

## John Rinaldi Summary

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John Rinaldi began his pursuit of Ms. Shields as a fan in 1980. After requesting and receiving signed photos of her, he persisted in communicating with her via phone, mail, fax, and visits, even after being advised he would not receive a response. He also reportedly contacted her friends.

On 04/25/83, John Rinaldi sent a letter to Ms. Shields from Massachusetts. In it, he expressed admiration and love. He wrote that he had sent more than 20 letters, and had over 1,000 photos and magazine ads of Ms. Shields, and was planning to travel to meet her.

On 03/30/84, John Rinaldi sent a letter to Ms. Shields, expressing admiration and love. He stated he was still collecting her photos and magazine ads, tried to obtain her phone numbers, and joined her fan club. He also advised he would visit her at Princeton University, where she was enrolled as a student.

In November 1984, John Rinaldi reportedly stole his father's vehicle to drive to Princeton to meet her. Reportedly, he was stopped by law enforcement, and had a Colt .357 revolver and a box of ammunition in the trunk of the vehicle.

On 10/29/85, John Rinaldi attempted to encounter Ms. Shields at a public appearance in New York.

On 08/28/86, John Rinaldi called Ms. Shields' office. He requested a call with Ms. Shields' mother to discuss his funeral arrangements.

On 11/18/87, Ms. Shields was at Nishi's Restaurant in New York with her mother. John Rinaldi approached them and asked to take a photo, which they did. They did not realize it was John Rinaldi, the letter-writer. He handed them a letter, which they read later. In his letter, John Rinaldi wrote that he thinks about Ms. Shields daily, and was never a threat to her safety. He wrote that he would die for her and wished they could be friends.

On 12/03/87, John Rinaldi called Ms. Shields' New Jersey residence.

On 12/01/88, John Rinaldi called Ms. Shields' office, advising he was returning Ms. Shields' call.

On 01/21/89, John Rinaldi called Ms. Shields' office, advising he will be in Los Angeles in June and was looking forward to seeing a lot of her.

On 04/12/89, John Rinaldi called Ms. Shields' office to advise that he saw her latest commercial, and would like to start a support group to get her recognition back.

On 04/23/89, John Rinaldi sent a fax to Ms. Shields' office.

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On 07/21/89, John Rinaldi called Ms. Shields' office, advising he relocated to Los Angeles and remembered meeting her at Nishi's Restaurant.

On 08/25/89, John Rinaldi called Ms. Shields' office, advising he would be on an episode of the television show "Hunter."

On 09/28/89, John Rinaldi called Ms. Shields' office, advising he would be on an episode of the television show "Living Dolls."

On 11/28/91, John Rinaldi sent a fax to Ms. Shields' office with material indicating he was starting an organization to assist abused children.

On 12/07/91, John Rinaldi mailed a card to Ms. Shields regarding the organization.

On 02/27/92, John Rinaldi mailed material to Ms. Shields regarding his Child Hope Foundation, which promoted awareness regarding children's issues.

On 03/18/94, John Rinaldi sent a fax to Ms. Shields regarding the Child Hope Foundation. He thanked her for helping him have a life after his abuse. He wrote, "Remember me?? I came to Jersey to see Gigi Sanchez, had you and the Princeton staff awaiting my arrival, letters, etc. etc. I really am not the lunatic you had your security looking out for." [Gigi Sanchez was a friend of Ms. Shields.]

On 07/20/94, John Rinaldi sent a fax to Ms. Shields regarding the Child Hope Foundation.

On 08/22/94, John Rinaldi sent the same fax again, with a handwritten note asking why Ms. Shields does not care.

On 11/23/94, John Rinaldi mailed a letter to Ms. Shields at her then-residence in Haworth, New Jersey. In his letter, he admitted he was "obsessed" and "relentless," and explained that he didn't realize he was perceived as "psycho." He stated that his defense was that he was a 12-year-old rape victim, and requested support for his Child Hope Foundation. He also referenced "the Jodie Foster/Hinckley matter," and stated that he does not blame Ms. Shields, and that if his writing made her nervous, it would be his last correspondence. He included a "biography" about his abuse history, depression, and suicide attempts.

On 10/25/01, John Rinaldi attended "Cabaret," in which Ms. Shields was performing, and sat in the first row. He submitted long-stemmed roses for her.

