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Winnipeg, Manitoba
 --- Upon commencing on Wednesday, August 1, 2018 at 2:31
 p.m.

**CAITLIN HENDRICKSON:** So for the record I'll 4 introduce myself. My name is Caitlin Hendrickson and I'm a 5 6 statement gatherer with the National Inquiry into Missing 7 and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls. It's 2:04 P.M. and it is Wednesday, August the 1st. And we're here to 8 9 start your statement and so I'll just have each of you introduce yourself for the Commissioners. And you can tell 10 them what you think is important for the Commissioners to 11 know. 12

GLORIA LEBOLD: Okay. I'm going to start. 13 Hi, my name is Gloria Lebold. I live in Winnipeq, 14 15 Manitoba. I've lost two beautiful daughters. My youngest one is Jennifer Lee Hunter. And them my second oldest is 16 Julia Jean Marie Hunter. I can't remember the exact date 17 18 of my first granddaughter -- first daughter's death. For me, I think the police didn't do enough to investigate my 19 daughter's death at the time because she's never taken 20 pills of any sort. And we heard it from -- from source 21 that her boyfriend put pills in her drink and then she fell 22 asleep and, I guess, he must've went back to the house and 23 24 he tried to wake her up, couldn't wake her up and they brought her in. But she never did wake up but then her 25

brain was swelling. And -- and that's how I lost my baby daughter.

3 **CAITLIN HENDRICKSON:** This was Jennifer? GLORIA LEBOLD: Jennifer. And that was my 4 baby daughter and I just wish the police would have done 5 6 more to investigate into her boyfriend. Like, what really 7 did happen at -- at -- at the place where they were at. And the doctor said that they put diabetic pills in her --8 9 in her drink. And -- and that's why she never came back. I guess she just went into a coma and her 10 brain started swelling and then to this day I could never 11 talk about it. (Indiscernible) [I just] put it at the back 12 of my mind and thinking it's going to go away but it's a 13 truth, it's a -- a pain that never goes away. It's always 14 15 there.

And she left beautiful kids behind and I also have great grandchildren. She's supposed to be a grandma, she was alive, you know. Her kids always ask about her, "Oh, what was she like?" You know, because they don't remember -- they don't remember anything. And I tell them good stories about their mother.

22 She was always such a happy girl, you know, 23 and joking around, laughing all the time and I miss her 24 absolutely. But, like I said, the police didn't do much to 25 investigate the -- what really did happen because I wanted

to know what happened to my daughter. That's about all
 I've got to say about my little Jennifer.

And the next -- next one is Julia. That's the most hardest, hardest thing I could ever talk about because the police didn't even come to my house to tell me that she had passed away because my daughter Nancy here there told me that she died.

We went to the place where -- where she 8 9 passed away in a door -- stairwell of a -- of an apartment block. So I talked to the medical examiner and I said, "In 10 what condition was my daughter in when -- when you done the 11 autopsy?" He told me that -- well, the police -- police 12 posted that she only had one shoe when they found her. And 13 then when I talked to the medical examiner he said she had 14 15 grey marks on her -- on her back just like she was dragged there. And she froze to death. 16

17 There again, the police didn't do the 18 investigation at all I don't think, you know, because I 19 never heard anything from the police department whatsoever. 20 And that guy she was with is still walking around free. 21 That is -- for me, that is the most terrible way for, you 22 know, dragging my daughter. I just can't imagine that my 23 daughter being dragged and her freezing to death.

And she was also close to Nancy and she would call to her all the time, you know, to let her know

her whereabouts. I could never bring myself to come to 1 meetings or to talk to anybody, just with my husband. I 2 3 could never bring myself to reveal this story I'm telling because it really, really hurts me. 4 Like, I just can't imagine, like, the -- how 5 6 people deal, like, you know, to women that lost their 7 children. I can truly understand the pain because it's a pain that never -- never goes away. It's always there. 8 9 Everyday I wake up, I think about my kids. I just wish the police could've done more. 10 I wish they could've listened to me, you know, because I 11 told them about, "How come she only had one shoe on? How 12 come you didn't go find out where the other shoe was?" You 13 know? 14 15 And I don't think they even interviewed the -- the guy that was with my daughter Jennifer. I never 16 heard anything from the police department whatsoever. What 17 18 I'm mostly concerned about is how come -- is how come the police didn't come to my door and tell me that my daughter 19 had passed away? 20 Their father -- their father passed away a 21 while back and so there was nobody else, you know, just me. 22

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When my -- my second husband adopted them as their own -as his own.

