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Interviews of Paul Janszen (w/Danita Jo Marcum)

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JANSZEN: I told him today I said.

DALY: Who did you talk to?

JANSZEN: I met with Steve Barnett, Ken Maro, and Jimmy Gentelli, and I said today, I said today is a breeze because I am not I have no repercussions and I said when you tell the truth I am not afraid of that, you know, I wasn't afraid of when I told the truth about a situation over there even though I was looking at doing some time, I wasn't afraid of it, when you get that, when you finally get into that frame of mind, no matter what they write about you, what they do to you, you just come out with it, you at least can walk, I can walk out this door today and feel good about everything.

DOWD: Paul and Kevin, why don't I get some background information from you make sure I got the spelling and and spelling of your name, Paul Jan...

JANSZEN: Janszen.

DOWD: How old are you?

JANSZEN: I am 31, will be 32 in four days.

DOWD: Where you were born and raised?

JANSZEN: I was born in Cincinnati, Ohio. I am a Cincinnati, Cincinnati. I went to Elder High School. I went to University of Cincinnati. I worked as a sales representative for a steel drum company for a few years.

DOWD: Let me have your full name.

MARCUM: Danita

DOWD: Danita, how do you spell that?

MARCUM: Danita Jo

DOWD: Jo, J-o

MARCUM: Yes and then Marcum, M-A-R-C-U-M.

DOWD: Danita, how old are you?

MARCUM: 28.

DOWD: Were you raised in Cincinnati?

MARCUM: Yes.

DOWD: Again, we appreciate your assistance. As I understand it this visit with us is something that is voluntary on your part.

JANSZEN: Yes, sir.

DOWD: And it is your object to give whatever assistance you can to the Commissioner of Baseball.

JANSZEN: When Jayme, the Federal Agent over there, I had told her what I intended to do and she said let me talk to my boss. She called me back and she said would you be willing to. And I said of course, that's why I let her know because I thought eventually the State would call me.

DOWD: Well, Paul why don't you just take it from the top and tell us in your own way what you know and when you get through that, we'll interrupt or ask questions. Is that alright with you?

JANSZEN: Let's see. I guess that dating back to 1986, I trained in a certain gym in Cincinnati alot, Gold's Gym. I was involved in body building. I had not competed anymore, but I still was involved in working out. At the time, there was a guy named Thomas Gioiosa.

DOWD: How do you spell that?

JANSZEN: Gioiosa. He is presently under -- he should be probably indicted within a couple of weeks for some charges. But, he and Pete Rose had become almost inseparable. And, the story that Tommy...he worked at Gold's Gym. The story that Tommy had told me was that sometime in the '70s he was in Florida playing for his High School All-Star Team. He was staying in a hotel down there and he started tossing ball one day with this little boy at the pool. The little boy said, 'do you want to come up and meet my father,' and Tommy said sure. He came up to the room and Pete Rose was in the room. That is how Tommy and Pete Rose met.

DOWD: Did he say where in Florida this took place?

JANSZEN: If he did, I don't remember, and I can only tell you I don't want to sit and speculate things and I don't want to try to second guess or guess things. I just want to tell you what I do actually remember. And it was in Florida, and it was when Pete was down for Spring ball--Spring training. So, Pete and Tommy I guess hit it off. Tommy is the spitting image of Pete Rose when he was younger as far as he's got the cheekbones and, as a matter of fact, over the years in Cincinnati, people would have always asked Tommy is he's Pete's son, and he always said no, but we don't know. But anyway, Tommy and Pete hit it off and Pete invited Tommy to come down for Christmas sometime in the '70's, I can't tell you time, sometime in the '70's. Tommy said he went to Pete's house when he lived in Western Hills and he was still married to his first wife, Carolyn. He went there just to spend the holiday, but wound up moving in. Tommy was from Boston, Massachusetts. They got to be pretty good friends, even though there was a big age difference. Tommy did alot of Pete's errands for him, he washed his car, you know all those kinds of errands. And Tommy spent probably the last in the mid-70's to up until 1987....he spent in Cincinnati. That's how Pete and Tom Gioiosa's relationship evolved.

Getting back to Gold's Gym. I was up at Gold's Gym. Tommy Gioiosa was working there at the front desk. And he would always talk about Pete Rose. And, I had known for years that him and Pete Rose were pretty tight. And I had seen them out and I had seen them in the paper at times, you know pictures taken together. And, at the Gym, I noticed that Tommy was very vocal about making phone calls, placing bets. And this is in 1986. And he was also he's the kind of guy that always brags about winning and losing and money and always carrying big, large sums of money in his sock. And, ver and everybody in the Gym knew Pete Rose bet....everybody in the Gym knew. Tommy made no...never tried to hide it. I used to think, I wonder if Pete knows that Tommy is being so obvious about what Pete is doing.

Well, I never really met Pete then, you know I talked to Tommy and got some autographs through Tommy from Pete, but never met Pete Rose until the last the playoff game, the National League Playoff Game of 1986, when Houston was playing the Mets. During that Series, Tommy got to know me better and invited me to go over Pete's house. I went over there and it was the first time I had met Pete Rose. I had seen him

at the Gym and I had said hi to him and had seen him out, but I never actually shook his hand and said hi, I'm Paul Janszen. Well, I met him over there and watched the baseball game over there with him and Tommy.

