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# THE SPERM BANK OF CALIFORNIA

## INTERVIEW NOTES: 5219

Donor 5219 is an attractive man, with a classic, combed over, dark brown hair that contrasts against his creamy pale skin. He has an oval face with strong, symmetrical, dark eyebrows over his hazel eyes, and a trimmed beard adorning his strong jaw line. He came in wearing a blue and white checked button-down shirt, dark black jeans, and clean black and gold Adidas shoes. He has a confident ease to him and a deep voice. Our conversation flowed easily, and he smiled and laughed throughout the interview. He is friendly and seems to be genuinely happy. In his profile he says that he resembles Shalim Ortiz, but I think that he more closely resembles Vincent Kartheiser from *Mad Men*, with a stronger chin and a less prominent forehead, and much better looking, in my opinion.

Donor 5219 grew up in Northern California. Although he has two half-siblings, he grew up much like an only child because they had already moved out when he was quite young. To his mother's dismay, he had a variety of amphibian pets as a child, including a rescued tiger salamander, a fiddler crab, and numerous frogs. His family moved frequently during his elementary school years, but always within the same general area which allowed him to keep the same group of friends.

He describes himself as a *tinkerer*, who began to build things and take things apart as a young child. In elementary school, he began woodworking, making simple toys like ring tosses. In middle school, he advanced to metal work and learned how to operate in a machine shop. He reminisced about how he and his good friend down the street would build things together in the shop, like spud guns, and play around with the gas welder. To this day he is always working on some kind of car, or building some sort of object.

Not necessarily a daredevil or mischief-maker, donor 5219 is very clever, and he spoke about often getting himself in to places and situations that may have been a bit more dangerous than his parents would have liked. He referenced the gas welder, admitting to filling water balloons with oxyacetylene gas and blowing them up with his friend. *I never got in trouble though, I stayed safe.* His competitive spirit and brave drive frequently leads him to *stack the odds against himself* which he defines as *butting heads* with his teachers or other authority figures.

High school provided a larger arena for 5219's clever, competitive spirit, and is where he met his most influential mentor, his Physics teacher. His teacher introduced him to the field of physics, which became both a favorite subject and an exhilarating challenge. In his Advanced Physics classes, he was excited to combine his love of physics and his passion for *functional building* to create a pipe organ. He also took an automotive class, which helped him to build upon his mechanical skills and heighten his fascination for machinery and vehicles.

Donor 5219 entered an automotive trade school immediately after graduating from high school. *I love working on cars, but I always knew I wanted to do more.* He admits to not applying himself sufficiently in high school, but now is working as hard as he can (*which is pretty hard*) studying Biotechnology. *Biotechnology is my passion; it is a combination of my favorite things: physics, biology and functional machinery building. Also, I am skilled in those subjects.* He gleamed in excitement when he told me about his dreams; *It is a truly fascinating future of science.* He hopes to optimize his skill set by working with prosthetics, specifically with *neural augmentation and systems neurobiology*. Until then, he will spend his time studying, hanging out with friends, and maybe pick up rock-climbing in his free time.

5219 was a joy to interview; the hour just flew by. He is not afraid of a challenge, is mindful of others, and is a creative and innovative man. He is ambitious in a matter-of-fact way, and I am confident that he can achieve his future goals.

*Interviewed by Lauren A./Maribel L.*

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## DONOR PROFILE: 5219

The past and current personal and family medical history, physical examination, and laboratory test results determine that donor 5219 is eligible and approved for semen donation at THE SPERM BANK OF CALIFORNIA. This profile was prepared in June, 2016 and updated in August, 2022.

### PERSONAL INFORMATION

- Identity-Release<sup>®</sup> Program: **Yes**
- Month/year of birth: **November, 1991**
- Education: **Pursuing B.S in Biotechnology. Automotive/Diesel Trade school**
- Current occupation: **Dealership automotive technician**
- Ethnic origin: **Argentine, Italian, Spanish**
- Religion: **None**

### PHYSICAL CHARACTERISTICS

- Height: **5'10"**
- Weight: **152 lbs**
- Hair color: **Medium brown**
- Hair type: **Straight**
- Eye color: **Light brown**
- Complexion: **Fair/creamy**
- Body type: **Medium**
- Blood group/Rh: **A+**
- Baby photo available: **Yes**
- Other distinguishing features: **Strong Jaw**

