in the summer of '86, do you know what the would have been for?

FRY: If there were, I tell you what. In the summer of '86 I do remember I asked Gio, cause this betting thing was new to me, you know, I didn't know much about it, and Gio did make the statement that Ron Peters doesn't even bet baseball. He won't back baseball games. That was statement was made by Gioiosa.

BRI: Just for the?

FRY: And summer of '86.

BRI: OK. Let's move right on. Fall of '86.

FRY: In comes Janszen.

BRI: This is when he starts to workout at Gold's?



FRY: No. Well, he's been working out at Gold's, he just started becoming friends with Tommy. Football season, preseason football started and then the football season started. Tommy got Janszen into betting so at this point, Paul Janszen did not know Ron Peters and they had just met through Gioiosa. I quit hanging around Tommy. I was separated from my wife, you know Tommy kind of led me astray. I was infatuated with Pete Rose and when I first met him and I kind of picked up on the lifestyle and, you know. Girlfriends, running around the bars, I never did, I got away from that in September of '86. I went back with my wife, I tried to put my family back together which I did and Tommy and I just drifted apart because I was trying to become responsible again and he continued in his ways. So I ended up firing Tommy.

BRI: Now Paul Janszen was in the gym?

FRY: Paul Janszen was in the gym.

BRI: He was becoming friends with Tommy.

FRY: Him and Tommy had become friends. Pete Rose, Tommy and Paul become friends. Same scenario. Janszen

started becoming involved with gambling again with Gioisa.

BRI: Not again, but ..

FRY: Not again, but with Gioiosa. I didn't bet at all that year. I quit. I've gotten out of, maybe I did bet myself, but I won \$6,000 and lost it back and quit is what happened to me and that's when I quit.

BRI: This is the fall of '86.

FRY: The fall of '86. Well, Janszen and Gio and Pete became you know, pretty good friends and I stepped out of that situation. Well, when I fired Gio, I, Pete no longer wanted to become involved in the gym and that situation was dead.

BRI: How did you fire Gio?

FRY: He was irresponsible. He was not doing his job. He was not promoting the club. He was not making money and I got tired of all, I got tired of all the things he was doing in the club, the gambling, the using of the phone and I made it stop when I fired him it stopped. If you look at the phone records ...

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BRI: OK continuing on.

FRY: Gio was just irresponsible and I didn't I was not pleased with the money the club was making and what I knew his potential could be and I fired him. I had went up to the Dayton Gold's Gym and started talking with a guy named Paul Hartford, a successful club owner in Dayton and I started implementing his marketing systems and management techniques in the club and we started becoming very successful. We started making money and that's when I kind of washed my hands with that situation with Pete Rose and Tommy Gio and Paul Janszen. You know, I didn't really stay in contact with them. Then all of a sudden, Tommy and Janszen had a falling out. Now, if I remember correctly this happened in the late fall, early winter of December '86. Could have happened after the first of the year. My memory is vague as far as when the falling out happened but they did have a falling out and Gio and Janszen's falling out was due to a situation that occurred in paying the bookie. Janszen had loaned Pete money.

BRI: How do you know that Janszen had loaned Pete money?

FRY: Paul told me.

BRI: Do you know what it was for?

FRY: Oh, it was for gambling. That's the only reason Pete would ever need money is to, see, Pete. I had a theory about all this, I don't know if you're interested in it but my theory is this. That Gio to make himself look good to Pete would go out and make friends, I mean the pattern is very conclusive. You got Stenger, drug dealer. You got me, drug dealer. You got Janszen, dealing drugs. All 3 guys dealing drugs with readily available cash to pay gambling debts with. And Gio recruited us for that. I believe that.

BRI: Then why with the money that Pete Rose makes would he be borrowing money to pay gambling debts? Was that ever mentioned by Gio - that would be a logical questions I would think.