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CAITLIN HENDRICKSON: Can I ask when was

Jennifer born? 1 GLORIA LEBOLD: May twenty ---2 3 NANCY GABRIEL: Twenty-first. GLORIA LEBOLD: May 21st, I can't remember 4 5 the date. 6 NANCY GABRIEL: Seventy-three. 7 CAITLIN HENDRICKSON: Nineteen-seventythree? 8 9 NANCY GABRIEL: Yeah. CAITLIN HENDRICKSON: And I know you can't 10 really remember when it is that she passed away but do you 11 know how old she was? 12 13 NANCY GABRIEL: A year younger than me. She would've been 45. 14 15 CAITLIN HENDRICKSON: Forty-five. GLORIA LEBOLD: Less than 25 years ago 16 (Indiscernible) 17 18 NANCY GABRIEL: Twenty-three years ago. 19 GLORIA LEBOLD: Twenty-three years ago. **NANCY GABRIEL:** (Indiscernible) [February 20 21 11<sup>th</sup>, she passed away] CAITLIN HENDRICKSON: And what about Julia's 22 23 date of birth? 24 GLORIA LEBOLD: February 3rd. 25 NANCY GABRIEL: Seventy-one.

Statement - Public 6 Gloria Lebold & Nancy Gabriel (Jennifer Lee Hunter & Julia Jean Marie Hunter) 1 CAITLIN HENDRICKSON: And do you recall how long ago it was that she passed? 2 NANCY GABRIEL: January -- six years ago 3 January 30th. 4 5 CAITLIN HENDRICKSON: Six years ago? 6 NANCY GABRIEL: Yeah. 7 CAITLIN HENDRICKSON: Thank you. NANCY GABRIEL: On January 30th they found 8 9 her. CAITLIN HENDRICKSON: Okay. Nancy, could I 10 get you to introduce yourself to the Commissioners? 11 NANCY GABRIEL: My name is Nancy Gabriel. 12 I'm 46 years old. I'm here to talk about my two sisters. 13 My younger sister Jennifer and she was, like 45 years old -14 - would've been 45 years old. And my sister Julia be 47 --15 she would've been 47. We're all, like, 11 months apart. I 16 do have one more other sister, she's [Sister 1], she's the 17 18 oldest one. And I only have two brothers left. Me, Jennifer and Julia, we were raised 19 together, all three of us because my mom couldn't take care 20 of all of us after my dad died in 1974. I was only three 21 years old when my dad passed away. We went to go live with 22

23 my grandma for a while. And my -- my mom just had my24 brother too after my dad died.

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And, like, me and my three -- me and my two

sisters are very close. Like three peas in a pod. We 1 learned how to build a chicken coop together, we learned 2 3 how to garden. We used to have fun killing chickens and -and I'd get the head and all. Like, we had fun growing up. 4 5 I miss that. 6 CAITLIN HENDRICKSON: Do you want to take a 7 break for a couple minutes? 8 NANCY GABRIEL: Yeah. 9 (Short break) CAITLIN HENDRICKSON: So this is Caitlin 10 Hendrickson. We just took a -- a break and it is 2:34 P.M. 11 We're going to continue here with Nancy. You can start off 12 whenever you're ready. 13 NANCY GABRIEL: I'll talk about my two 14 15 sisters I guess. I am right in the middle of them. One is -- one is the younger one, one is older. Me and Julia, my 16 older sister, we're the same age for one month. I catch up 17 to her in January and then she turns older February 3rd. 18 Like, I'm not mad at my mom for -- like, I know she 19 couldn't raise us, just too hard after my dad passed away. 20 But we had fun at my -- my grandma's. Lots 21 of place to run around, we'd get in trouble together. And 22 people took that away from me. They were, like, my best 23 friends in the whole world. Sometimes I feel lost. I know 24 I've got -- I've got my family at home. I've got my 25

husband and my little girl. But I still feel lost
 sometimes.

The family I was raised with are not with me no more. My two sisters are gone, my grandma's gone. I believe they're in heaven together. For me, I know my -in my heart, I know my two sisters got murdered. And noone can change my heart. That is my belief. Because I know them.

9 And Jennifer, she went to Julia's one day 10 and said, "I need something to eat." She told my sister, 11 "I got to hurry," because she was -- that guy she was with 12 put her on a time limit or she would get a licking from 13 him. When she got together with this guy, wasn't able to 14 hang around us no more, and not to associate with us 15 because he wouldn't allow that.

And then before she met that guy, "Why, Nancy, let's go buy some jeans." I said, "Okay." "You pick black and I'll pick blue." I said, "Okay." And we'd go out. We weren't able to do that with her no more after she met that guy. That guy took everything away from her.

I'd try so hard, you know, to save my sisters. But back -- with Jennifer I couldn't save her because I was doing the same with her, like, what she was doing, drinking and that. And, you know, I don't really remember my little sister's funeral or nothing.

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And when we had to -- had to -- we had to unplug her, I freaked out and I couldn't stay there. I went in bottom of hospital's basement parking lot and I --I just cried there and I -- I left. I don't remember her funeral at all. And that is true, my sister never took pills. Didn't do drugs, just alcohol, that's all. All we ever did, alcohol.

8 And she wasn't a diabetic. And why would 9 she take that by the pills. I know in my heart she 10 wouldn't ever do that. No matter how hard life got, she 11 wouldn't think of suicide or anything. I know in my heart 12 that guy did that to her.

