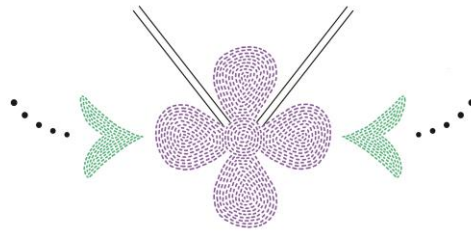


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2 --- Upon commencing on Thursday, March 8, 2018, at 1:58

3 p.m.

4 **MS. HARRIET (RUTIE) LAMPE:** (Speaking in
5 Inuktitut).

6 **THE INTERPRETER:** -- who have gone missing,
7 who cannot be found and difficult to know what happened to
8 them.

9 I'm here so that I can contribute to this
10 Inquiry and to see how we can find ways to move forward,
11 actions to improve -- and -- the ones that are currently
12 being under investigations, police investigations, and how
13 we could participate better in a more open way to such
14 investigations here.

15 **MS. HARRIET (RUTIE) LAMPE:** I'm going to
16 speak in English from here. I'm going to speak in
17 Inuktitut when I need to.

18 And I have my daughter's picture over there
19 and my -- I've got my mother's bandana with a butterfly on
20 there because I know that my mother's spirit is here and
21 that she's -- she's going to help us through this very
22 difficult discussion.

23 My daughter, Kimberley Jararuse, was 20
24 years old when she was murdered. She didn't get a chance
25 to experience life as it should be, to have children, get

1 her education, work, and to celebrate many special days
2 with family.

3 My daughter went through a very abusive
4 relationship with domestic violence, very extreme abuse.
5 The relationship lasted for 18 months. She went through, I
6 could say, extreme physical, mental, emotional and
7 spiritual abuse, and violence and financial abuse.
8 And -- and she was -- there was stalking and harassing and
9 she was very controlled in -- in her relationship; the
10 cycle of abuse with, you know, when it's in -- in its
11 normal stage and something happens, and then there's the
12 physical abuse and mental and emotional abuse, and then
13 comes the honeymoon stage where things are good for a
14 while, and then the cycle starts over again.

15 The relationship was only 18 months, so it
16 was a short time span when the abuse and violence were
17 increasing. And she was very engulfed, very deeply
18 controlled in the abuse and violence, where it was -- came
19 to a point where it was like beyond reality, that
20 this -- all the -- only that -- only life that she, you
21 know, knew. And it was out of the normalcy of life. Like
22 it wasn't -- it was gone to that extreme point.

23 I pleaded for her to stay away from him
24 every time I had my chance to talk to her. And she did
25 come home a few times to -- to be with family, to rest and

1 relax and have something to eat away from all of that, but
2 he would either come into the house to get her or phone her
3 and then she'd be back again, so it was a really, really
4 hard time with the abuse.

5 There were -- there was drinking and drugs
6 involved and that's when the violence was more extreme. I
7 was hopeless to keep her away from him because it was her
8 choice that she kept going back.

9 She changed from her happy self. She was
10 very happy and outgoing and it was hard because I missed
11 her even when she was still with us because she wasn't the
12 same anymore. She was very beautiful as you can see in her
13 pictures. She was -- she had a wonderful sense of humour.
14 She was funny and we -- we joked around together. She was
15 shy too and -- but she wasn't shy around our family and she
16 loved her family. She really loved her niece and
17 her -- her sister. They all looked up to each other. She
18 was a light to -- she was a light to everyone around her,
19 you know, her friends and her family. Like she lit -- she
20 lit up the room when she came in the house and wherever she
21 was.

22 She loved going out on the land. Like when
23 she was only like seven or eight, we had her driving skidoo
24 at long distances and she was tough and it -- when it was
25 cold, like she wasn't cold. She was like just right strong

1 and -- and eager in life.

2 What happened was my husband and I went to
3 Rigolet on January 9. We were gone to meetings, to
4 Rigolet, and it was kind of a stormy day, but somehow we
5 made it out there. And our other team -- training staff
6 never made it because of the weather, so only Johannes
7 I -- and I made it to Rigolet. And we were there on
8 weather hold then because we couldn't get out as we only go
9 by plane from there.