And, for the next...that was in September or October, September.....October, November, December of 1986 Tommy started to take me around Pete alot. And, I really never figured out why until later on. And, the reason was Pete wanted always to surround himself with guys that had either had money or could come up with money because he was always getting himself in a bind with one bookie here, one bookie there, and never could pay off on time. Tommy worked me in, you know, taking me over Pete's, giving me a sweat jacket over Pete's house, doing all the things to get a guy really hooked. And, you know when you go over there and you meet Pete for the first time, you are meeting a, you know the quote Superstar, and it does something to a person, it makes them feel like they are something really special, because they are sitting in the house with Pete Rose. So, I went over and I watched with Pete....that time it was during the end of the baseball season and there wasn't much baseball betting going on.

But, then football season came along and we would be over there every Sunday, every single Sunday Tommy would call bets in. I actually started betting. I got up to betting \$500 a game. At the time Pete was betting anywhere from \$2000 to \$4,000 a game on football. Usually, during the baseball, he only bet the Series, I think he was betting \$2,000 a game, but I was not handling any of the betting, so I can't swear to that. I can only say what I remember hearing on the phone as Tommy would call the bets in or as Pete would tell Tommy which teams he liked. We were all sitting in the living room. Just like we are sitting here, the TV is there, the phone is here, and Tommy says, 'Who do you want, Pete?' You know, afternoon football games come up, who do you want, Pete. Tommy would pick the phone up and make a phone call. Tommy also was never reluctant about discussing who the bookie was. The bookie was a gentleman in Franklin, Ohio, named Ron Peters, who also is presently under investigation and will probably will be indicted in the next month or two.

Ron Peters owns a little bar in Franklin, Ohio called Jonathan's. And, I never did meet him up to that point. But, I heard his name come up all the time

when Tommy would, you know say Ron Peters has got thousands of dollars worth, he can cover any of Pete's bets. There was weekends when Pete would loose \$50,000 or \$60,000 on football and there was weekends when he would win. He would never seem to ever win as much as he lost at that period of time. But the loses were nothing like they...what happened when the period that I took care of things for him. He did win good one week and bought his car, bought one of his Porsches with the money... (convertible red Porsche)... with money that he had won one week through the bookie in Franklin, Ohio.

Also, in this period of time, let's see, (I'm bypassing so much)...uh, we're in September, October, November, December (86)...let's talk about that time period. In that time period, I was also invited to go along with Pete and Tommy to the different baseball card shows that Pete was doing, where he was signing the autographs in shows and doing all of that. What I would like to do...we'll talk about the gambling first, and then we can get into the drugs and the other things. In 1986, we went, Danita and myself flew to different cities, Pete seemed to always have a private jet at what airport was that?

MARCUM: Lunken.

JANSZEN: Then we would fly up, it was like Carole, his second wife, and Pete, me and Danita, and Tommy and one of the girls, whoever Tommy was seeing that day. We would all fly up to that city and he would do his card show and he would also come back with a bag full of cash and then he would have enough money to bet for the following week. Although, it never was enough because his gambling was going like this.

I would like, this was taken in New York, this was about what November, December 1986?

MARCUM: Uh hum (affirmative).

JANSZEN: Here you have a picture of Tommy, that's Tommy on the right, myself on the left, that was Pete and Mickey Mantle up in New York, in Brooklyn, New York sometime in November of 1986. That was one of the first card shows that I went to. I may have been to a few before that, but that was one of the bigger ones. You know, I got to meet Mickey Mantle and get a picture with him. So,

Come December, Pete and Tommy, at different times, Pete starts inviting me to his house, without inviting Tommy. Tommy starts finding out about this and he is feeling left out. Tommy spent the last ten years with Pete. Pete invited me to Riverfront Stadium where they had the Wrestlemania and didn't invite Tommy. And so there was some friction that was starting to come into the picture in December of 1986. Tommy really resented it. And, he started to talk bad and negative about Pete. He said, you know, if I, he promised to give me so much money...because evidently Tommy would...at times Pete would have contracts with different companies about signing autographed items, and they would be shipped to his house or whatever. And, Tommy would sign them all, you know Tommy had Pete's signature down perfect. He would do that. Tommy started bringing up how Pete owed him hundreds of thousands of dollars for all these things that were signed by Tommy. And, then he also started to complain, he was tired of loaning Pete money to cover his gambling losses. Tommy said he had a savings of about \$50,000 he kept in a safety deposit box...or he kept in a safe, excuse me, a safe in his house, not a safety deposit box. And, he was tired of going into it and taking money out to pay

the bookie off because Pete...he just, it was impossible for the man to pay on a Monday after a week's betting. He just never had enough money. He used to tell me the reason was he couldn't go to Reuven Katz and ask for it, because Reuven had him on a...maybe so much a month or so much a week. If he went to Reuven, Reuven would find out the extent of his gambling and he also used to tell us keep it....Danita knew everything, she was right there with me I wouldn't keep anything from her. He also would tell us not to say anything to Carole about his gambling...about the amount he was losing, because every time he would lose \$10,000, she would go to the shopping mall and spend \$10,000 to get even with him. So,

We are still in the period of 1986 and these are all the different things and the different ways everybody is thinking in their head up to the point of Christmas 1986. But, still Tommy and Pete had gotten along well enough that Tommy had come over there for Christmas and we exchanged gifts and What happened next? uhm ...Pete and Tommy's relationship kept dwindling and I think basically because Pete found a new friend in me, at least I thought so. It

seemed like he didn't really care to have Tommy around that much anymore. You know how that is, like he had a new little playmate for a while. And, Tommy really...you know we used to go to the track all the time, all three of us together. And then Tommy...you know, this is in November or December of 1986, then Tommy stopped coming over, or he would come over for a couple of races and leave or he would have a bad attitude and he would say something to Pete. So, you could just see it was time before these two no longer cared for each other and that was tough because they had a thing going for ten years. Tommy basically was in the picture for one reason...two reasons: to loan Pete money at times and to cover for Pete when he would have different girls come to town they would stay with Tommy and Pete could always tell Carole, his wife, he was going over to see Tommy and instead he would be with whatever girl came to town that night.

