

COUNTY COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK
COUNTY OF NASSAU

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THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK,
FRIEDMAN

-- against --

JESSE FRIEDMAN,

Defendant.

AFFIDAVIT OF
RON GEORGALIS

Indictment Nos.
67104, 67430, 69783

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RON GEORGALIS hereby swears, under penalties of perjury, that the following is true and correct:

1. I am twenty-seven years old. I am currently a third-year student of anthropology at Florida State University in Tallahassee, Florida. I am now working on my master's thesis and expect to have completed my Master of Arts degree by the end of Spring 2004 semester.

2. I grew up at 16 North Road in Great Neck, NY. During the years 1985 and 1986, when I was nine years old, I was enrolled in the computer classes taught in the Friedman home at 17 Piccadilly Road. I was enrolled in the course for one term of approximately ten classroom sessions and then re-enrolled of my own volition and without hesitation for another such term. I fondly remember those Wednesday afternoon classes as both an opportunity to see my friends, J ____ L ____ and E ____ A _____. When my mother asked me if I would like to re-enroll for a third term, I declined because I felt that I was not a serious enough computer student for the classes, while a pleasant escape from the tedium of schoolwork, to have remained worthwhile. My mother also

attended adult education computing classes in the Friedman home, which she thoroughly enjoyed.

3. My memories of the computer classes themselves are overwhelmingly positive. Classes typically began with playing computer games for fun. To my knowledge, games with pornographic content, such as the game "Stroker" which was depicted in "Capturing the Friedmans," were at no time present in the classroom setting. The only game in which I recall any type of group involvement was "Eliza," a game where the computer essentially provided psychological counseling in response to one's input. Allegations of sexual group activities, such as the game "Leap Frog", also mentioned in the film, are patently ridiculous. Arnold Freidman conducted the classes, teaching the BASIC computer language and the fundamentals of designing simple program. Jesse Friedman was there to provide assistance and presumably to also learn computer skills from his father.

4. I never witnesses Jesse touching any of the children, inappropriately or otherwise. I do not remember ever meeting either of the other Friedman sons or Jesse's friend, Ross Goldstein. The only other student not already mentioned whom I recall being in any of my classes was D____ F____, who seemed to be something of a prodigy in computing.

5. During the investigation of Arnold and Jesse Friedman, the Nassau County Police Sex Crimes Unit visited our home twice. To the best of my recollection, it was during the first of these visits that both Detective Galasso and Detective Hatch questioned me in the dining alcove of our kitchen about my experiences in the classes. I told them that nothing happened to me. I remember vividly being taken into our

computer room alone with Detective Hatch, where he showed me the computer program, "Jerky Mouse," confiscated from the Friedman home. The program, which he told me had been confiscated from the Friedman home, consisted of a cartoon mouse masturbating. I told him that I had not ever seen it before. The detectives seemed to give up and leave. The second visit was made by Galasso alone. I remember extremely well that she spoke to my parents in the kitchen with the louver doors closed to keep me from hearing them. I eavesdropped through the doors and recalled her telling my parents authoritatively that I had been both sodomized and forced to engage in oral sex with Arnold and that he had admitted in a jailhouse confession that I "was his personal favorite." I do not remember being given any opportunity to counter this charge and deny that anything of the sort had taken place.

6. I can also confirm that the identity of the individual with the e-mail account and screen name "NoleDreamer" is J___ L___ (formerly J___ M____.)

7. In conclusion, I can state without reservation that I did not experience any form of abuse, sexual or otherwise, during the Friedmans' computer classes at 17 Piccadilly Road, nor did I witness any other children being abused.

RON GEORGALIS

Sworn before me this 30th
day of December 2003.

Notary Public