10 We were on weather hold for a few days and
11 the phone lines were out at that time. I think it was all
12 along the coast, Nunatsiavut/Labrador coast. All the phone
13 lines were -- were out -- or they were out in Nain, I
14 think, and we couldn't get through. I -- I kept trying to
15 call all day and there was -- I couldn't get through.

16 But we went to a friend's house on January
17 12. We went to a friend's house for supper and our friend
18 decided to dial and check to see if the phone was working,
19 and it worked. It rang. She gave me the phone and I went
20 to a private area in the house to talk to my daughter, my
21 older daughter, and I didn't know what she was saying. She
22 kept saying, "Kimberley, Kimberley," and I said, "What's
23 going on? What about Kimberley?" and she just kept saying
24 her name. And my brother got on the phone and he -- he was
25 like very affected sounding and he said, "You should just

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1 come home now." And my daughter got back on the phone and
2 my daughter said that he went out of the house without her.
3 And because we lived right across from -- from his
4 house -- and so I said, "Call the cops and see what's going
5 on. Go tell her -- go tell the cops go check it out." And
6 she -- I think she called and I didn't know what was going
7 on at the time.

8 So we talked again and I said, "Is she
9 dead?" and I just fell to my knees. I fell to my knees
10 because I -- I had a sense that, you know, that she might
11 be gone, but still I couldn't believe it. And it was
12 really hard, you know, being away from home when you -- you
13 were hearing all -- you were hearing the news
14 about -- about my daughter.

15 I called my co-worker at her home to ask her
16 what was going on, but -- and she came -- came over
17 to -- to our house to see what was going on. So I called
18 her and she was there and I kept asking, "Is -- is
19 she -- is she dead? Is -- is she gone?" but she couldn't
20 answer me, but she answered me and -- and confirmed that
21 she -- she was dead, but I -- I wasn't sure how and I'm not
22 sure how I found out that she was killed by her boyfriend,
23 so it was a long night, you know, in Rigolet that night and
24 we -- we still couldn't get -- get home because it was
25 still too dark.

1 So when -- when we got home the next day, I
2 saw the police line by the house across from our house and
3 I got into the house and everybody was quiet, no eye
4 contact, and I sat down and I said, "Hi," and nobody said a
5 word. Then it sunk in, you know, that she was dead.

6 My experience with the RCMP was quite hard.
7 They could not tell me how -- how she -- how she died.
8 There was a Major Crimes Unit that came in. There was a
9 lot of police officers there for the investigation. They
10 were taking a lot of statements and there was no arrest to
11 Lucas Abel. I can't remember. Five to seven days after
12 she was passed away, that's only when they arrested him.
13 It was hard because knowing that he was free and there was
14 no arrest yet and wondering if he will be arrested. And I
15 was scared to go out, fear that he might come and hurt me
16 too.

17 I heard Charlotte's story yesterday about
18 wanting to go see her daughter in the house and that's what
19 I wanted to do too, to go and see her in that house, but I
20 don't think I was allowed to go over -- over to see her,
21 but I think it was a blessing too in disguise, Charlotte,
22 and I'm happy today that maybe -- that I didn't go over to
23 see her. Maybe I wouldn't be so well today if I did.

24 She was -- she was sent out for an autopsy.
25 She was in that house for five days for the investigation

1 and that was really hard, a hard five days. I wanted to go
2 over and bang on their door to get her, but I knew that I
3 couldn't.

4 She was sent out for an autopsy and even too
5 because they couldn't verify how -- how she was killed,
6 they even sent her as far as Vancouver for autopsy to see
7 if they could make any conclusions, but they couldn't, but
8 it was ruled as something like similar to or something with
9 asphyxiation, but it was still questionable and -- and
10 still is today, so I don't know exactly how she was killed.
11 I'm not sure if it was smothering or -- or strangulation.

12 My experience with the RCMP prior to or
13 before her -- her death, there were times I had a number of
14 calls and when -- when I did call, they -- they took a long
15 time to come or sometimes didn't come when there was
16 violence going on with my daughter and her boyfriend as
17 they were living right next door and some -- some of the
18 family members would come over to my house for me to call
19 the cops as they, like, had no phone.

20 It was -- like the extreme abuse, I can
21 explain as one night they were sleeping at my house
22 and -- our house and I could hear banging and -- and
23 slapping and punching in the room and I went in to -- to
24 stop it and it was like I almost couldn't get in the middle
25 of it because it was so extreme, but I did, and I -- and I

1 did kick him out then. But I think over to their house
2 when it was going on, nobody stopped it or prevented
3 more -- more violence, so that was really hard.