### FAMILY MEDICAL HISTORY

**KEY:** D donor Ch child F father M mother S sister B brother

Co cousin A aunt U uncle MGF maternal grandfather MGM maternal grandmother PGF  
paternal grandfather PGM paternal grandmother

Genital/Reproductive: **M: Ovarian cyst at 52, surgically removed, resolved.**

Heart: **M: High blood pressure at 45, treated with medication, managed. MGM: Heart attack at 74, no treatment, cause of death. MGF: High cholesterol at 55, treated with medication, managed.**

Respiratory (Lungs): **F: Asthma at 50, treated with inhaler as needed, managed.**

Sight/Sound/Smell: **Right eye: 20/50 Left eye: 20/100**

Urinary: **PGF: Renal cancer at 82, no treatment, cause of death at 83.**

Other: **PGM: cataracts at 80, surgically removed, resolved. PU#1: Herniated disc at 55, treated with physical therapy, resolved.**

**August 22nd, 2022 Addendum:**

Heart: **MGF: Stroke at 90 resulting in death.**

Genital/Reproductive, Cancer: **F: Prostate cancer at 77, managed with Lupron injections.**

## DONOR LAB RESULTS

Chlamydia: **Not Detected**  
HIV 1 & 2: **Non-Reactive**  
Hepatitis B: **Non-Reactive**  
Urinalysis: **Normal**

Gonorrhea: **Not Detected**  
CMV total antibody: **Negative**  
Hepatitis C: **Non-Reactive**  
Chem panel: **Normal**

Syphilis: **Non-Reactive**  
HTLV 1 & 2: **Non-Reactive**  
CBC: **Normal**

## GENETIC SCREENING RESULTS: ALL TEST VALUES IN NORMAL RANGE

*Genetic screening tests can significantly reduce, but never completely eliminate, the chance that a person is a carrier for a particular disorder.*

Cystic Fibrosis: (> 500 mutations) **No mutation detected**  
Spinal Muscular Atrophy (SMA): **Two copies of SMN1 detected**  
Hemoglobinopathies/Thalassemia: **No abnormal hemoglobin detected (including sickle hemoglobin);  
No evidence of thalassemia**

## DONOR NARRATIVE: 5219

*The content of this narrative has not been altered by TSBC staff. It reflects the original written work of the Donor*

**Describe your personality: introvert, extrovert, funny, serious, goal-oriented, curious, shy, etc.**

I am neither particularly introverted nor extroverted, and am comfortable staying in or going out. I would describe myself as funny and with a good sense of humor. I am very curious and a bit witty. Goal-oriented and resilient, ambitious, and always interested in self-improvement or something better. Certainly not shy but at times withheld. On occasion, incautious and a bit of a thrill-seeker.

**What are your interests and talents?**

Technology and cars are both hobbies. I have been playing with small electronics for a long time and always used to take apart my broken toys as a kid and make other things with the parts. I would say I am fairly good with simple circuitry. Also play with computers, and had an interest in programming as a teenager. I constantly messing with and fixing my car, tuning and changing components and driveline pieces. I would say I am a knowledgeable tinkerer.

Science has always been a strong suit. I gained an interest in biology early on and am full of factoids. Would do experiments for fun as a child.

I can make almost anything given a bit of thought and materials. I took an interest in machining, welding, woodwork, and general building early on. Mixed with my interest in circuitry, it gives me a lot to play with. I

enjoy looking around a room and knowing I could replicate essentially anything in it, from the furniture to the electronics.

### What are some of your goals and ambitions in life? Where do you see yourself in 5 or 10 years?

I am hoping to have both a bachelors and graduate degree in the next 5 years. Becoming a researcher is my biggest ambition in life, and hope to be in the field of developing prosthetics within the next decade.

### How would you describe your skills and interests in the following areas?

**Math:** Good with numbers. Especially applicative with algebra in everyday life.

**Mechanical:** I am very proficient, as a professional automotive technician I am skilled with my hands. Began welding and machining in high school and additional community college courses, and took 3 years of woodshop in middle school.

**Athletic:** Strong runner and very quick reflexes. Mostly interested in Baseball and motorsports, however appreciate everything. Until a couple years ago, biked often. Occasional snowboarder. More recent interest in personal fitness.