I'm not telling you all these dirty things to try to air all this dirt about him. It just...you have to hear these to understand the story and how everybody was thinking at the time to be able to put the whole picture together after I am done talking with you.

So, it is mid-February 1987, I get a phone call and it's Pete. He says you want to come down, I have rented a house in Florida that we will be staying at for Spring training, and would you like to come down with Danita and spend a couple of weeks. I said sure. I figured he'd call Tommy and ask him to go. Tommy, I talked to Tommy. I didn't tell him that I was asked to go, but I tried to feel him out to see if he was also invited. He didn't say anything. He was not invited. So, I figured well, that's probably why... Pete just doesn't want him around anymore. Maybe Tommy became too dangerous, maybe Tommy's flamboyant lifestyle and his yap...maybe Pete was afraid of that, I don't know.

So, anyway Pete left for Florida in mid-February I think, of 1987 and I have told this story a few times, so our dates are going to be pretty close, pretty accurate. And the situations are pretty darn accurate, pretty close to what actually happened. If there is something I say that sounds...let me know.

Ah, within a few days after Pete had gone to Florida, he called me in Cincinnati and said when are you coming down Paul. I said, damn, Danita, he wants me

to come down. I had just two months earlier quit a job that I had for 13 years and I had not...I told Danita that I was going to sit back for a year and not do anything. I had saved some money up and I was just going to sit back and enjoy life when she told me about when Pete asked me to go to Florida, I told Danita, I said hey, that's great, we'll go down there for a few weeks, it will be a vacation. So, I went to Florida, flew down to Florida. Did he pick us up? Taxi...we took a taxi, met Pete in front of his house, big mansion that he had rented in, where is that, somewhere outside of Tampa. Beautiful house. He met me at the door, he was like a little kid...like his best buddy from, long lost best buddy showed up...you know running me through the house, showing me all the things in the house, the swimming pool and all that. So anyway, we are down there for a week or so, and he suggested, he said, Paul, you don't have to get back for any reason. He said why don't you just stay here the whole time with us. I asked Danita and she said, sure, you know, we were getting along real well. I had never really spent alot of time with Pete, except for the hours in the house watching games, but I had never spent time over night. But, the first week went real smooth and I

got along real well with his little boy, Tyler, and we used to do alot of things with Tyler. Danita and I would babysit Tyler alot, so it was like he was getting a live-in babysitter anyway in us. So, we said sure, we'll stay.

Well, the second week, Pete introduced me to....he started taking me to a track, a racetrack down in Florida called Tampa Bay Downs. And at Tampa Bay Downs, he introduced me to a gentleman named Mario Nunez. Mario Nunez was a maitre d' at the racetrack and a very good friend of Pete's. Basically, just someone that Pete used to run bets on you know whatever sport, or to put his bets in at the track for the horse races. He introduced me to him. We started going to the track everyday after Spring training. Let me ask you this, do you want me to go through all of this like this, or?

DALY: You're doing fine, you're doing real fine.

JANSZEN: I don't want you to be going...

DOWD: You are doing fine. Don't worry about us at all. Just tell it the way you remember.

JANSZEN: Okay. By going to the racetrack, to the horse racetrack, Tampa Bay Downs, several times, we finally met, there finally was a group of guys in there that Pete knew and they knew Pete. A couple of the fellas at the table were named Howard Bernstein and Stevie Cherashore - Chevashore, Chevashore. And I was introduced to both of those, plus the other gentlemen at the table, but I don't remember their names. We went to our own table and Pete told me that Steve was one of those guys that cashed tickets, the big winners, so that you don't, you know, a guy like Pete if he wins \$10,000 he pays whatever 50% taxes, and he let's Steve cash one of his tickets...he makes alot, you know he saves some money that way. Stevie was one of those guys that was a professional ticket casher if you want to call it. But, he also was a connection for a big book operation in New York City. So, I don't know if it was....I don't think it was the first day that I met Steve, but it was a few late, a few times later, I couldn't tell you if it was the next day or two days later, but it was within a week's period that Steve came over to our table. Steve started to talk, Stevie, that's what they call him. And, Pete said hey, I want to you know handle some basketball action, would you take it. Stevie

said let me call my man in New York and see if everything is okay. The next day or that night, or whenever Pete got a call or it was confirmed, and I wasn't there when it was confirmed, but Pete did tell me that everything was okay, we can start betting. And that was the first time that I ever met a bookie. And he basically was just a bookie's friend, or a bookie's runner. It was the basketball...I know basketball was in its, college basketball was into the tournaments. Because I remember watching Notre Dame play I think in '87. But, they were into the tournaments. They had a big screen TV inside the house. Pete had gotten me a number to call Stevie and like sometime during that day, he would call me at the house because he would always...he would go down to Spring training by himself. I hadn't been invited down because see he had a girlfriend down there that he was seeing. And, he would leave early in the morning and see her and then go over and do his thing at the training facility and then afterwards he would maybe you know get a quick lay in with her. And, if I was there it would kind of handcuffed him. So, what he would do is he would ask me to stay at the house or be there at a certain time so he could call me to tell me who he wanted that

night and then I would call Stevie at this number that Pete gave me and put the bets in. Stevie in turn would call his buddies in New York and find out what the lines were. I had to call him back five minutes later, get the lines and then write them all down for Pete and then when Pete came home that night it was all you know -- basically I was just a gofer. At the time...

