# Lindsey Diagnosis - BRICK 2.mp4

**Speaker1:** [00:00:10] It was always a mother doe and a baby doe. We used to come out over there on that side of the river, so I'd watch them come down, get some water. Wish I had my gun with me. Before [00:00:30] I was diagnosed, I was still in college when I had found the tumor. All of my friends were moving into those jobs that they had lined up after graduation. They were moving into their real, like, real world. You know, it's like it's how it's supposed to be. I didn't get that. I did not get that. I mean, I already had a job lined up after college. I was in a really serious relationship. I had a plan. [00:01:00] And then the day of that diagnosis, that absolutely changed everything. You go way back and everything happened so fast. It's really a blur. The whole process went really quickly. I was diagnosed a week later. I was in surgery. A week after that I had another surgery and that's when I started [00:01:30] getting really depressed and that's when I stopped leaving the house. And that was before I even made the decision to go ahead with the mastectomy. She's had to make.

**Speaker2:** [00:01:39] Decisions that women my age shouldn't have to make.

**Speaker3:** [00:01:43] It scares you as a parent when it's gone from the size of a pea to the size of a brick. And it scares you as a parent when they go to do a needle biopsy and it bends the needle and drags your heart right up in your throat.

**Speaker1:** [00:01:58] So I made the decision [00:02:00] to have my breast removed. I felt like if the breast is gone completely, then I'm okay. But the breast that had the tumor and is still there, like I just feel completely unsafe. Yes, ma'am. How are you doing?

**Speaker3:** [00:02:16] Good. How about yourself?

**Speaker1:** [00:02:17] Good. I was in a serious relationship at the time. We have been together for about eight months and he had been so completely supportive during my surgeries. He would be calling my mom if he could just [00:02:30] check and see how I was doing. And then I called him and told him, you know, I've decided to go through with the mastectomy. That's the last time I heard from him. And so that was obviously a huge kick in the self-esteem to. I don't give a shit what guys think about my body, but I mean, at the time I'm 22 years old. That's the one thing you're thinking about before cancer.

**Speaker2:** [00:02:59] Lindsay [00:03:00] was very confident, just stylish in the way she dressed. And after cancer, all that changed was big baggy shirts.

**Speaker1:** [00:03:09] And yeah, I took every single one of my bikinis and every single tight shirt that I had, and I put them all in the trashcan.

**Speaker2:** [00:03:17] And I remember taking them out without your knowledge.