**Musical, Artistic, Creative:** Enjoy music and film. Listen to almost anything, from classical to modern. A sucker for a catchy, fast tempo.

**Language (what languages besides English do you speak?):** English and Spanish speaker. Interested in learning German and Mandarin.

**Writing:** Not my favorite subject, but none the less competent. I enjoy writing when it is a subject I am particularly interested in

**Literature:** Enjoy science fiction and influential classics, and non-fiction.

**Science:** I am continuously fascinated by science and technology, and am continuing my education in Biotechnology. Took 2 years of applied (college level) physics in high school. Built custom-designed 3D printer in 2012, and enjoy electronics and technology.

### Please list a few of your favorite:

**Movies:** The Prestige, Seven Samurai, Fight Club, Momento

**Books/Authors:** Frank Herbert "Dune", George Orwell "1984", Andy Weir "The Martian", John Gibbon "In search of Schrodinger's cat"

**Albums/Musicians/Performances:** Deltron 3030, Pink Floyd, The Mars Volta / *De-loused in the Comatorium*, Circa Survive, Beethoven.

### What are a few of your reasons for becoming a sperm donor?

It's rare you get an opportunity to both help someone and yourself at the same time; donating helps me ease my financial burden while I am going to school, and makes me feel good helping others achieve their family goals.

Additionally I am my mothers' only child and am not interested in having children at this moment in my life, but having some sort of continuation now helps me know my genes won't end with me even if I am goal-oriented for the moment.

## Did you choose to be an Identity-Release® Program donor?

Yes

No

## Why did you make this choice?

I didn't see the need to keep privacy past protecting my identity and would like to offer someone a chance to know more specifics about their ancestry if they so choose. I would also love to know who and what became of the family's I donated to!

## Is there anything else you would like to share with participating families and offspring?

I was a crazy and energetic young child, and maybe a little too daring. I remember once, in first grade, meeting my friend's father. He introduced himself like any cordial person would. I said nothing, looked him straight in the eye, and kicked him in the shin. His dad hated my guts for a decade. I've been friends with that guy for 17 years now.



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## HEALTH PROBLEMS DONOR 5219

FAMILY MEMBER	HEALTH PROBLEM	TREATMENT/RESOLUTION
<b>Mother</b>	High blood pressure	Age at onset/diagnosis: 45 Treatment: Medication Outcome: Managed
	Ovarian cyst	Age at onset/diagnosis: 52 Treatment: Surgical removal Outcome: Resolved
<b>Father</b>	Asthma	Age at onset/diagnosis: 50 Treatment: Inhaler as need Outcome: Managed
<b>Maternal Grandfather</b>	High cholesterol	Age at onset/diagnosis: 55 Treatment: Medication Outcome: Managed
<b>Maternal Grandmother</b>	Heart attack	Age at onset/diagnosis: 74 Treatment: No treatment Outcome: Cause of death
<b>Paternal Grandfather</b>	Renal cancer	Age at onset/diagnosis: 82 Treatment: No treatment Outcome: Cause of death at 83
<b>Paternal Grandmother</b>	Cataracts	Age at onset/diagnosis: 80 Treatment: Surgical removal Outcome: Resolved

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**Paternal Uncle #1**

Herniated disc

Age at onset/diagnosis: 55

Treatment: Physical therapy

Outcome: Resolved

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The above family medical history information has been self-reported by the donor. We work with each donor to obtain as complete and accurate information as possible, but we are unable to completely rule out the existence of other health information that is not known, or that remains unreported to us.

As a board certified genetic counselor, I have reviewed this donor's family medical history for identifiable patterns of inheritance that may place the donor or his biological offspring at increased risk for certain health problems. ("Increased risk" is risk that is greater than the risk in the general population).

Upon review of the available family medical history information from this donor, the risk for similar health problems occurring in offspring is not expected to exceed the risk in the general population.

Cynthia Kane, M.S., C.G.C.  
Genetic Counselor

### **Addendum**

*Donor reported the following updates in August 2022:*

#### **Father**

\*Diagnosed with **prostate cancer** at Age 77, managed with Lupron Injections

#### **Maternal Grandfather**

\*Died at Age 90 following a **stroke**