4 And I -- I called the RCMP a lot of times to
5 see if I can do anything, like charge him, but I couldn't
6 because she was of age and she had to make the complaint by
7 herself, so that was really hard. I -- I could have made
8 like a million charges, I suppose, if -- if I could myself,
9 but I couldn't.

10 There was one time she charged him. He
11 spent one, two, three months in jail. In November of 2009,
12 two months before she was killed, she came home very
13 frantic and messed up hair and screaming and crying that he
14 tried to choke her and that he almost choked her at that
15 time. And I called the RCMP and they said -- I said, "I
16 need you to come up here right now and come and talk
17 to -- to Kimberley because she was almost choked by her
18 boyfriend," and they said that she'll need to come in
19 tomorrow to make a statement. I said, "If you don't come
20 up right now, you might lose your chance to get a statement
21 from her because she might change her mind in the morning,"
22 because she's so -- for me because she was so deep -- deep
23 in the abusive relationship that I know maybe she wouldn't
24 go charge him the next day. And I told her, "You'd better
25 go to the RCMP tomorrow and make a statement. I'm going to

1 make sure you go down. He -- he almost -- he almost killed
2 you. You got to go and charge him," and I -- I screamed.
3 I screamed at her to charge him.

4 But the next day, she -- she did not go and
5 make a statement. And I used that in the trial, that
6 he -- he tried to strangle her in November, almost
7 succeeded, and that couldn't go in -- into the court
8 because it was hearsay from myself.

9 The trial, it was two years and 22 days
10 before the trial happened. I was not well. I was very
11 unstable. I couldn't think clearly yet and it was a time
12 when it was very difficult, you know. In the Supreme Court
13 Building, there's no dividing between the victim's and the
14 offender's families and it was very uncomfortable. I was
15 asked very difficult questions and where my
16 daughter -- where she was in such extreme abusive
17 relationship, she -- she -- I knew that she was defending
18 herself, you know, to protect herself and she retaliated
19 and fought back for herself and her safety and it was seen
20 as mutually abusive relationship, that she was a part of it
21 too because she did fight back. And in the trial when I
22 was asked that very hard question and I wasn't thinking
23 right and I was still very unstable and I just said, "Yes."
24 And I think if I said -- I know that if I -- maybe if I
25 didn't say yes and I think it was determining answer

1 to -- to the sentence and if I could turn back time, I
2 would have said, "No," and that she was in -- in a battered
3 woman syndrome and that she just fought back for herself, I
4 think that would have made a difference, but I wasn't in my
5 right mind at the time.

6 To talk about the Gladue clause,
7 it's -- it's -- it states, you know, in that clause that,
8 you know, the factors that might have caused offender to do
9 what they do from their intergenerational trauma and
10 their -- their difficult times in their life, if I'm right.
11 I don't know. Correct me. That you know, that might have
12 been the cause for maybe the low sentence that he had
13 because what about the victims, you know? We -- we go
14 through that too and we're -- we're hurt. We lost
15 our -- our loved one to somebody's hands and what about the
16 victims? I think the offenders get more support when
17 they're in that -- that clause too; you know, get their
18 education or get rehabilitation or lower sentence when, you
19 know, the victims -- also, I heard someone say earlier too,
20 "What about the victims?" Like we don't get no family
21 healing circles or as much support as they do. We're just
22 as affected and we should have a clause too through
23 the -- through these traumatic actions, what effects it had
24 as -- has -- has had on our family.

25 **THE INTERPRETER:** We have been through

1 difficult times. We have lost our loved ones. They have
2 been -- their lives have been taken away.

3 **MS. HARRIET (RUTIE) LAMPE:** They're not here
4 with us anymore because a person took -- took their lives.

5 Lucas Abel had a very long criminal record.
6 I think he had 75 convictions and some of them were
7 assaults. There was a no-contact order for my daughter
8 from him and I didn't know this until her death
9 through -- through the court system and if I'd known that
10 there was a no-contact order, I know that I would have used
11 that as a -- as a tool, you know, to keep him away from
12 her. And I think there needs to be information, you know,
13 on offenders and what their conditions are to families
14 after they've spent time in jail or if they're on
15 probation, especially for violent acts towards their
16 spouses or -- or their family members. That would have
17 helped a lot, I think.