(END OF TAPE/Tape Malfunctioned)

I'm on a roll now, I feel a little more comfortable now.

DOWD: Good. Go ahead.

JANSZEN: When Pete would get back, it happened every day, there wasn't a day that went by that he didn't call to tell me who he wanted. What he would do is he would get down to the Spring training facility and talk to some of the other guys and figure out who they liked. Maybe run into a sports writer, you know, 'who do you like tonight?' Then, he would call and you see that's how it worked. He kept losing. But, Stevie had said I want to be settled up with

every Monday. That's the rule that the bookie in New York has -- to settle up every Monday, so that Stevie could take the money and Federal Express it to New York. So, Pete loses some money, not a whole lot -- \$10,000 - \$15,000 and come Monday, he tells me, 'Listen just tell Stevie we'll settle up next week, I know how bookies are, don't worry about it. They want you to keep betting, so don't worry.' Well, I tell Stevie this when I call in the bets that Monday night and he is upset. But, sure enough, he keeps taking the bet, 'ahh...it's okay, it's Pete Rose, he's alright.' First, he had to have it okayed and then he said that's okay, they said it's okay, it's Pete Rose he's got enough money. So this went on for three weeks. Finally, Stevie said enough is enough. So, Pete had and did write Stevie a check down in Florida. I think he made it out to Stevie Chevashore, he made it out to me for \$15,000, \$11,000, I don't know, it was in the thousands and it was double digit thousands, and that was cashed down there. Stevie even made the comment, Pete is crazy, you know, him writing a check that could be used as evidence, and Stevie even thought that that check was photographed at the bank when he took it to the bank to cash it.

So, anyway, we had a couple more weeks. I spent almost five to six weeks in Florida...didn't I...six weeks in Florida. So, we had a couple of more weeks that Pete continued to do the same thing, he kept losing. So, the day before we are leaving to go back to...we didn't go straight to Cincinnati, Danita and Pete's wife, Carole, flew back straight to Cincinnati on the team plane. And, I flew in a private plane with Pete, Carl Yazstremski, to Opryland, Nashville, Tennessee where there was a big baseball card show that day because the Reds were playing their last exhibition game against someone in that city of Nashville and there was a card show going on that weekend. So, I flew with Tommy Helms, Pete Rose and Carl Yazstremski in a little private plane to there. But, before we left, Pete gave me another check and I think I cashed that one myself down at the bank. I think it was maybe made out to me...it was made out to me and Howard Bernstein, who was Steve Chevashore's uncle, had a business near the bank and he had it okayed at the bank and so that is how they got the money. So, when we left Florida, there was no money owed to any bookie. And only, the only betting that had gone on at that time was basketball and hockey -- pro hockey, pro hockey, college

basketball, and I think maybe a few pro-basketball games, but it was basically college basketball at that time. Those are the only....

HALLINAN: Two checks are we talking about now?

JANSZEN: Yes, sir.

HALLINAN: Okay. One for anywhere between \$11,000 and \$15,000.

JANSZEN: Yes, sir.

HALLINAN: And the second one for how much?

JANSZEN: I can't tell you how much the second one, I mean I could tell you if I remember, but I don't remember. I also have a tape recording...

DOWD: Do you recall which bank it was drawn on?

JANSZEN: I could take you to it.

DOWD: Was it a Cincinnati bank or a Florida bank? The check was written...Pete Rose's check?

JANSZEN: I think....First National..I can't...I think it was a First National check.

HALLINAN: Maybe as we are talking it may it will come to you.

MARCUM: Pete's bank is First National.

DOWD: Here in Cincinnati?

MARCUM: Uh uh (affirmative).

JANSZEN: A little trivia, I recently hooked up a recorder to my phone and I called some of these people because I knew the day would come and I wanted some things to show you. And I talked to Stevie Chevashore, and he remembered and he talked openly about the check that was written that day from Pete and how Pete was crazy to write a bookie a check direct. But, this won't be the first time he ever did this. This is just, we're just at the tip of the iceberg of this.

But anyway, you have those two people, those two players identified. Howard Bernstein was an older man. He basically had retired, he was living off the interest of money he had in his savings. He went to

the track all the time. His nephew was Steve Chevashore and Howard also was a big gambler.

So, anyway we leave Florida, no one is owed anything. I had been betting, if Pete bet ten games a night, I might bet one or two and I was betting anywhere at that time \$100 to \$200 a game. Stevie always knew, you know I would always say this is for my buddy and then this is my bet. That's how I would always do it. If I liked a team that Pete didn't, and Pete wanted to bet \$4,000 on a game, then I would only put action in for \$3,800 because I was betting against him on the other \$200, you see what I am saying. That way we saved the vigorous on that type of thing. So, Pete and myself go to Nashville. We do the card show, fly back to Cincinnati on Sunday. Didn't we come back on a plane, we didn't drive back did we?

MARCUM: No.

JANSZEN: Flew back, came back Sunday. Sometime during that week, and which would be, I kept records myself of all the betting that went on with Stevie in Florida even after I had come back to Cincinnati and the

betting began on April 7th. It was the first day that we continued betting once we got back to Cincinnati. Pete asked me to continue to call and I said certainly. At that point in time, I would have done anything for him, not because at the time...the fame and the hero had subsided, but I thought he was my friend. I honestly believed, and you all probably have a friend that you believe that he would do anything for you, and I believed the same with Pete -- that he would do anything for me, that he was my friend.

Anyway right now, you can look at these, I would like to have them back. I'll certainly sometime give those to you. I had, they said only two were coming...

JANSZEN: That's fine, that's fine. I don't feel like,... are you cold ..