13 CAITLIN HENDRICKSON: Was it the diabetic
 14 medication that caused her to go into the coma?
 15 NANCY GABRIEL: Yeah. I -- I really don't

remember, like -- trying to think how her funeral -- I 16 don't remember it at all. And that's -- I remember my 17 sister Jennifer, we were locked up together also in the 18 (Indiscernible) [in Seven Oaks]. I remember her hands in 19 the -- we had fun everywhere we went. And that guy took 20 that away from me -- took that away from us and sometimes I 21 don't -- I wish I could have that fun again. Sometimes I 22 get mad. Yeah, they must be having fun up there without 23 24 me.

And my sister Julia, she was like me. Like,

1	when me and Jennifer needed help, we could go to her house.
2	We could change our clothes and she would feed us. And now
3	I'm doing that to her kids. My sister Julia was a very
4	good cook. She was a good person.
5	She was <del>really</del> ( <del>indiscernible</del> ) [supposed to
6	be living with me] at the time she got they found her.
7	I remember that night like it was yesterday. Me and my mom
8	were at bingo and I won, like, over \$700. And I said, you
9	know, "Go home, mom." I phoned my husband and I told him I
10	won, like, he wasn't excited, goes, "Oh, yeah." I didn't
11	know they found my Sister 11ready. I got home from bingo -
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13	CAITLIN HENDRICKSON: Do you need me to turn
14	off the recorder?
15	NANCY GABRIEL: Yeah. I can't do it
16	(indiscernible) [anymore].
17	Upon commencing on Thursday, August 2, 2018 at 10:02
18	a.m.
19	CAITLIN HENDRICKSON: So my name is Caitlin
20	Hendrickson, I'm a statement gatherer with the National
21	Inquiry into Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and
22	Girls. It's 10:02 A.M. on August the 2nd. We're here in
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23	Winnipeg, Manitoba. And we're here to do our second
23 24	Winnipeg, Manitoba. And we're here to do our second session with Nancy and Gloria. If you could each introduce

GLORIA LEBOLD: My name is Gloria Lebold. I 1 -- I really had a hard time this morning because I was 2 3 searching for my daughters' pictures so -- and I was by myself at home because my husband goes to work. And we 4 really had a hard time this morning. But I don't really 5 6 have too much to say. What I said yesterday was pretty 7 well it, you know. Except for the dream that I had. I don't think I told you guys yesterday. I told her ---8 9 NANCY GABRIEL: Matilda. GLORIA LEBOLD: --- Matilda. I suffered 10 five years for my daughter Jennifer when she -- when she 11 left me. I was on pills all during that time. And then --12 like, what the doctor prescribed -- and then one night I 13 was dreaming my mom was laying on the bed and the family --14 15 some family members were there. And I looked at this one picture and then all of a sudden there was Jennifer. She 16 said, "Mom, don't cry. It hurts me when I see you cry. 17 I'm okay where I am," she said. "I don't like to see you 18 cry," she said. "You too, grandma, don't cry," she said to 19 my mom. And -- and ever since that time when I -- I had 20 that dream, it seems like something left me, you know. 21 So I left the pills alone and told the 22 doctor I didn't want anymore because it seemed like I was 23 24 drunk all the time, you know, and just -- those pills, they just -- they just took over me I guess, you know. So I 25

1 left them alone after that.

And it just brought back a lot of memories 2 3 this morning and -- but what I would like to say is me losing my two daughters, I -- I strongly recommend that the 4 police should do more investigation, you know, and even if 5 6 it's domestic abuse, you know, they should investigate more 7 because with my two daughters' death, I'm not satisfied of what had -- what the police had did so they say. But I 8 9 don't think they did much investigation at all.

And I also say that the police should --10 should -- should contact the family member, you know, like 11 the mother and the father when -- when the -- when their 12 children -- something happened to their children because 13 nobody came and contacted me at all, you know, there was no 14 15 cop at my door, you know. And I think -- I think the police should do that, you know, instead of hearing it from 16 somebody else. And that's what really hurt me the most. 17

When Nancy was crying and she said, "Julia died," I couldn't believe it, you know. "I wonder if this is true," I was saying, you know. I got up and I couldn't sleep all night.

22 But I think that's what the police should 23 do, you know, investigate more. With my -- with my Julia, 24 she only had one shoe on. They should've asked, "Where's 25 her other shoe?" You know, she must've came from that

apartment. And I even asked the police that but I don't 1 think they did much. And she had marks on her -- on her 2 3 back that she was dragged, you know. And I know Jennifer never took diabetic 4 pills. She wasn't a diabetic and obviously somebody put 5 6 something in her drink. She never did wake up. It's 7 really hard losing my two daughters. Not one day goes by when I think about them. 8 9 CAITLIN HENDRICKSON: So ---GLORIA LEBOLD: But I think -- but I think 10 that's all from me. You know, it's just -- it hurts too 11 much to talk about it and I -- I kept putting it all behind 12 me and, you know, to try and live a normal life and with my 13 husband and the rest of my kids. I have two daughters and 14 15 two sons yet, lots of grandchildren, great-grandchildren. But I'm the only one that they have, you know, like, the --16 Julia's kids, their -- their mother and dad passed away. 17 18 Same with Jennifer's kids, you know, their mom and dad passed away too. And -- and I'm the only one they have. 19 So I really treasure the grandchildren. All 20 of them, you know. And I think that's what keeps me going 21 all the time. It just -- for me to live for the -- for the 22 grandchildren and great-grandchildren. And my husband is a 23 24 big support, you know, to me. 25 But it hurts so bad, you know. It hurts