FRY: I think it's a logical question. I think it's an easy question to answer. Reuven Katz is Pete's financial manager from what I understand with the dealings I had with Reuven and what's gonna Pete do, gonna call Reuven and say I need \$30,000 to pay a bookie. Reuven is going to question every financial transaction every monetary transaction that Pete

requests, he's gonna want to know why. And it's gonna look kind of suspicious. It's either gonna look like one of two things, he's either got some kind of bad drug habit, spending 30-40,000 a week or however much he's spending to pay a bookie, or he's gambling. He's either got a drug habit or he's gambling, one of the two. And that's gonna look awful suspicious if Pete's going and pulling cash out of his net worth. I had Pete's, a copy of his financial statement, you know, and he never had a lot of liquid cash. He never had a lot of available cash on him.

BRI: Why did you have his financial statement?

FRY: Because I wanted to see his financial statement before I went into business with him. I wanted to know who I was getting in bed with.

BRI: You mean in making the loans to him or?

FRY: No. When I became, when I was considering to take Pete Rose on as a partner, I wanted to make sure that, you know, I had a 5-year plan to expand Gold's Gym, to a five-club company and I wanted to make sure Pete, you know, he was my major investor and I

wanted to make sure he had the financial will to do that. It looked like to me we did. My lawyer thought we did, so that's how I got Pete's financial statement.

BRI: Let's go to Paul Janszen loaning Pete money. And you say Paul told you that?

FRY: OK, Uh hum (affirmative)

BRI: Did he tell you how much?

FRY: He did, he did mention how much. But I really honestly can't remember the figure.

BRI: And we're probably now around early '87?

FRY: Early '87, Paul started coming up to the club regularly telling me about Gio. He did make the statement, I read in the newspaper where it was \$34,000 or something like that and Gio kept half of it. He did tell me that happened.

BRI: Paul told you that?

FRY: Yeah, Paul told me that.

BRI: Paul was coming back to the club but Gio wasn't?

FRY: No, Gio was not allowed in the club. I banned him out. When him and Kim left they stole a lot of my financial records, see I had a billing system set up where we would bill the members on a monthly basis for their memberships as a dues system and Kim and Tommy stole the records and it locked up my, because they wanted to make sure they would get paid their unemployment. They put me in a finan.. and that's the second time he burnt me and I wasn't going to let him back in the club after that.

BRI: Is that Kim still Tommy's girlfriend?

FRY: Yeah, Kim was still Tommy's girlfriend.

BRI: Did Tommy ever have another girlfriend?

FRY: Yeah. He had 2 girlfriends at the same, 2 girlfriends at the same time. Kim Chapman and a Rose, I forget.

BRI: Does it start with an F?

FRY: It could have.

BRI: Fernbach?

FRY: Fernbach, yeah. Lived in Mount Helen.

BRI: So he has both girlfriends at the same time?

FRY: Yeah.

BRI: And Kim worked at the gym?

FRY: Kim worked at the gym, yeah.

BRI: Alright, so they took your financial records obviously you were not happy with Gio, now Janszen's coming back is he working out at the gym?

FRY: He's working out at the club.

BRI: Is he making any bets, any booking activity?

FRY: Well, here comes the baseball bet. I had a theory about that too, let me explain the story. I walked in the club one day and there's Paul, we had a juice bar. He'd always be sitting at the very end of it. He was going over the baseball. I said Paul and this really hit me because Pete made the statement that he did not bet baseball and Paul was looking at



baseball teams to bet to Peters. And I thought it was odd because Gio told me Peters didn't bet baseball. So I said Paul are those for Pete or are those for you? Some kind of question in that manner, that wasn't exactly the words I'm sure. I cannot remember, I honestly cannot remember what Janszen told me but I do remember the amounts that he told me he was betting and I do remember the statement that Pete would tell him which teams to bet on, which teams are hot, you know, the best. The best teams to bet on.

BRI: Are these National League teams?

FRY: Yes, National League and American League, I believe. I can't remember but I'm almost certain of it. I know they were National League teams he was betting on. I remember he was betting 250-500 a game, depending on how safe a bet he thought it was. Not one time did Janszen ever mention that Pete was involved in it. Now he could have been, but he never made that statement to the effect that Pete was involved in baseball. Other than Pete helped him pick the teams.