18 The sentence. There was a preliminary
19 hearing in Nain. We went to that and that was to see if
20 there was enough evidence to go to trial, and there was.
21 And then there was a trial in Goose Bay and the sentencing
22 in Nain.

23 I'm not sure if the Gladue clause was put
24 in -- in at that time. A day before the trial, that's when
25 they said that it could be time served too.

1 I could not believe the sentence. I -- I
2 just couldn't, you know. First, it was second degree
3 murder when the investigation just started and then it was
4 put down lesser to manslaughter and I'm not sure how that
5 came about. I'm not sure if the mutually-abusive
6 relationship was a -- was a factor in that.

7 The sentence was seven years for
8 manslaughter. He spent two years and 22 days in -- in jail
9 waiting for trial, so time served four years and 44 days
10 were taken off, so he served less than three years in -- in
11 federal penitentiary. I couldn't believe it. Our lawyer
12 couldn't believe it. And after the sentencing, the judge
13 had the gall to go and ask the court circuit, "How is Mrs.
14 Lampe doing?" That was unbelievable.

15 I still can't believe it and he's out right
16 now in St. John's and he -- throughout all the trial and
17 sentencing, he had no remorse. He only spoke at the
18 sentencing. He didn't speak through the trial or the
19 preliminary and in all that time, he did not take
20 responsibility for -- for taking her life, that she was
21 partly a cause of it too.

22 Also, like the other lady, the
23 other -- other day, the first day, yesterday when I came
24 here, I was getting mail updates on his progress while he
25 was in federal penitentiary through Victim Services. I did

1 not want to know details of his -- his -- what he was
2 doing, like education and programs he were -- were
3 attending -- he was attending, so I told them that I didn't
4 want to hear about those things. All I wanted to know was
5 when his release date is and when -- and where he's going
6 from there, that's all I wanted to know.

7 They also asked me -- they wanted -- if I
8 wanted them to keep me updated on if he did go back into
9 jail that -- they asked me if I wanted to know that, but I
10 said, "No, I don't want to know anything more about him
11 from here."

12 I did do a petition to -- in the community
13 for him not to return to our community when he's released.
14 I sent the petition to many departments; Department of
15 Justice, Probation Office, Victim Services departments. I
16 sent it to the council and read it at the council meeting
17 and they were going to forward it on to another agency with
18 my concern and I -- I think it might have helped. And also
19 I spoke to the parole officer, Department of Justice, here
20 in Goose Bay, I think, and I did say, you know, that he was
21 already attacked in the -- in the jail. And when he was
22 still in Nain before he murdered my daughter, there were
23 already attacks on him before, you know, that it happened
24 and she always protected him. And I knew that if he came
25 back, there would be even more attacks on him and that was

1 their concern. I just wanted to let them know about it.

2 Today, I still don't know the exact cause of
3 her death. He didn't speak and never told us. I don't
4 know if she was smothered or -- or strangled.

5 Today, it's been eight long years on January
6 12 since she's gone and we've had to learn to live a whole
7 new reality without her, especially myself and my daughter
8 and my granddaughter, Kara, because Kara knew her auntie.
9 You know, they -- she would take her. If her mom needed a
10 break from her baby, her auntie would take her sliding or
11 out for a walk or just spend time with her. And, you know,
12 in one of the pictures she's fixing candles with her for
13 New Year's and she helped her with nail polish when she was
14 small and she -- she just brought a lot of joy to us and we
15 all really miss her.

16 Healing is very slow. It's taking time.
17 I'm a lot better than I was even last year. My faith has
18 helped me, my prayers. That's all I had at one point. I
19 had nothing else but my faith to keep me going.

20 My family, my daughter, my granddaughters,
21 my immediate family -- my family woke me up because I knew
22 I was so much in my deep grieve that I couldn't see my
23 family anymore, but I woke up one day and said, "Oh, my
24 family needs me. I need to get better because they're
25 grieving as just -- just as much as I am," you know, and I

1 couldn't keep staying there.

2 The little symbol that I have for my healing
3 is butterflies. Me and my friend have a love of
4 butterflies because we both have lost daughters and it's a
5 sign for us that, you know, they're okay. They're up in
6 heaven and they're soaring freely, fluttering
7 their -- their wings and they're in the best place, you
8 know, that they could ever be. And we share -- me and
9 my -- my friend share the love of butterflies because of
10 our daughters and we both like the colour purple and that
11 helps us together in -- in our grief. And we can share
12 even without talking, so it's -- it's good to have those
13 friends.

