



Food and Drug Administration  
OFFICE OF CRIMINAL INVESTIGATIONS  
MEMORANDUM OF INTERVIEW

CASE NUMBER: 2005-MWM-715-0153  
CASE TITLE: ALBERT POET  
DOCUMENT NUMBER: 87061  
PERSON INTERVIEWED: SUSAN E [REDACTED]  
PLACE OF INTERVIEW: MANAHAWKIN, NEW JERSEY  
DATE OF INTERVIEW: 07/12/2005  
TIME OF INTERVIEW: 9:00 AM  
INTERVIEWED BY: SAs GLEN MCELRAVY and MARC HESS

**OTHER PERSONS PRESENT:**

SUSAN E [REDACTED] was contacted at the Stafford Township Police Department, Manahawkin, New Jersey (NJ). After being advised of the identities of the interviewing agents and the nature of the interview E [REDACTED] provided the following information.

E [REDACTED] has known Dr. ALBERT POET for approximately twelve years. She first met him when she brought her son to his practice for ear surgery. E [REDACTED] husband is also a doctor and they know POET casually as another local doctor. In or about 2003 E [REDACTED] asked POET whether he does Botox treatments. Poet replied that he did that type of treatment. E [REDACTED] did not recall POET utilizing the word "Botox". POET provided E [REDACTED] with an extensive discussion of the advantages and disadvantages of such treatments, including possible side effects such as facial paralysis and anaphylactic shock.

E [REDACTED] received Botox treatments every 3 or 4 months from POET at his Manahawkin office from in or about August 2003 to February 2005. E [REDACTED] never received Botox or other Botulinum Toxin treatments from any other doctor.

There was always an assistant present when POET would administer "Botox" treatments. Several different assistants were present on various occasions. Only POET handled the syringe and medical equipment. POET indicated that he sometimes added various substances to the aqueous solution. POET possibly indicated that he sometimes added Lidocane to the aqueous solution.

E [REDACTED] paid for the treatments by check and did not ask for a receipt. E [REDACTED] was charged a discounted price of approximately \$200.00 per visit by POET as a "professional courtesy" because her husband was also a doctor.

E [REDACTED] did execute a consent form with POET, but did not remember whether it was for Botox or another procedure such as laser, which she also received.

E [REDACTED] heard POET refer to the drug with which he was treating her as both Botox and Botulinum Toxin. E [REDACTED] therefore assumed that POET was utilizing Botox or an equivalent brand. It never occurred to E [REDACTED] that POET would treat her with a drug that was not FDA approved. E [REDACTED] trusts POET as a doctor so she assumed that any drug with which he would treat her would be safe.

If E [REDACTED] had been advised that POET intended to treat her with a non-FDA approved drug she would have asked POET many questions about the drug, but if POET finally advised her that it was safe she would have utilized it because she trusted and continues to trust POET.

E [REDACTED] advised that she believes that FDA approval is not necessarily of vital importance for the safety of a particular drug because there are many drugs which are not yet FDA approved but are approved in Europe and have FDA approval pending. E [REDACTED] speculated that any non-FDA approved drug with which POET treated her was probably one such drug.

By interview and observation the following descriptive data was obtained:

NAME: SUSAN E [REDACTED]  
SEX: [REDACTED]  
DOB: [REDACTED]  
RACE: [REDACTED]  
SSN: [REDACTED]  
NJDL: [REDACTED]  
HEIGHT: [REDACTED]  
HAIR/E: [REDACTED]  
RESIDE: [REDACTED]  
BEACH: [REDACTED]  
TELEPH: [REDACTED]

<b>NAME-TITLE</b> _____	<b>NAME-TITLE</b> _____
Marc Hess, Special Agent	Glen McElravy, Special Agent
<b>DATE</b> 08/03/2005	<b>DATE</b> 08/03/2005

**APPROVED:** \_\_\_\_\_  
Kim Rice, Special Agent in Charge  
**DATE:** 08/10/2005

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