BRI: Did you all discuss this more than one time?

FRY: No, we could have but see, you've got to understanding something, I was pretty well fed up with all that garbage going on in my business because it was a negative in my business OK. We had all these guys coming up there, we had a bad reputation for steroids, I was trying to get all that out and make it a family fitness center. OK and I discontinued the betting, I discontinued the phone use, I made the sales offices with 3 little cubicles where you could take the potential members in and sell them memberships. No more phone use, it was off limits and it stopped at that point. Janszen would probably use the phone, the pay phone we had at that point to call Peters. After Gio had left the club, I don't believe there were anymore, there may have been a few calls, there may have been a few calls made to Peters from Paul Janszen before I remodeled the office and made them sales offices, because I had a big desk in there and I let them use the telephone but I don't, I can't say that Pete Rose was betting baseball then. I can say for sure that Janszen was, but Pete - and I can say for sure that Pete was helping Janszen pick the teams, but then I remember Janszen also making the statement that Pete he was having better luck picking the teams than Pete was for the baseball bets. Now, whether Pete was betting, I don't know. I hear that

he is, I've read the papers, that's all I know. He could have been. I know that when Pete bets, he don't bet 500 a game, he bets 1,000. He's got the money. 2,000 a game, I don't think he'd bet \$250 for, I just don't believe that's Pete.

BRI: Would Janszen bet 2,000 a game?

FRY: No. He didn't have the money.

BRI: So if there were bets placed with Ron Peters say for 2,000 a game ...

FRY: You can bet on it, you can almost be assured that it was Pete Rose. I bet 1,000 a game, when I first started betting because I had the money. You know, I had 5-6,000 sitting there and I figured well I can lose it, so I'll bet it. But after I lost it I quit betting.

BRI: And you say Paul Janszen did not have that kind of money?

FRY: No. Paul didn't have that kind of money. Not to bet no 2,000 a game.

BRI: So this time period, we're where

FRY: We're in '87 right now.

BRI: Spring?

FRY: Spring of '87.

BRI: Now let's keep on moving.

FRY: Spring of '87 goes on into June. I got busted June 22nd. Federal agents entered my house and found a kilo of cocaine, 23 lbs. of pot, a semi-automatic 9 millimeter pistol and a silencer, and I was charged as they discovered, also was charged with tax charge for 1985.

BRI: Were you then out on bond?

FRY: No, but I was never really - they just took me down and talked to me at the Federal Building and let me go home that night, they never did keep me.

BRI: And they did a search.

FRY: They searched my house, yes.

BRI: So you continued to operate Gold's Gym for a while after that?

FRY: I continued to operate, I still technically owned the club. I'm in the process, I had signed the stock over to my mother so she could take care of my affairs while I'm in here and my mom runs the club now.

BRI: What happened after June '87, you were busted, did you see any more of Janszen? - or Gio or has he gone out of the picture?

FRY: Yeah, Janszen continued, no Gio, after - he's gone out of the picture.

BRI: And Pete Rose is out of the picture?

FRY: Pete Rose is out of the picture.

BRI: But Janszen continues to be at the gym?

FRY: Janszen and at that time by the summer, by June, Pete Rose and Janszen had a falling out.

BRI: And do you know about that?

FRY: Yeah, that falling out was specifically over money that Pete owed Janszen, wouldn't pay and I never really got any details because by that time I had my own problems you know.

BRI: How did you know it was from money that Pete Rose owed Janszen?

FRY: Paul told me.

BRI: Did he say what he owed him the money for?

FRY: Gambling debt.

BRI: Did you see Paul Janszen involved with gambling from Gold's Gym other than baseball?

FRY: Sure. Football and basketball.

BRI: That would have been before the spring of '87?

FRY: Correct it would have been before the spring. It would have been during the football season of 86-87 football season.

BRI: Did Janszen tell you what type of sports.