1	really bad. Sometimes I can't control my tears when I'm at
2	home, you know, especially when I'm by myself sometimes and
3	so I just I just go out for a coffee and I leave the
4	house. I think I think right now that's about it that
5	what I have to say.
6	But I strongly recommend that the police do
7	a thorough investigation when, you know, to find out what
8	really did happen. Because with with my daughter Julia,
9	that guy is still on the street, you know. I don't know if
10	they ever talked to him or not. I don't (Indiscernible)
11	Me and my daughter Nancy comfort each other
12	quite a bit. We we're going through hard times. And
13	that's pretty well it for me.
14	CAITLIN HENDRICKSON: So I'm going to ask
15	you a few questions and I understand it is really difficult
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16 17 18 19 20 21	so if you're not able to answer them, that's okay. Just I'd like to try and get a little bit of a clearer picture for the Commissioners. GLORIA LEBOLD: M'hmm. CAITLIN HENDRICKSON: So one thing that I wanted to ask is you you said that you felt that
16 17 18 19 20 21 22	so if you're not able to answer them, that's okay. Just I'd like to try and get a little bit of a clearer picture for the Commissioners. GLORIA LEBOLD: M'hmm. CAITLIN HENDRICKSON: So one thing that I wanted to ask is you you said that you felt that somebody had something to do with Jennifer's death.

GLORIA LEBOLD: Well, she -- she was going 1 out with this guy and this guy was abusive to her as well. 2 3 And somebody put -- they said she took diabetic pills but she was never a diabetic so we -- so we think that quy did 4 put something in her drink because she -- they found her at 5 6 the place where they were staying. And then, I don't know, 7 that guy just dumped her I guess. Then when he went back and she was -- she was unresponsive. 8 9 **CAITLIN HENDRICKSON:** Okay. GLORIA LEBOLD: And then they rushed her to 10 the hospital and she was in the -- the hospital just for a 11 while and we had to disconnect her because her brain 12 swelled up and there's no way that she would come out of it 13 the doctor said. 14 15 CAITLIN HENDRICKSON: And so you talked 16 about the police's response not being serious enough. How did you feel about the medical response? Do you feel the 17 18 doctors gave Jennifer proper medical care? GLORIA LEBOLD: I think so, yes. They did 19 everything what they could. And we were there the whole 20 21 time. 22 CAITLIN HENDRICKSON: And in talking about your own support, it sounds like your doctor was 23 24 prescribing you medication to -- to help you endure your 25 period of grief.

1	GLORIA LEBOLD: M'hmm.
2	CAITLIN HENDRICKSON: Did you have any other
3	support that was given to you during that time?
4	GLORIA LEBOLD: No.
5	<b>CAITLIN HENDRICKSON:</b> Just medication?
6	GLORIA LEBOLD: M'hmm.
7	CAITLIN HENDRICKSON: Okay.
8	GLORIA LEBOLD: I really couldn't talk to
9	anybody else. I just because I I kept it inside me,
10	you know. And I just they they asked me if I wanted
11	to see somebody to talk about it but I said, "No." I just
12	tried to live with it and, you know, that they were that
13	they loved me and it was really, really hard on me.
14	CAITLIN HENDRICKSON: M'hmm.
15	GLORIA LEBOLD: And it still is, you know.
16	CAITLIN HENDRICKSON: So yesterday Nancy was
17	talking a little bit about how she and her sisters grew up
18	with grandma, right?
19	GLORIA LEBOLD: M'hmm.
20	CAITLIN HENDRICKSON: Because your husband
21	had passed away.
22	GLORIA LEBOLD: Yes.
23	CAITLIN HENDRICKSON: I'm just wondering if
24	you'd be willing to talk a little bit about what happened
25	after you lost your husband and and how you managed to

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deal with all of that?

GLORIA LEBOLD: It -- it was very difficult 2 3 when my husband passed away. And so I lived with my mom and dad for a while, you know, with the kids. And after 4 that I got my kids back again. But then I turned to 5 6 alcohol, you know, because I was just suffering so much. 7 And then my mom offered to take my kids until I could straighten myself out and -- and during that time I met my 8 9 second husband and got the kids back again. It is very, very hard but my husband adopted these kids as their own, 10 you know. And they call him, "Dad," and the kids call him, 11 "Grandpa," you know, it's -- so he -- he's -- he's a really 12 good support for me. He talks me -- helps me when I'm --13 when I'm crying, you know. 14 15 **CAITLIN HENDRICKSON:** One thing I also wanted to know, just generally, is has anybody in your 16 family gone through the residential school system? 17 18 **GLORIA LEBOLD:** Pardon me?

CAITLIN HENDRICKSON: Has anyone in your 19 family gone through the residential school system? 20

21 GLORIA LEBOLD: Yes, I was in residential 22 school. 23 CAITLIN HENDRICKSON: You were? 24 GLORIA LEBOLD: Yeah.

25 CAITLIN HENDRICKSON: What school did you

attend?

