

Chapter 2.3 Life from 1999 to 2004

In December 1998, Billy received 100 percent disability from the Veterans Administration (VA), where he was seen for medication and therapy in Little Rock. He had had no relief from his symptoms. He married a woman he had known since childhood. His wife had her problems and has had several psychiatric hospitalizations. They were separated in October, 2004, and divorced a few months later. He realized that his symptoms had affected his marriage, and he was even more motivated to make changes.

A television producer contacted Billy, and they talked about making a documentary film of his experiences with Dahmer and how this had affected his life. He decided to tell everything that had happened to him, and hoped this would be a positive step forward toward getting his life back. When he met someone new, he had been afraid the relationship would change once the person eventually found out about his connection with Dahmer. He reasoned that if it came out in a documentary film, then everyone would know, and he wouldn't have to worry about that any longer.