(CONVERSATION ABOUT THE TEMPERATURE IN THE ROOM)

JANSZEN: These copies were made at the Federal Building, the original notebook is at the Federal Building. But, they were kind enough to make me copies. No betting

of mine is on that paper. My betting was kept separately and amounted to much more than....I mean not more than a couple hundred dollars, a couple games a day.

DOWD: Is that your handwriting?

JANSZEN: Yes sir. There is basketball and then there is also baseball on there -- in my handwriting. Those are all in my handwriting.

DOWD: These bets were placed with Steve?

JANSZEN: These bets were placed at first with Stevie. And, this is where....I want to take my time and make sure this is all understandable. At first with Stevie, for about the first two or three weeks. Then, he said it's getting tiring having to be...you know him having to be at his house...having to call New York, get the lines...having to call me back in Cincinnati. He said you have bet now for three weeks since you have been home. Everything is okay. No, not even three weeks, ten days, everything is okay, the man in New York said you can call him direct. He said his name in New York is Val, never had a last

name. The Federal agents tell me that is not his name. But, Stevie called him Val and I called him up. This maybe started, if we started our betting on 4/7/87, direct betting with Val began maybe on 4/17/88, and the only reason that was done was to save phone calls because Stevie said he was accumulating a pretty good size phone bill and he was not being reimbursed on his phone calls.

HALLINAN: You said 4/17/88, did you mean 4/17/87?

JANSZEN: I'm sorry 4/17/87. Our time period right now is April, May, June of 1987. There is basketball and then of course there is baseball on there. Probably within....

DOWD: Let me ask you a question. He is betting \$2,000 for Chicago to win in basketball, is that what that means?

JANSZEN: He was betting \$2,000, at that time he was betting \$2,000 on any game. It was understood he never had to say it over the phone, whatever team he gave me, two dimes or two thousand dollars. On basketball, the way it worked is if you bet \$2,000 and you won,

you won \$2,000; if you bet \$2,000 and you lost, you lost \$2,000 plus 10%, you would lose \$2,200.

HALLINAN: You take it on the losing end.

JANSZEN: Yes sir. On the baseball, that was a money line which I don't think Pete understood. I think this was the first time period where Pete started to bet baseball, except for that Series, back the year previous. Because he was unsure...he would scribble down and try to figure out how the money line worked on baseball...which worked as if the Reds played the Astros and the Reds were the favorite...the Reds would be say a 6-7, a 6-7 line. A 6-7 meant if you bet \$2,000 on the Reds and you won, since the Reds were the favorite team you would only win what you bet. If you bet \$2,000 on the underdog and lost, you would only lose \$2,000. The money line came into play if you would bet \$2,000 on the Reds, the favorite, and lose, the Reds were, since the number was a 7, you would lose on \$2,000, you would lose \$2,800. I only know how to do it by the numbers, I don't know how it is computed. If you bet on the underdog and they won, then you would win more than the \$2,000. So that is the only way the \$2,000 would

differ, if you bet on a favorite and lost or if you bet on an underdog and won.

Pete always bet the Reds, he never bet against the Reds, but he always bet the Reds, every game. After three to four weeks of this betting process, I suggested to Pete since he was calling from the Clubhouses that instead of telling...just naming the teams over the phone, he better come up with a different way. And, Danita suggested that we assign numbers, come up with two index cards, assign numbers to the different teams and then when he called he could just give me a number over the phone. Well he assigned the Cincinnati Reds number 1. And, I remember the 26th team was Seattle. I don't remember any of the other teams. But, I do remember the 1 and number 26 because he used the 1 all the time and Seattle at that time was terrible and he never ever used 26.

DOWD: Paul, take 4-7 basketball, these names, tell me what this all means to you.

JANSZEN: On 4-7 basketball, that means who ever Chicago played that night, because I didn't put the team down that

they played, but he bet Chicago, the Bulls, to win and they won. The "W" stands for they won that night. He won \$2,000 on that game.

DOWD: So, this is the result after the game.

JANSZEN: This is the results on the left and the right is the result of the money figure. Then after the parenthesis here that's what he was up or down that night in that given sport. Like, after 4-7 after the game, basketball games were played on 4-7, he lost \$400.

HALLINAN: Question. Initially, when you got the bets, you wrote the date, and you wrote his selections

JANSZEN: Yes, sir.

HALLINAN: Is that correct?

JANSZEN: Yes, sir.

HALLINAN: OK. Then, when the results were in, you put a win or a loss next to the team.

JANSZEN: Yes, sir.

HALLINAN: And, the amount that...his final balance.

JANSZEN: Right. Exactly, I had....

DOWD: In other words, that was done contemporaneously, at the time that it occurred...on this piece of paper.

JANSZEN: Well, what happened, sometimes if I didn't have this with me, I would scratch it down on a separate piece of paper and then put it on this when I came home so that I needed records of all...I wanted records of all of this...just so I could go back to Pete and say this is what you lost and this is how much. I never wanted him to come to me and say, Paul, I didn't lose that much. So, that is why it was done. But, I never carried this with me say if I was out having dinner with her one night and I got a score, I called the scoreline, the 50 cent scoreline, the FBI has stacks every month like this....hundreds of dollars worth of 50 cent calls keeping up with his scores.

DOWD: So, within 24 hours it was recorded.

JANSZEN: Certainly, oh certainly. Before 24 hours, within...by midnight, except if it was a late game, by midnight this was filled out and I was praying that he would not lose any more money because he couldn't come up with any. I was praying that it would not happen again because he was putting me in a bad situation with the bookie, calling up threatening me....I mean I sat there and pleaded with him, let it go, stop. Well, now we are getting into my feelings, anyway.