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GLORIA LEBOLD: I went to Birtle. 2 3 **CAITLIN HENDRICKSON:** Sorry? GLORIA LEBOLD: Birtle. 4 5 **CAITLIN HENDRICKSON:** Oh, okay. 6 GLORIA LEBOLD: Birtle, Manitoba. 7 CAITLIN HENDRICKSON: And was it just your, 8 or ---9 GLORIA LEBOLD: Yeah, me -- me and my 10 younger sister. **CAITLIN HENDRICKSON:** Okay. 11 GLORIA LEBOLD: Yeah. There, again, it was 12 hard, you know. 13 **CAITLIN HENDRICKSON:** M'hmm. 14 15 GLORIA LEBOLD: I ran away because I 16 couldn't handle the residential school. I ran away with another girl and we walked all night from Birtle to 17 18 Waywayseecappo and we walked all night. We couldn't -- we couldn't handle the residential school. The principal 19 there was very hard on us and we weren't allowed to talk 20 our own language, and if we did then we got punishment for 21 it, you know. So it -- it was really hard on me at the 22 23 time as well. 24 CAITLIN HENDRICKSON: Thank you for sharing

that. That's one of the things that we're trying to

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that contribute to further trauma occurring. 2 3 **GLORIA LEBOLD:** M'hmm. CAITLIN HENDRICKSON: And so it's just 4 something that we want to identify as part of the inquiry 5 as many families have gone through many of the same things. 6 7 GLORIA LEBOLD: My dad talked about a lot of horror stories when he was in residential school. He was 8 9 in, I think -- I think Camperville was where they -- where he's going to -- where he was with his sisters as well. 10 **CAITLIN HENDRICKSON:** So it's been through 11 many generations. 12 GLORIA LEBOLD: Yeah. Yeah. Same with my 13 dad's sisters and all my aunties and uncles are gone now. 14 15 I'm the oldest one in the family now. CAITLIN HENDRICKSON: And you talk about how 16 you're here for your grandkids. So it sounds like they're 17 18 a very strong part of you and very important. GLORIA LEBOLD: Yeah. Yes, they're very, 19 very, very important to me. The grandchildren, most of 20 them are on -- on their own and they have kids, in which 21 are my -- my great-grandchildren. And that's what these 22 (indiscernible) and then sometimes when I see them I think 23 24 about Julia and I think about Jennifer, like, you know, wishing that their mother was here. They'd be so proud of 25

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identify is those -- are those long past pieces of trauma

1 them, you know.

CAITLIN HENDRICKSON: M'hmm. And -- and do 2 3 you see -- do you see those patterns of intergenerational trauma breaking? Are you helping to do that? 4 **GLORIA LEBOLD:** (Indiscernible) 5 6 CAITLIN HENDRICKSON: Do you -- do you see things changing for your grandchildren? Or -- or what 7 would you like to see change for them so that they're not 8 9 going through the same kinds of trauma that your family has experienced? 10 GLORIA LEBOLD: Yeah, well, me and my 11 husband are there for them all the time. 12 CAITLIN HENDRICKSON: Yeah. 13 GLORIA LEBOLD: You know, and if they're in 14 15 any kind of trouble, or they, or they think they're in trouble, they -- they always phone me all the time and they 16 ask me for advice most of them, you know, which and I know 17 grandma, you know. So I'm there for them whenever they 18 need help. 19 CAITLIN HENDRICKSON: And do you think 20 anything needs to change within our -- our support systems 21 and our governments to make things better for your 22 grandkids futures? 23 24 GLORIA LEBOLD: That, I don't really know. 25 You know, because the kids, I think they're -- I know I

1	lost a brother not too long ago. And well, how many
2	years [Gloria's Brother 1] gone now? Anyway, those kids
3	are really suffering from losing their father, you know,
4	those are my nieces and nephews. And there's no support
5	for them, you know, in the reserve. My grandchildren, they
6	talk to me about their mother and wishing they were they
7	were alive and that, you know. Like, we talk and we hug
8	each other and and my other grandson says, "Well,
9	grandma, life goes on. I guess we have to do what we have
10	to do." And he's got three kids. But I think it should be
11	somebody like like a support worker, you know.
12	CAITLIN HENDRICKSON: Ones that work within
13	the communities on on reserves?
14	GLORIA LEBOLD: M'hmm.
15	CAITLIN HENDRICKSON: I think that's all my
16	questions for you. Thank you.
17	GLORIA LEBOLD: Okay. Thanks.
18	CAITLIN HENDRICKSON: I did have some
19	questions for you, Nancy, just about some of the things
20	from yesterday. Would that be okay?
21	GLORIA LEBOLD: Yeah.
22	CAITLIN HENDRICKSON: I'd I'd like to
23	know more. You had talked about how you and your sister
24	were at the Seven Oak's Youth Centre (Ph.) and I just
25	wanted to know more about that.

