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***GJD: How old were you when became interested in guitars?***

GH: I was 13 years old.

***GJD: How did you get interested in guitars?***

GH: I was really into motocross and I ended up having Juvenile Rheumatoid Arthritis and that pretty much ended my motocross involvement. So, I turned to the guitar to occupy my time.

***GJD: Have you always been good with your hands?***

GH: Yes, I am a quick study. I pick up things really fast and I am self taught with computers, wood working, and electronics. I have always had an ability to take things apart and put them back together. I remember back in the day, I could not afford a Tascam 4 track, one of the first ones. So, I made my own 2-track out of two mono portable cassette recorders and used it for overdubs, etc.

***GJD: What was your first guitar?***

GH: It was a Peavey T60, it was actually pretty cool.

***GJD: Did you change it or mod it?***

GH: I did not mod the Peavey T60, because it had a lot of switching options and features. However, I did cover it with stickers..LOL

***GJD: What were you playing through?***

GH: A Peavey Rage amp.

***GJD: What were you listening to as a teenager?***

GH: I loved Kiss, Peter Frampton, Aerosmith, Tom Petty, The Stones, and Ted Nugent. Actually, the first Boston record was my first rock album.

***GJD: What did you think you'd be when you grew up?***

GH: I thought that I would be an Electrical Engineer but later realized that it was all theory and not much hands on. So , I studied economics and ended up becoming a Guitar Tech.. go figure.