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That's about all I can think of.

I can't say I can ever remember doing anything like that.

I would say the answer is no.

I don't do things like that.

Why would I do anything like that?

(Rudacille, 1994)

Polygraph Vs Independent Corroboration

N = 100

	Polygraph	Independent Corroboration
Fail	52	94.2%
Pass	48	72.9%

(Rudacille, 1994)

Evasive Answers

	N	Evasions
Pass	48	48
Fail	52	322

(Rudacille, 1994)

Deceptive Persons

6 x

As Many Evasive Answers

Evasive Answers by Type of Question

	Relevant	Not Relevant
	%	%
Deceptive	95	5
Truth	20	80

(Rudacille, 1994)

Spontaneous Denial

Truthful	85%
Deceptive	7.7%

(Rudacille, 1994)

Repetition of Questions

Number of Times Asked	Deceptive	Not Deceptive
	%	%
2	71	15
3	54	0
4	6	0

(Rudacille, 1994)

Types of Evasive Answers

- 1. Unfinished business**
- 2. "I can't" or "I won't"**
- 3. "I would say"**
- 4. "That's a hard question."**
- 5. Objecting to the question**
- 6. Nonreflective denial**
- 7. Maintenance of dignity**

Types of Evasive Answers

- 8. Asking a question**
- 9. Projection**
- 10. No proof**
- 11. Accusations**
- 12. "The answer is . . ."**
- 13. "Are you asking me?"**

(Rudacille, 1994)

"The first one he was insinuating that I had done it before. I just went, 'this has nothing to do with it. Nothing at all. You have no right saying that. You have no business bringing it up. You have no business bringing it up in front of these people like that. It has nothing to do with this.'"

Statement of David Smith

"Everywhere I look, I see their play toys and pictures,. . . They are both wonderful children. I don't know how else to put it. And I can't imagine life without them."

(Henderson 1994)

Statement of Susan Smith

“They were my life”

(www.crimelibrary.com/fillicide/smith.)

Statement of Susan Smith

“You son of a b---! How can you think that!. I can’t believe that you think I did it. . . I did not have anything to do with the abduction of my children,. . . Whoever did this is a sick and emotionally unstable person.”

“Somehow I believe that James bumped into my right arm and I lost control of the gun. I believe that the barrel was pointing in Nancy’s direction and I reacted by grabbing at the gun to get it back under control. When I did this the gun discharged. It went off once and I looked over and saw blood on Nancy’s face. I immediately got up and -- thinking that I did not want James to see -- I think I put something over my wife’s upper body.”

“My wife”	7 times
“Nancy”	0

“At approximately 7:30 I got up, washed and went upstairs. I made coffee for myself and turned on TV in the living room to watch the morning news. At approximately 8:15 Shannon and Jason left. Shannon gave Jason a ride to school and then went to work.”

“turned on TV in the living room to watch the morning news”

“watched the news”

“watched TV for a while”

“watched the sports page”

“watched the early news”

“watched TV until about 2 am”

“Read the statement literally.

Every word is important.”

“Woke up 6 or so am. Took a bath, ate breakfast. I threw a Hawaiian punch can in our recycle bin, then I got dressed. Went in and said ‘bye’ to Betsy. That was about 6:45 or so. I started to leave but remembered my satchel. Got it and took Cody our dog to vet care. Went from there to Sutter Presbyterian Church, made a phone call and wrote two letters. Left there about 8:45 to pick up Betsy for her interview. I found her on the bed. I screamed then went back and put her pants on her. Then the police arrived.”

“Most people don’t lie.

They just omit information.”

“I am 67 years of age and I live at 2 Laker Drive, Seattle, WA. My wife, Sue Barton Jones and I have missed cash and my wife has missed other items during the past approximately three (3) years but . . .”

“My wife got out of the car and as she did so she fell on her right side breaking her hip. After immediately calling 911, I returned to where my wife lay in the garage and removed from her fingers two (2) diamond engagement rings and from her right wrist I removed a yellow gold bracelet with one (1) diamond (.75 cts), six (6) small diamonds, one (1) opal, and one (1) ruby diamond mount in platinum. I immediately took all these pieces to a closet in my wife’s bathroom which has a double lock and is alarmed, unlocked the closet door, placed the aforementioned items . . .”

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