NANCY GABRIEL: Well, when my sister -- how 1 we got into, like, when we moved from the reserve back 2 3 home, back with my mom, I don't know, we got into the wrong crowd I quess. And we -- we got in trouble so -- got in 4 trouble. I don't know why. We ran away from home. And I 5 6 think it was kind of difficult transaction I guess from 7 moving from Wayway to home here. Because we didn't know the city that good. 8 9 So we ended up with the wrong crowd I guess and get into trouble with the law and I don't even remember 10 what I got in trouble for. But we were locked up in Seven 11 Oak's, I don't know, for quite a while I guess. 12 And I didn't like it in there so I went AWOL 13 and said I'm going to leave. And she said, "I want to come 14 15 with you." And I said, "No, you can't, Jennifer." She was almost due to have her baby. And I said, "You can't come. 16 You won't be able to climb the wall." I just left her 17 there and kicked that door open, and I ran over the gate 18 and I took off and didn't see Seven Oak's again. 19 CAITLIN HENDRICKSON: They didn't bring you 20 21 back there? NANCY GABRIEL: No. I -- I -- I was on the 22 run, like, for almost a year. My mom didn't know if I was 23

alive or dead because I ran away to Bradbury (Ph.),

25 Saskatchewan. And the way my mom found me is the lady I

Gloria Lebold & Nancy Gabriel (Jennifer Lee Hunter & Julia Jean Marie Hunter) was living with filed for my income tax. So that's how my 1 mom found me and I was gone for over a year. And I never 2 3 phoned home. No-one didn't know where I was. I ran away lots when I came to the city. 4 CAITLIN HENDRICKSON: How old were you at 5 6 the time? 7 NANCY GABRIEL: I think I was about -- I think Jennifer was about 12 I think. And I was about 13 I 8 9 think. GLORIA LEBOLD: Yeah. 10 NANCY GABRIEL: We ended up in Seven Oak's 11 (Indiscernible) Centre, MYC, we were all over. Meet each 12 other in those lockups. Yeah. So ---13 CAITLIN HENDRICKSON: It's a pretty --14 pretty scary thing to do as a 12 year old, to get out on 15 your own like that and ---16 NANCY GABRIEL: Yeah. 17 18 CAITLIN HENDRICKSON: --- be away from your family for a year. Who -- who did you find to stay with? 19 NANCY GABRIEL: I -- I hooked up with an 20 older guy who was 18. And he took me over there to 21 Bradbury, Saskatchewan. And that's where I learned how to 22 do IV drugs and I got into prostitution out there. That's 23 24 where I learned it from, over there. And that's how I survived out on the street. I picked up Jennifer from 25

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Winnipeg here because I wanted family member with me. I 1 was getting no -- I just told her, I said, "I'll come and 2 3 get you." And I came and got her. And we got caught, they put us in a cop car. They put me in front and her in the 4 back. As soon as they got to a red light, I jumped out of 5 the car again. And I ran away. 6 7 CAITLIN HENDRICKSON: And when did you reconnect with your mom? 8 9 NANCY GABRIEL: Pardon me? CAITLIN HENDRICKSON: When did you reconnect 10 with your mom? 11 NANCY GABRIEL: When the police brought me 12 back to Winnipeg. 13 **CAITLIN HENDRICKSON:** Okay. 14 15 NANCY GABRIEL: And I seen my mom. She cried and she said, "Don't ever do that to me again." She 16 didn't know if I was dead or alive. 17 CAITLIN HENDRICKSON: That must have been a 18 really terrible time for you. 19 GLORIA LEBOLD: Yeah, it was. I was working 20 very closely with the detectives and then they -- then they 21 finally phoned me. He said, "We've got a lead," he said. 22 "Somebody's trying to collect a family allowance for Nancy 23 Hunter." And he said, and that's how we found her. 24 CAITLIN HENDRICKSON: So you had gone 25

through this experience before with filing missing person's reports.

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3 GLORIA LEBOLD: M'hmm. CAITLIN HENDRICKSON: And how do you feel 4 that they handled it when -- when Nancy was gone? 5 6 GLORIA LEBOLD: For Nancy, I was very happy 7 how the police handled it because they found her. You know, it -- detectives kept close in touch with me, yeah. 8 9 And they -- I guess they had a hard time coming back to the city because they all ran from home. You know, even my 10 daughter, [Sister 1], the oldest one, she did the same 11 thing. She did the same thing. And -- and Jennifer. So 12 I've always phoned the police when -- regarding her, you 13 know. 14

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#### **CAITLIN HENDRICKSON:** M'hmm.

16 GLORIA LEBOLD: And then they found them and they -- they said they were in Seven Oaks. And so I 17 couldn't handle them anymore, as running away, runaway, 18 constantly. I said, "I think they need to be in a home 19 where they can -- they can see a worker," you know, like, 20 get counselling. They were -- so that's why they ended up 21 in the (Indiscernible) centre. And Seven Oaks, I don't 22 know if they gave them counselling. I don't think so, they 23 24 \_\_\_

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NANCY GABRIEL: No. Yeah, just like a fun

1 thing to go meet boys.