On or around 11/08/13, John Rinaldi visited Ms. Shields' residence, and handed a box to Ms. Shields' nanny, Rebecca Jeffries. The box contained three letters from John Rinaldi, in which he requested Ms. Shields' assistance in raising support for his non-

profit organization, Kathy Rinaldi Hope, to assist Sandy Hook community members by having a tree-trimming decorating party at the memorial site. He stated that the organization is named after his sister, who was reportedly abused as a child and died from complications of an eating disorder. He wrote that the organization received support from public figures, including Julianne Moore, Liv Tyler, and Ricky Martin, and also supported the March of Dimes and Habitat for Humanity. He included a stuffed teddy bear, which he stated was from the Sandy Hook memorial site, and requested its return by Ms. Shields to the memorial site.

The letter included the website [www.KathyRinaldiHope.com](http://www.KathyRinaldiHope.com). As of 12/09/13, the following regarding Ms. Shields was posted at <http://www.kathyrinaldihope.com/john-m-rinaldi.php>:

*As a young boy, I found my resolve playing some "Risky Business" and even fell in love on a "Blue Lagoon." I created a world where I was safe, and made a real friend in my escape. It first began with my penning a letter which then led to my having a new pen pal. Unexpectedly, my letters were answered accompanied by warm notes of encouragement and signed photographs from the Calvin model Brooke Shields herself. That magical girl on that "Blue Lagoon" became my new friend. Soon after, phone calls ensued and Brooke's mother Teri becoming a friend of the family offering her support sharing her concern. I had shared my torment and gained compassion in the process- compassion that led to KathyRinaldiHope ®. Brooke and her mother, Terri cared for my well being and helped to created a dialogue between myself and my parents- a dialogue that saved my life. I then began to heal, and have been on a mission ever since.*

*To have learned all that I have after experiencing all that I had, how can I not?? A celebrity can save the life of a child and I have Brooke Shields and her mother Teri to thank for mine.*

*KathyRinaldiHope ® was conceived through the power of celebrity, the influence they have on our kids, and their profound ability to heal. We talk about issues that promote a sense of understanding to promote safety and firmly believe that the more a child knows the better a child will do. Given basic information providing essential knowledge, a child will undoubtedly be more secure and better equipped to handle situations that may appear to be troublesome.*

*Knowing all that I know after experiencing all that I have, how can I not do all that I do?*

On 11/23/13, Ms. Shields and her assistant Mike Zarara were entering Ms. Shields' residence, when John Rinaldi reportedly stated, "Excuse me, I have something for Rowan." Ms. Shields reportedly entered the residence, and Mr. Zarara spoke with John Rinaldi. He reportedly stated it was a photo he had since he was a child, and wanted

Rowan to have it. It was a heart-shaped photo frame with a photo of Ms. Shields when she was young. When asked for a name, John Rinaldi provided his driver's license, and allowed Mr. Zarara to take a photo of it with his phone. A short while later, Mr. Zarara left to walk the dog, and observed John Rinaldi still in the area. Mr. Zarara asked what he wanted, and John Rinaldi reportedly stated he was waiting for his friend to get coffee. Mr. Zarara advised John Rinaldi that it was not appropriate for him to loiter around the area and bring gifts to the residence. John Rinaldi reportedly responded that he was just trying to be nice, and lives in the neighborhood. John Rinaldi also stated that he (Rinaldi) is not a "creep," which is why he allowed Mr. Zarara to photograph his identification.

On or about 12/08/13, Ms. Shields and Mr. McCann were on Mr. McCann's motorcycle, which had been parked in front of Ms. Shields' residence. They were stopped at a red light when John Rinaldi said hello to her before they rode away.

On 03/04/14, John Rinaldi approached Mr. Henchy on West 10<sup>th</sup> street near Ms. Shields' residence. John Rinaldi stated, "Hi, Chris. I've delivered things to Brooke in the past at Broadway shows and the house, and I think I spooked her out the last time I came by." Mr. Henchy responded that Ms. Shields is a private person. John Rinaldi reportedly stated that he (Rinaldi) too had a daughter named Rowan. Mr. Henchy responded, "Great, nice seeing you. I've got to run."