

# Marie Thorn

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Marie said that she and Sofia are workmates at the Swedish Museum of Natural History, where they both work on an hourly basis.

Several weeks before the episode [with Assange], Sofia had discussed with Marie her interest in WikiLeaks and Julian Assange. Sofia read a lot about the organization on the Internet, and she thought that Julian Assange was very interesting because he seemed very intelligent and did good things.

Marie learned that Sofia would be able to attend Julian's presentation in Stockholm. Sofia said that she had e-mailed the arranger and was welcome to attend. She was elated and nervous in anticipation of the presentation. Marie said that they were in contact on the day of the presentation. Sofia was happy and elated on her way to the presentation.

Marie received several SMS messages from Sofia during the presentation, among other things that she was going to buy a cable for Julian's computer and, later, that Sofia was going to lunch with him. Marie received messages such as, "He looked at me".

Later, Marie learned that Sofia was going to take Julian to the museum where she worked with public information. When they arrived, Sofia borrowed Marie's badge. Marie realized that she needed the badge, and went to the room where they were sitting. Julian was surfing the web and Sofia sat beside him. Then they went to Cosmonova to see the film. When they came out after the film, Sofia said that she and Julian had petted passionately in the theatre.

Marie said that they were in frequent contact, but does not recall what SMS messages were sent or if they spoke via telephone. She knows that Sofia waited for Julian on one occasion and that they travelled to Enköping. While sleeping on the night of the episode, Marie was awakened by an SMS message from Sofia. Marie's recollection of that message is that it was not positive — that the sex was not good, that Julian was daft, that she would have to get tested because of his lengthy foreplay. Marie seems to recall that they spoke with each other while Sofia was in a shop to buy breakfast. Sofia was very angry because she had to buy everything, provide breakfast and wait on him. He irritated her.

Marie did not hear about the assault until the day after, or perhaps it was two days after, and got the impression that Sofia was very worried that she might have been infected. Sofia had related that, when she said to Julian that she may have become

pregnant, Julian said that it was no problem and that the child could be named "Afghanistan". If she kept the child, he would pay her student loan.

They spoke quite a bit after Sofia had gone to the police and the media frenzy had begun. Sofia was very upset by all the hullabaloo and was very angry with Julian. They spoke and sent SMS messages to each other. Marie does not recall exactly what they said or wrote, but they had discussed going to Expressen because Julian had spoken out in Aftonbladet. It was just something they said and had no intention of doing. Marie, in any event, has not spoken with any newspaper.

Marie said that Sofia had been contacted by a US-American newspaper, and Marie had then joked that Sofia should demand good payment.

**The interviewer asked about an SMS message in which Marie had written that they should figure out a good way to get revenge.**

Marie said that it was not something they planned to do, either. It was more an expression of Sofia's frustration. In their discussions, Marie had tried to support Sofia and to agree with what she had expressed. She wanted to help Sofia in a difficult situation.

Marie wanted also to say that she has spoken so much with Sofia that it is difficult to remember what was said and not said. Marie wanted also to say that, when Sofia visited the hospital and the police, it did not turn out as Sofia wanted. She only wanted Julian to get tested. She felt that she had been run over by the police and others.

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