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A glimpse of Susan Berkovitz's erratic behavior

Police reports, court records and government correspondence give a glimpse of Susan Berkovitz's erratic behavior:

Dec. 8, 1993 -- St. Paul police report: Berkovitz gets in a confrontation with a clerk at closing time at the St. Vincent de Paul Thrift shop on W. 7th St. She said a clerk teased her for wearing a short skirt before they quarreled over the price of toys valued at \$1.75. "After listening to her story I told her that while the experience was upsetting to her, it probably did not rise to the level where a crime had been committed," the officer wrote. "Berkovitz would not concede."

May 31, 1996 -- St. Paul police report: Berkovitz called Joe Sensor's bar in Roseville 20 times demanding an explanation for why they were throwing a party for a seriously ill boy who went on a Make-a-Wish trip to Alaska to hunt a bear.

July 6, 2000 -- Letter from Robert Berkovitz in Arizona to Ramsey County authorities, responding to a restraining order she requested against her brother: "Because of Susan's erratic and unpredictable behavior, and the fact that she can verbally offend complete strangers, I was uncomfortable having her attend [my daughter's wedding reception]. She was upset at this and this was the basis for this whole conflict."

July 20, 2000 -- St. Paul police report: Berkovitz calls police to report a hot dog stand was being unloaded from a van downtown in a crosswalk, forcing her to walk out into the street where she might be hit by passing traffic. "It should be noted that [Berkovitz] was in tears and extremely upset."

Sept. 7, 2000 -- Affidavit for a harassment restraining order from Anna Berkovitz, Susan's mother: "Susan's behavior can be very intimidating. She threatened to take 'everyone' to court. I told Susan that she wasn't welcome; that she had caused too much trouble for us."

Nov. 11, 2000 -- St. Paul police report: Berkovitz, working as a file clerk at Gillette Hospital, accuses a former co-worker from the Consecro Finance file room of calling twice to say: "Hey Susan, you better watch your back."

March 17, 2002 -- St. Paul police report: Berkovitz calls police to say a woman tried to block her exit from a McDonald's breakfast line on Snelling and University Avs., followed her outside to the bus stop and punched her in the face. "I did not observe any visible marks," the officer wrote, adding that Berkovitz is "very concerned, frightened and very persistent on finding her suspect."

April 30, 2002 -- Affidavit for a harassment restraining order from Shelley Joseph-Kordell: "Susan leaves long hateful telephone messages (often lasting 20 minutes or more. . . . Susan's behavior is very upsetting to myself."

Sept. 24, 2003 -- Letter to Berkovitz from St. Paul Library Director Gina La Force: "You are banned from ALL agencies of the St. Paul Public Library for six months . . . because of the following reasons: Verbal abuse of the library staff; interfering with the free passage of others; behaving in a disorderly, loud or disruptive manner."

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