14 I do a lot. Like I'm -- I do programs. I
15 help with the Take Back the Night March in September. I
16 attend vigils when I can. I attended Sisters in Spirit
17 Vigil and my daughter's picture is always up in other
18 vigils in St. John's with a candle lit for her.

19 And I've -- do counselling for counsellors
20 and attend whatever healing -- wellness programs that I can
21 attend to, you know, not to carry it so heavy because my
22 parents, my grandparents wouldn't want me to be stuck there
23 because I might keep their spirit stuck. That's
24 how -- that's how our Inuit ancestors lived, to let go so
25 that we can -- so their spirit can be set free.

1 I also go to -- I'm in the choir and in the
2 church with my partner and we sing and that helps a lot in
3 my faith and to praise in -- in songs and that helps me a
4 lot too.

5 I'm working on forgiveness. I -- I was
6 talking to someone at the Nain Airport before I left, you
7 know, that I can't keep hatred and resentment in my heart.
8 I can't keep the blackness with me because it's not mine.
9 It was him, you know, that done that.

10 **THE INTERPRETER:** I cannot hold those dark
11 things within me. I cannot keep them. If I keep them
12 within me, it will -- I will be dark. I will be heavy. My
13 life will be difficult. These are the things that our
14 parents and our grandparents have spoken to us. We mustn't
15 hang on to -- hold on to sadness or hatred. My heart was
16 broken. My heart is different now --

17 **MS. HARRIET (RUTIE) LAMPE:** Scars -- scars
18 (indiscernible).

19 **THE INTERPRETER:** -- with scars. It was
20 torn and has many scars. It's healing slowly. The scars
21 are thick, but they will not remain thick. It's going to
22 heal. My heart will heal. God's love is great, so those
23 feelings will be taken in his hands and I must let them go.
24 If I do not let them go -- by letting go -- if I do not let
25 go of these feelings, I cannot be here. I almost remained

1 in that dark place, but if I wouldn't let go of those
2 feelings I wouldn't be here today, but God helps me. It's
3 only my faith that has helped me go through this great
4 difficulty and this is what I wanted to speak about, to
5 say.

6 **MS. HARRIET (RUTIE) LAMPE:** What I would
7 like to say and, I guess, some recommendations that I think
8 we can have is have more support from RCMP in any domestic
9 or abusive -- violent relationships, whether it be
10 husband/wife, boyfriend/girlfriend or within the family.
11 And victims need to be considered too because offender
12 seems to have more -- more support through the justice
13 system.

14 I -- I don't agree with the Gladue clause
15 for sentencing. It takes away the seriousness of the
16 crimes committed and also listens, the sentencing, you
17 know, when -- when a life has been taken.

18 And we need more family healing sessions
19 right after, maybe, the trial because two years is a good
20 time to -- after the trial, you know, when it has finally
21 started to sink in because when you're -- there's really
22 nothing like when we're grieving our loss for our loved one
23 through homicide because not only one person is affected.
24 I had support through Victim Services, but my daughter and
25 other family members didn't get as much support. We need

1 fast, effective investigations.

2 We have a safe house in Nain. We're getting
3 a new -- a new one built there now, and there's one in -- a
4 new one in Hopedale and other communities need it all over
5 the north for the ones that don't have safe houses.

6 I don't know. I asked my daughter about
7 going to the safe house too, but she wasn't the type of
8 person that wanted to be stuck in a place, you know. She
9 just wanted to be free at home and she might have felt too
10 stuck in -- in a safe house. It all depends on each
11 person, I guess.

12 I want to thank you for giving me this
13 opportunity. You are keeping up the fight. You fall and
14 you -- and you get back up and you keep trying for everyone
15 and especially those that are suffering, you know,
16 from -- in current violent relationships, who are newly
17 losing their loved one or have lost their loved one for
18 many years. Good luck in all your endeavours, you know,
19 to -- to keep the fight going. And I am so happy that I
20 can contribute to this important process, yeah. *Nakurmiik.*

21 **THE INTERPRETER:** Thank you.