Then on 4-7, that's the basketball result and then 4-7 is the baseball result. I kept them pretty basic that I could put it in front of him at any time and show him, he never would question what he won or lost. You know, I didn't have the money if he came back to me and said I only lost \$10,000 that night, not \$15,000. I didn't have the \$5,000 to throw up.

HALLINAN: During the time that you would write this report, well this is a balance sheet, was there anybody besides Danita, or was there anybody else around at this time, or where did this happen?

JANSZEN: It was never laid in front of him every night. As a matter of fact, there was nights that when, days that

went by that he called in that we never discussed what he lost the night before. He would just say, yeah I took a bath last night, we'll get him tonight. There were times when a whole week would go by when he did not even know what his figure was at the end of the week. At first it didn't bother me, only until I realized that the man did not have the money that I thought he had, did it start to scare me. That he was like a runaway locomotive and that he did not have the money to be able to handle this. I had seen it during 1986 with Tommy Gioiosa. I had seen Tommy give Pete money to pay off debts back then. I had seen it. Tommy would always say, well he's in a bind right now. So, you know, you don't know....you really don't know if it's really that or Tommy is doing something else and since I wasn't firsthand there...you don't know unless you are the one doing it, you don't know. There were times in '86 when Tommy would tell me, if Pete asks, you loaned me the money to give to him because if Pete thinks it's your money Paul, he will give it back to me as soon as he can. If Pete thinks it's my money, that's Tommy talking, I may not see it for a month or two. So there were a couple of times when I would see Pete in 1986 during the football season where he

would say, hey thanks Paul, thanks for that 10 grand, thanks for the 15 thousand. Or, there was a couple of times when we met and had lunch at Perkins on Northbend Road and he came in and would hand me a stack of \$10,000 brand new bills, and say hey, thanks for helping me out.

MARCUM: Bob Evans.

JANSZEN: Bob Evans, I'm sorry, not Perkins...Bob Evans. But anyway, getting back to 1987, was there anyone that seen me put this down...I covered for him very well. I covered for Pete very well. Pete did not think of covering for himself well at all. If I wasn't around, Pete would have probably already dug himself a nice size grave right now. He thought nothing of calling from the Clubhouse. I told him not to do that, to get somebody to run up to a pay phone at the stadiums he was at. He would talk about his gambling in front of alot of people. And, his answer to that always was, 'they can't get me.' He put himself above everything. They can't get me, what have they got, what are they going to prove, how are they going to prove it.

So, anyway, we were beginning to bet on April 7th, and it is now a few weeks later and we were now calling bets directly in to Val in New York. Pete calls my house at five til seven every night. Because there are some games at 7:05 and some at 7:35. Only when he really wanted to bet Atlanta, he really had a good feeling about the team that Atlanta was playing, would he call me early and try to get a hold of me so I could call an early game in. Because sometimes Atlanta was playing 5:35 games, 6:35 games. But, it never failed for those three to four weeks in April that I would get a call at five til seven and he would call in and tell me who he wanted. After a few weeks, we were using the index card system, 'Paul, I want these numbers 1, 7, 9, 10, 12,' and I would go ahead and call those in. It got tiring on some occasions and I got stuck in traffic and when I wasn't there, tell them what you did.

MARCUM: I would talk to Pete and find out who he wanted. At times, he would, I would call the bookie at 6 o'clock right around 6:00 or 6:30 and find out what the line is. I would have it, Pete would call me, Pete would give me the numbers that he wanted, then I would call the bookie in New York, Val, and then I would put

Pete's bets in and I would tell him. Every time I called in it was always two dimes on everything he bet.

JANSZEN: He never had to say that with me because I knew it was understanding, but I think when he got Danita on about ten occasions, he wanted to make sure she knew to never say \$2,000, just tell the bookie two dimes, he will know what I am talking about. Because, when I'd get home, I would have to double check everything to make sure. I would say, 'Danita are you sure this is what Pete said, he wanted this team, and this team, and this team.' And, so anyway....

DOWD: Danita, do you remember any bets on the Reds?

MARCUM: Yes. Because when I was taking bets it was in baseball because I would have to call down at the Stadium or he would call me back, one of the two. He took, he always took Cincinnati, never bet against them, the team they were playing. But, he always did take the Cincinnati team. Then, sometimes, he would want to know...I would have to call him back because he would want to know what the line was on a certain team to make sure it wasn't too much either way.

HALLINAN: Did Pete ever say to either one of you that I have a sure thing, this has gotta be, this is gonna win. Did he ever give you any indication that he had something that was a lock?

JANSZEN: What he did was, and I know because during these four weeks, there were times, this went up to let me see...I want to try to get my time period here....4/21, 22..about a month here when we started betting with Peters. During this say middle of April, Pete would start calling maybe once a week if they were playing say in a city like New York, Philadelphia, you know a city close by, he would tell me to hop on a plane, that he had, he had the Reds already had paid a suite for me. What he would do is he would have Marge get him two suites next to each other, and tell Marge that he needed the room.

DOWD: Who is Marge?