**GLORIA LEBOLD:** Then they used to think 2 3 because my husband is a White guy, they -- Children's Aid workers thought that he -- he was sexually abusing them. 4 And that is very hard on us. And all the girls said, "No. 5 6 Dad would never do something like that," you know. I had 7 quite a time with Children's Aid that time too. 8 **CAITLIN HENDRICKSON:** So you had a pretty 9 negative experience with Children's ---GLORIA LEBOLD: Very. 10 **CAITLIN HENDRICKSON:** --- Services? 11 GLORIA LEBOLD: Very. I did a lot of 12 fighting with CFS in my life because my oldest daughter 13 lost her kids to -- to Children's Aid and very hard to 14 15 fight with CFS I must say. I had a lot of problems with them and ---16 CAITLIN HENDRICKSON: Did she get the kids 17 back into her care? 18 GLORIA LEBOLD: Yeah, after she went for 19 treatment. But she had -- she went with her kids. She was 20 21 placed in a -- in a healing lodge. CAITLIN HENDRICKSON: Okay. That's good. 22 GLORIA LEBOLD: M'hmm. It's -- it's very 23 24 hard when you lose a child, like, to Children's Aid, I -- I find, you know. Like, my -- my sister's going through a 25

hard time because she lost her grand -- her granddaughter 1 to Children's Aid as well. They just went and picked her 2 3 up from -- from her father's place and put her in Children's Aid. Now, at this time, she's in Saskatchewan 4 somewhere, you know, where they should put her with family 5 6 members and that. I have no grandchildren or great-7 grandchildren that are in care now, you know, because I keep in very close in touch with them. 8

9 CAITLIN HENDRICKSON: Is there anything else
10 that you'd like to share about your sisters, Nancy? Or
11 would you like to move on to what else you'd like to talk
12 about?

NANCY GABRIEL: Well, I don't remember 13 Jennifer's -- like, when she passed away because the way I 14 15 dealt with it, I drank and did drugs, right. I don't remember her funeral at all, I don't -- after they pulled 16 the plug, I ran away and I didn't -- I couldn't handle it. 17 So I ran away and I drank and did drugs. And I don't even 18 remember her funeral or nothing. I don't remember anything 19 about that. Because that's how I used to handle, like, 20 hard stuff, like, I'd drink -- drink or do drugs. 21

22 But with Julia, I remember everything. And 23 I am not happy what the cops did. Because I was her next 24 of kin. Those cops didn't tell me that they found her 25 dead. They told my husband.

I got home from bingo -- I got home and I 1 gave my husband some money and he said, "I'm going to 2 3 Safeway." And right away he took off, like -- and then my father-in-law told me in Indian that cops were here. And I 4 said, "Why?" I didn't even know, ask (indiscernible) 5 [Husband 1] he said. So I phoned him. "I'll talk to you 6 7 when I get home." He didn't want to talk to me. And he got home and he said, "They found 8 9 Julia," and he -- that's why he was -- couldn't come to me because the cops are the ones that told him that they found 10 Julia. And I freaked out, and that's when I phoned my mom 11 and that. And she told me to phone the cops and see if 12 that's true. I did and they said, "Yeah." 13

You know, I'd try to get her to quit 14 15 drinking and then all that didn't -- and I couldn't save her. I tried so hard to save her. Even, I called the cops 16 on her once to come home because she was supposed to be 17 residing at my house. Because I heard that guy was beating 18 her up. And, you know, when they found her, they phoned me 19 and asked me, "Did she -- does she have her shoes -- shoe 20 there?" And I said, "No. Why?" "Because she only had one 21 shoe on." 22

I said, "Well, search that apartment and
when they find the other shoe, that's where she came from."
But they never did. They never searched. If they would've

searched those apartment -- apartment block because I know
 that guy family member lives there.

3 No matter how drunk Julia was, she always made it somewhere and to phone me. And phone me and I'd go 4 meet her there. She was all drunk one time (indiscernible) 5 6 she couldn't even hardly walk. She said, "Yeah, but, you know, she's -- the crowd she was following around with them 7 because they're all over." I walked her across -- I had to 8 9 hold on to her because she was just drunk and walk -- like, couldn't even hardly walk. 10

And then I couldn't just leave her there so I called the ambulance for her, we were on my (indiscernible) house. They took her to the hospital and, I don't know, she -- she woke up. She slept there until she could sober.

And with Jennifer, I feel kind of guilty. I 16 kind of blame myself because we had a meeting with the cops 17 one time and I told them that that guy did that to another 18 girl. She died the same way, diabetic. And that cop said, 19 "If we would've knew that, we would've investigated in it 20 more." But I was so drunken, I couldn't handle it. I 21 didn't talk to anybody. I tried to save my sisters, I 22 23 can't.