22 My husband wants to say some words as well.

23 **MR. JOHANNES LAMPE:** *Nakurmiik.*

24 **THE INTERPRETER:** Thank you. Thank you for
25 my strong wife. She is strong. Her strength is the only

1 thing. It's due to her strength that we have been able to
2 arrive to today.

3 I had a first wife who -- who is deceased
4 due to illness, due to cancer, and I had a daughter
5 who -- who died. I also had a son who died by suicide.

6 And she is my second wife. I thank her. I
7 want to thank her for having accepted me to be -- to be her
8 husband. I thank Kimberley and -- with her daughter,
9 Susie. I also have a grandchild through adoption.

10 Our story regarding Kimberley is very
11 difficult and heavy for us. It tears the heart, breaks the
12 heart, and the broken pieces go -- are disbursed
13 everywhere. It is no wonder that our daughter -- it is no
14 wonder that we feel these things when our daughters or our
15 mothers are removed from us. Our heart is the first place
16 and we try to hide the great loss that we feel within our
17 hearts to our family and friends and the only thing we feel
18 is -- is the pain in our heart. And our mind also goes
19 through great difficulty trying to function normally, our
20 body trying to function normally, but there are times when
21 we can no longer sleep and not even go to the washroom, to
22 the toilet; even food is no longer desirable. Even our
23 loved ones, our family, the ones who think of us, who wish
24 to be with us, we even begin forgetting about them and so
25 this is the impact of murder on -- in -- on the heart, on

1 the family.

2 When Kimberley was small and -- and she was
3 my stepdaughter, I loved her. I adored her. When she was
4 two years old, I -- I started to be friends with her mom
5 and up to the time -- all the way to the time that she
6 turned 20 and, though she is not here anymore, here -- here
7 I am. We are still together, her mom and I, and we've
8 experienced many things. We've gone through many things
9 and we try as best as we can to assist our fellow Inuit, to
10 help them and -- though we -- we continue to feel the pain
11 inside.

12 It is very, very complicated to -- trying to
13 live like this, very difficult. And to -- and to ask for
14 help from therapists or counsellors and policemen and
15 lawmakers, even though we have tried to ask for help, we
16 don't receive that help and not many shall
17 believe -- believe us when we tell our stories because
18 we're just not *qallunaat*. This has to change. This has to
19 be improved.

20 I'm also grateful we have two grandchildren,
21 two little girls. The older one was brought to us by God
22 to -- to care for us, to be with us, and her little sister,
23 her younger sister was also brought to us by God and
24 to -- to take care of us too, to -- to take care of all of
25 us. We have to take care of these things, to -- to also

1 see those wonderful things and gifts that have been brought
2 to us even though we experience terrible things.

3 These heavy experiences in life may try to
4 bring us down in our lives, but God brings us gifts of
5 those who will help us. Though our spirit may have almost
6 gone out, we have other things to be grateful for. It
7 is -- we know this and so we continue in our way to try to
8 help others, to contribute as we know this road, this
9 terrible -- terribly hard and difficult road that brings
10 great grieve, this very long road.

11 Our fellow Inuit, our numerous -- we have
12 helpers from our numerous fellow Inuit. Anyone -- others
13 come to help us out, to support us. And for those who are
14 searching to be helped, searching for help, we too wish to
15 be there. We must pay attention to those who wish -- who
16 are asking for help as they too, in their turn, help.
17 In -- in helping them out, it also eases life -- the
18 difficulties of life.

19 It is extremely difficult to forgive
20 when -- when we know that one of our fellow Inuit has
21 murdered a loved one and even if we would forgive, we will
22 not forget what has happened -- what happened.

23 I thank Susie for being here today and her
24 little JR, and all those who have come here to tell their
25 stories and what has affected them in their lives.

1 **MS. MEREDITH PORTER:** Thank you. I have
2 here copies of the Reasons for Judgment of the Supreme
3 Court of Newfoundland in the conviction of Lucas Abel for
4 the murder of Kimberley Jararuse. Included in the Reasons
5 are extensive details with respect to both the background
6 of Lucas Abel and also the circumstances that led to the
7 death of Kimberley Jararuse. The mitigating and
8 aggravating factors are also set out in quite extensive
9 detail and they include some of the factors mentioned by
10 Rutie in her evidence, including the reasons for the
11 reduced charge of manslaughter when the original charge was
12 that of second degree murder.

