

Jane Doe had her first and only child at age 24. Because the child was born positive for methamphetamine in its system, it was taken from her. When she was pregnant, she had looked forward to having the baby, feeling it would love her (and be with her) forever. The loss of her baby was more painful emotionally than anything she had been through in her life. She vowed never to see a doctor again.

Jane has always believed in the supernatural. Subsequent to the loss of her child, she began to experience more mystical happenings around her. She believed she was being persecuted because she was “the chosen one.” She believed then, more than ever, that the child the hospital “stole” from her was Jesus Christ returned, and the hospital was working with Satan to take him away. Nobody could persuade her differently.

Jane later began to converse with three angels regularly. Sometimes she saw them, sometimes they just talked to her. They often degraded her for allowing the hospital to take her baby. They told her she was weak, and useless, and did not deserve to be the chosen one. Occasionally, they would tell her that someone around her was going to hurt her if she didn’t hurt them first. They told her that all arms of the government, including police officers, are not to be trusted because they have been infiltrated by Satan.

Jane now feels that the only way to make things right is to revert back to her original form. In the first of her previous lives, she was Queen Victoria. She begins to paint her face white and wear period makeup. She feels that in this form, she is much stronger and beyond reproach. She begins to reach out to her “followers” in the streets of downtown San Diego. She will not tolerate those beneath her acting in a condescending manner and demands the royal treatment she deserves from all those of lower status than her- which is everyone. When she is contacted or arrested by police, she demands to talk to the president, who will have their jobs for their insubordination!

Item: blanket, makeup

How do you feel about arresting this woman?

What mental health issues do you think she may be experiencing?

What do you think the item represents to her?