JANSZEN: Schott. Marge Schott. And, he would have me come up there. I mean I would pay, pay for the ticket, the room was already paid for and he could put all the meals on the Reds. And once I was up there, then he

had his little buddy with him all day long. So, he would take me down to the Clubhouse and all the guys got to know me...all of them. And, they always probably wondered what is the guy doing coming into the Clubhouse and hanging out all day long and going to the pay phone all the time. Well, when I was with him all day long, he could sit in the Clubhouse and, depending on what city it was, he didn't like to do it in New York because he said New York's phones were being tapped and he was under investigation up there for gambling. But, there is different cities that he knew the phones were safe. And, he would call up different managers and ask them how certain pitcher's arms were and if they were going to play certain players that night, and try to get as much information as he could about a game so then he could go ahead and either bet the game or not bet the game. Only one time in the whole period of time did he not bet the Reds, he just didn't bet at all, he did not bet against them, but he just didn't bet at all. Because, I think maybe Soto, Mario Soto, was pitching and he was really upset with him and didn't like the way he was pitching or didn't like the way he looked at the warm-up. But, he had talked to...I think at one time he...I don't want to swear to this,

but I thought he had called maybe Sparky up one time to find out how Jack Clark's arm was or shoulder was--not Jack Clark--the pitcher, Jack Morris--some pitcher in Detroit to see how he was doing one game you know.

But anyway, as far as getting any....that was the only way he would ever get any extra help as far as what to pick. He did say to me and this is you know...he did say this to me, you can believe it or you can do whatever you want with it, but he did say to me once he said, 'you know, if I had enough money riding on a game, I'd think about throwing the game.' He said, there are a lot of easy ways to do it. He said, 'Hell, Paul, hell I could pinch hit a guy at the wrong... or pinch or hit and run at the wrong time, I could have a guy bunt at the wrong time.' You know, basically acted just... about gambling he was very cocky. He never thought he could get touched. I'm trying to think about when Mike Bertolini came into the picture as far as....

DALY: Paul, he would bet on every time the Reds played?

JANSZEN: Every time but one time during the period of time say two months.

DALY: Main goal... (??)

JANSZEN: Yes, sir. These sheets that I kept, these sheets that I kept here only included the bookie in New York named Val. And the total at the very end was what he lost within a month's period of time, which was, what was the figure down there?

DALY The second page ..67,9.

JANSZEN: Ah, right. At this period of time, which lasted...went from 4/7/87 until 5/12/87. I'm sorry 5/13/87, Pete had lost \$67,900. Of that \$67,900, he had given me bits and pieces of money over that period of time. I also had gone to my safety deposit box and withdrew and borrowed from other people about 20 some thousand dollars, 30 some thousand dollars to help him pay off this debt. I rode with him to the airport one day during this period of time here, when he was going away for 10 or 11 days on one of the longest road trips the Reds had that year. And, I said, Pete, I said, you are down a lot of money. I said the bookie is driving me crazy. We didn't discuss this, but when he started to go down hill here, I was sending bits and pieces of my own money

to keep the bookie happy. Pete kept promising me, 'Paul don't worry I'll get you some stew, don't worry, you know, I'll have some in a couple of months, things are tight right now, you know, tell the bookie, hey don't worry about it.' So, I did it, and every time I went to my safety deposit box and took \$10,000 out or \$15,000 out -- she begged me not to. Don't do it, I heard Pete does not like to pay his debts. And, I said, Danita, I don't have to worry about Pete Rose. I said Pete Rose...that is the last person in the world I have to worry about. So, anyway he paid partial...paid part of it back. And, he still has a balance with me that I loaned him to take care of this. I did not want the guy in New York to come to Cincinnati after him. I did not want the guy in New York to start a big stink and have it come out in the paper that Pete Rose was betting baseball. I was thinking all the time. Pete Rose was not thinking about anything. He didn't worry about where the next bit of money was going to come from to pay for this stuff. All he knew was he had a sucker as a friend who is willing to put himself on the line for him. And, he did. Anyway,

MARCUM: The balance on the book...(??)

JANSZEN: Anyway,

DOWD: Did you stop keeping this notebook?

JANSZEN: Please.

DOWD: Did you stop keeping this notebook?

JANSZEN: No sir. The last time Pete bet with this bookie, with this bookie here, Val in New York, through me, Paul Janszen, was on May 13th. He still had a balance with the man of \$10,900. That's what was still owed to the bookie in New York. The bookie by this time was furious. He had been getting bits and pieces of money. He was so tired of all the phone calls to Paul Janszen, where is my money, what is wrong with that guy. What's wrong. He never said Pete over the phone it was a set up ahead of time...never...just say my buddy, your buddy....

(CONVERSATION ABOUT THE TEMPERATURE IN THE ROOM)

(END OF TAPE)

DALY: Do you want to just set this here?

JANSZEN: That's fine...I'll hold it.

DOWD: Okay, go ahead.

JANSZEN: By this time, the bookie in New York had become pretty damn tired of calling up every day saying where's my balance, where's my balance, even it was only \$2,000. He was sick and tired of it. So, one night, one day, he called me and he said...did Val call me, did he have my number too?

MARCUM: Uh um.

JANSZEN: Because I thought he called me and told me that he was not taking anymore action until my buddy, meaning Pete, settled up the balance, \$10,900. Well, that night Pete called from out of town and gave me some teams. I said Pete, he is not going to take them, he said he's not.... Don't worry about it, he'll take them, just give him the teams. Well, I called him up and he said, 'I said no.' I said okay. Pete wound up winning almost five out of six or six out of seven games that night. It is the first time I can remember him winning. Pete called me the next day, 'Hey, I cleaned up last night.' I said no, you

didn't, I told you he wasn't going to take them. He said, 'Fuck the bookie, if he is going to treat me like a child, then the hell with him I am not going to pay him what I owe him. Because if I would have won last night, if I would have got the bets in, I would be up now.' I said that's not the way it works, the guy tells you he is not going to take any more and you think that you can push everybody like that. Well, Pete was furious. He is not going to pay him no more. So staying with this story for now, for the next month I am getting a hundred phone calls...that's an exaggeration....twenty phone calls a day from the bookie, Stevie from Florida, what did you do to me? I trusted you. What's wrong with that guy up there? I said hey, Stevie, I don't know what to tell you. I still didn't want to put Pete in the middle and say Pete just said screw you guys.