13 Factors considered by the court included
14 both, as Rutie had mentioned, that the cause of death
15 remains undetermined and also the issue of provocation; but
16 there's also extensive detail outlining the
17 background -- lengthy criminal record of Lucas Abel, which
18 included several of the charges in relation to Kimberley.
19 So I would ask that copies of the Reasons for Judgment be
20 entered into the record in support of the evidence that was
21 given here today by the -- by Rutie.

22 **COMMISSIONER QAJAQ ROBINSON:** Just so I
23 understand, I see the Reasons for Sentencing and then the
24 Reasons for Decision. Is this the Reasons for Decision on
25 the voir dire or following a voir dire?

1 **MS. MEREDITH PORTER:** It is
2 following -- it's following the voir dire --

3 **COMMISSIONER QAJAQ ROBINSON:** Okay.

4 **MS. MEREDITH PORTER:** -- so it provides
5 insight into the evidence that was admitted into the court
6 for consideration and excluded evidence.

7 **COMMISSIONER QAJAQ ROBINSON:** Did it go to a
8 full trial with a verdict?

9 **MS. MEREDITH PORTER:** Yes.

10 **COMMISSIONER QAJAQ ROBINSON:** Okay.

11 **THE INTERPRETER:** I just wanted to
12 understand what these were and I will speak about them.

13 I thank you, Rutie, Johannes. I thank you
14 both and it is not the first time we speak of
15 Kimberley -- about Kimberley. I share the same birthday as
16 she does, on November 2, and each birthday I think of her.

17 And you spoke to me then that you -- you
18 sang and danced with Kimberley in your house. I remember
19 this too. Thank you for speaking to me again and that you
20 are speaking to Canada.

21 You two, both, have leadership roles in your
22 community and you have shared so much with us about
23 Kimberley and what she needed at that time, what you guys
24 needed as a family, and the impacts that, you know, came
25 from all that.

1 Can I ask you some questions about what you
2 think is needed in terms of services to help young women
3 that are in -- in the situation that Kimberley was in,
4 young couples today? Is that something you have some
5 thoughts and might want to share?

6 **MS. HARRIET (RUTIE) LAMPE:** Thinking about
7 some, like, services for young couples who are in the same
8 situation of violence and abuse?

9 **COMMISSIONER QAJAQ ROBINSON:** Or, yeah,
10 couples and women, what -- the help or --

11 **MS. HARRIET (RUTIE) LAMPE:** Yeah, I think if
12 there was -- like I'm a mother and -- and I tried my best
13 to -- to protect her and keep her away and what I done
14 was -- was not enough. I -- I did carry a lot of guilt
15 that I wasn't home that day and that I didn't, like,
16 protect her enough, you know.

17 I don't know what kind of protective factors
18 that can -- you know, that can play into these -- these
19 kinds of relationships or the issue of violence, but I
20 don't know. Maybe if there couldn't be some kind of
21 intervention, some -- maybe somewhere from Victim Services,
22 like even if a family member reports it because the RCMP
23 can't -- can't help with it. If there was some kind of,
24 maybe, intervention through Victim Services or -- is it
25 Victim -- is there any more services besides Victim

1 Services or other supportive groups, you know, to intervene
2 and maybe offer services to both because when a victim is
3 getting services and is getting better, she goes back to
4 the abusive relationship and it starts all over again. If
5 there was an intervention for both of them, maybe that
6 might have -- could have helped to -- to work on the issues
7 that they were going through. I don't know if that could
8 be an answer, but just what I can think about right now.

9 **COMMISSIONER QAJAQ ROBINSON:** Thank you.

10 **MR. JOHANNES LAMPE:** (Speaking in
11 Inuktitut).

12 **THE INTERPRETER:** I would like to say
13 something.

14 **MR. JOHANNES LAMPE:** *Nakurmiik.*

15 **THE INTERPRETER:** Thank you. Here in our
16 homeland, here in Nunatsiavut, in Labrador anyway, the
17 homeland, the -- the laws that are created are not so
18 Inuit-specific. They are more made for *qallunaat*, white
19 people, and then when they apply to us, they are not very
20 useful. So when individuals are accused and are put in
21 detention, while Sarah Ponniuk was trying to help those in
22 the way that she does in her -- in the Inuit way, it's also
23 limited and those who receive counselling live
24 through -- live in their homes in difficulty and -- when
25 those who need help can -- can be brought out on the land

1 and do on-the-land activities, cutting wood, helping
2 Elders, doing community service. It is no wonder that
3 these days some who -- there are many who do not
4 have -- who do not have work, who are jobless. If they
5 want to suddenly go back into the prison, they -- they can
6 make it work like -- like that, so that they can go back
7 into prison because they -- they really have nothing in
8 their community.

9 And then there are, like, certain families
10 who -- who live in poverty, who don't have the help to
11 support their children and grandchildren and do not have
12 enough money to support their families. And this is
13 because -- this is also because the education system has
14 taken children away from their Inuit families as if
15 education -- the education system has become more
16 responsible for the children, for the education of the
17 children, so that responsibility has been taken away from
18 Inuit, so our culture, our language is no longer being
19 taught to our Inuit children and our grandchildren. Our
20 Inuit way is being -- is being used less and so our way of
21 life has -- has been diminished.

22 There are youth who have forgotten whether
23 they are Inuit. They ask and feel whether they are Inuit.
24 Are they -- "Am I Inuit or am I not?" they ask themselves.
25 And they rely on a lot of what is coming from the

1 southern -- the *qallunaat* way of life and so the
2 hunting -- if they would be hunting -- doing hunting and
3 fishing activities and be given guidance as to what their
4 life will be about and they would remain active and when
5 they have become old enough, they would -- they would
6 contribute more.

7 And it's that there is so few jobs in the
8 communities and so there is a lot of (Speaking in
9 Inuktitut). There is a lot of bad activities going
10 around -- going on and so it takes also a long time to
11 obtain help in the communities that is required for those
12 when -- when there's some trouble or some need. So if we
13 can tell people -- that if we could tell people -- those
14 individuals to finish what they need to do, things would be
15 a lot better if we can give advice to them when they need
16 it.

17 **COMMISSIONER QAJAQ ROBINSON:** *Nakurmiik.*

18 **THE INTERPRETER:** Thank you very much.

19 **COMMISSIONER QAJAQ ROBINSON:** I do not have
20 any more questions, but I am very -- I very much appreciate
21 that you -- yeah, that you are speaking. *Nakurmiik.*

22 I don't have any questions unless some of my
23 questions and the answers have -- okay.

24 **THE INTERPRETER:** We are finishing off, but
25 I would like to give you something.

1 **MR. JOHANNES LAMPE:** (Speaking in
2 Inuktitut).

3 **THE INTERPRETER:** I have something else. I
4 would like to add something. It's just that in
5 Nunatsiavut, Labrador, I am known as one of the leaders
6 among my fellow Inuit and though -- like anyone else, like
7 any other Inuk, like any other human being, I have feelings
8 and my heart is also very touched and it breaks too like
9 any other person. And though sometimes -- though I want to
10 help, though I am a leader, sometimes it becomes impossible
11 for me to help.

12 So among us Inuit we sometimes cannot follow
13 the -- the laws that are being made that are not like Inuit
14 law, that are not made for Inuit. So when it comes to
15 missing and murdered Indigenous women and girls, there's
16 also the huge issue of Inuit men, Indigenous men, being
17 murdered and it is a much larger issue as well. I wanted
18 to mention this.

19 **MR. JOHANNES LAMPE:** *Nakurmiik.*

20 **THE INTERPRETER:** Thank you.

21 **MS. MEREDITH PORTER:** So we'll be adjourning
22 until 3:45.

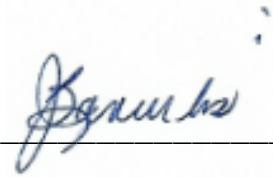
23 --- **Exhibits (code: P01P12P0202)**

24 **Exhibit 1:** Folder of ten digital images displayed
25 during the public testimony of Harriet

1 (Rutie) Lampe and Johannes Lampe
2 **Exhibit 2:** Commemorative video for Kimberley Jararuse
3 (MP4, 28.5 MB, 7 minutes 50 seconds)
4 **Exhibit 3:** R. v. Abel, 2011 NLTD(G) 173, Reason for
5 judgment (49 pages)
6 **Exhibit 4:** R. v. Abel, 2012 NLTD(G) 27, Reasons for
7 judgment (20 pages)
8 --- Upon adjourning at 3:30 p.m.

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