So, it's a month later. I had my phone number changed. Pete gets a phone call at his house. I am over there watching TV. I am always over there. I am over there ten hours a day. It is Stevie from Florida, Pete what are you doing to me. Pete said what do you mean. Well, the balance you know. Pete said, ahh, Stevie, Paul must have been betting using

my name. He talked to Stevie a little more, got off the phone, laughed. Don't worry about it Paul, Stevie is afraid of you. Danita was sitting there, she heard it. Don't worry the bookie is afraid of you Paul. And, like an asshole, I said whatever Pete, buddy,..that's and I said...I accepted it — it was fine. We never heard from him again. No, we did hear from him one more time. A month later, my mother says she gets a phone call from some guy in Florida that is going to kill me. She said Stevie and here is a number. At that time, he did not have my new number. Pete had already gotten himself off the hook. I called Stevie up and I said Stevie... that's all I said to him...if you ever call my parent's house again, I'll go to the FBI. And, that was the last time up until a year, just recently, that I talked to Stevie Chevashore.

Getting back to coming up from Nashville, beginning the '87 baseball season, I was not the only one that was putting bets in on baseball teams for Pete Rose. Pete had befriended a guy out of New York named Michael Bertolini. Michael Bertolini was a heavy set guy who was a photographer and handled setting up most of Pete Rose's baseball card shows for him.

Pete was betting \$2,000 a game with me. He was also betting between \$2,000 and \$4,000 a game with Mike.

HALLINAN: Michael Bertolini, what time frame does he come into this?

JANSZEN: The same time, same period as April, May, June 1987.

HALLINAN: Same time about when you are coming back from Florida I guess.

JANSZEN: After I had been back from Florida. The same time that I was calling in bets to Florida, via Florida New York, and then directly to New York, Pete was also doubling up on betting with the guy in New York so he could play it....basically the way you play is if you are losing both ways at least you are not down \$200,000 with one guy. Within a three month period of time, Pete Rose was in debt over \$400,000 to the bookie in New York via Mike Bertolini on baseball betting alone.

DOWD: How do you know that?

JANSZEN: Mike Bertolini told me. I tape recorded his phone conversation and the Feds have it. I also taped the

phone conversation just recently where Mike Bertolini says, I don't know what you are talking about Paul, what betting, I'd die for Pete Rose. Mike Bertolini had heard that I had gotten myself in trouble down here and I am sure Pete and him discussed not talking to me. But, at that time period, Pete had got himself in debt that much with the guys in New York. And, when they had to go to New York and play a baseball game, he was scared to death to go up there because he was afraid they would come into the Clubhouse, but they never did. I saw Mike make phone calls from Pete's house, calling the bookie. I never seen, I never heard from the bookie, the amount that Pete owed, I sat in Pete's house and watched him tell Mike to call in these bets, just as he gave me the bets if I was at his house or if I was at the Clubhouse with him or it was in the middle afternoon and we were over Pete's because Mike Bertolini was there alot and Pete hadn't left the stadium yet. At times, Pete did not even know the baseball lines. If he had a good feeling or when the Philadelphia Phillies were on a losing streak, he kept betting them every game. They lost I think 10 or 13 in a row in 1987. He would bet them every time....boom, boom, boom. He didn't even know the line, even though they

were a big underdog, he didn't know the line. But, they do have a tape of me discussing with Mike Bertolini that Pete still owed me, Paul Janszen, money and Mike Bertolini was saying, hell, what he owes you is nothing compared to what he owes me. How Pete tried to resolve the money situation with Mike Bertolini is, he took a loan out from Mike Bertolini in 1987. I don't know how they worked it out as far as making payments, all I know is they went to the bank at, where?

MARCUM: Fifth Third out in Evendale.

JANSZEN: It was the Fifth Third Bank in Evendale where Pete co-signed for a loan for Mike Bertolini to try to pay some of this. Pete was in debt that much money. Mike Bertolini said he spent over \$100,000 he had saved up from all these baseball card shows that he set up as a promoter, he spent over a \$100,000 of his own money paying off, just like I paid off, his betting with the other man in New York. I don't know if they even knew each other, those two bookies in New York, for all I know they could have been the same. But, I don't know. I am just telling what I remember, what I have seen with my own eyes, what I have heard with my own ears.

We are in the Summer of '87 and Pete's making alot of promises. He's saying he will get money together soon. He kept promising me, along with Mike, as soon as he sold the bat that he broke Ty Cobb's record with, he would have enough money to pay us off. He said that he had a realtor, the same gentleman that bought his Corvette that Marge Schott gave him the night he broke Cobb's record. That he had this man agree to pay him a 1/4 of a million or \$200,000 for the bat, and that the payments would be made by check of under \$9,000 a check so that it could never be traced by the IRS. These checks would then be in turn cashed at River Downs, Pete would never have to claim any of it. He would use part of that money to pay me back the money he borrowed from me and some of the money he borrowed from Mike Bertolini because of course the money for the bat could not have paid for all the money he still owed Mike Bertolini or the bookie via Mike Bertolini. Well, I remember meeting the man and his two sons came over and picked the bat up in December of 1987. Never was it mentioned again, 'Paul I have some money for you.' And, when the subject did come up, Pete when are you going to get me some money. He would give me \$500 or \$1,000 and say hey can this hold you over, man my wife's