And those cops didn't really do anything,
right. They just, like, "They're just drunks and they're,"

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because, yeah, Aboriginal, that's why. Those cops 1 should've did -- did more. They should do their job 2 3 better. CAITLIN HENDRICKSON: I'm wondering if you 4 would tell the Commissioners a little bit about what you 5 6 were sharing yesterday while we were just talking about how 7 you've changed your own life and -- and how things have really -- what -- what changed for you? 8 9 NANCY GABRIEL: I used to drink and do drugs and all that. And I used to drink everything. Used 10 to drink mouthwash, hairspray, that stuff going to the 11 hospital. And I used to do crack. I used to do every 12 drugs too. I met my husband on a -- on the street and we 13 drank. 14 15 And so one night I was, which I was scared to go to sleep and I wouldn't get up. Like, my husband 16

18 (indiscernible) [I used to have] seizures so I'd just walk
19 all night. I said, "Stay with me, I'm too scared to
20 sleep." He said, "No, just go to be, you'll be okay."

found me in the hospital once, I had seizure

But I was walking around all night and I ended up on Spence (Ph.) and Ellice, there's a bridge there, I sat there. And I didn't know I was pregnant and I just said, "Oh, God, please help me." I said, "I just want to sleep where -- I'm -- I'm so tired. I'm scared my heart

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won't -- will stop and I'm tired of this." 1 And then -- then that's it, and I just, 2 3 like, walked around and then I didn't quit right away. That was, like, in December I think I prayed that -- and I 4 didn't know I was pregnant, just talking out loud, like, I 5 6 talked it out loud because no-one was around. It was, 7 like, early in the morning. So then I bought some alcohol, like, I bought vodka and all that. And put it in my closet 8 9 for my birthday in January 15th. Come January 14th, I went to the doctor's, I 10 found out I was pregnant with my daughter [Daughter 1] 11 (Ph.). And I come home, I told -- told -- told my husband, 12 I said, "I'm -- we're going to have a baby." All excited 13 and, "What about my birthday," I said. And I said, "Well, 14 15 I don't have to tell anybody yet. Just -- I'll just drink one more time." But then I said, "No, but I know already." 16 And I didn't touch it after that. 17 And I believe God gave me my daughter. And 18 I believe that's how I quit drinking. God took it all 19 away. And, you know, I didn't have no cravings. I didn't 20 want it anymore. So that -- me saying that on Spence and 21 Ellice, I didn't know I was praying but He heard me and 22 took it all away. 23 24 **CAITLIN HENDRICKSON:** Yeah.

NANCY GABRIEL: I didn't touch alcohol or

drugs again. I had my daughter -- I had my daughter 1 [birthdate], 2010. And I got married June 25th eight years 2 3 ago. My husband drank on a social but then -- and my father-in-law did. He's 82 now. And then they didn't 4 touch anything no more. It was all quick, like, together. 5 6 Because all three of us, we drank, eh, and did stuff. Even 7 my -- my old father-in-law. He even lived on the street with us too and -- because I was homeless for a while --8 9 quite a while. And, yeah. That's how I quit drinking. Who got -- the Creator took it away from me ---10 **CAITLIN HENDRICKSON:** M'hmm. 11 **NANCY GABRIEL:** --- and I'm very thankful 12 for that because I almost OD'd on cocaine once. I --13 because it -- I'm legally blind, eh. So I used to have to 14 15 get people to mix that stuff in the needle for me. **CAITLIN HENDRICKSON:** M'hmm. 16 NANCY GABRIEL: And this quy, I told him, 17 "Yeah, just give me half of it." But he just -- he just 18 did his already and he did the whole thing. And -- and he 19 said, my eyes are rolling back pretty -- everybody took 20 off. That was in the gallery. And he just lost a girl --21 girlfriend like that. So he stayed with me and he wet a 22 towel, put it around my neck. He kept talking to me and he 23 24 said, "No, don't roll your eyes." And I came through. And I'm thankful that guy stayed with me. I wouldn't be here. 25

**CAITLIN HENDRICKSON:** M'hmm. 1 NANCY GABRIEL: Yeah. And so after I quit 2 3 and tried to get Julia to quit along with me, she got a place and she got -- had a nice place in -- but she still 4 drank there and I couldn't -- she -- I'm glad she got to 5 6 meet my daughter. And, yeah. We tried to get her away from 7 that guy too and she was, like, in a wheelchair that time -8 9 - the last time I seen her. "What's wrong with you? How come you're in there?" And, you know, that guy must have 10 bought it and she had something wrong with her legs. 11 I said, "Let's take you back to the 12 hospital." And that quy wouldn't let me take her. I tried 13 to pull her in the wheelchair and that guy pushed me away. 14 I said, "But she -- sneak away and come to my place once 15 you -- once you," -- I said, "You're welcome to come over 16 any time." And she came to my house once and I tried to 17 18 keep here there but she always ran away. Yeah. CAITLIN HENDRICKSON: I know it's hard to 19 share about that, but when you -- when you were sharing 20

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21 that yesterday, I thought it was a very important thing for 22 the Commissioners to know that -- just how resilient you 23 are and how far you've come through all of this -- through 24 all of this pain and trauma.

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NANCY GABRIEL: I'm glad I have my husband
1 and my mom. Those are the two I -- the two I talk to. And I'm glad I started the beading class because I got the 2 3 family members there to help me. **CAITLIN HENDRICKSON:** M'hmm. 4 NANCY GABRIEL: Because with -- it -- it --5 6 it really hurts. Like, I know I have one other sister but 7 we're -- we're not -- we're close but not that close. But I was closer with my other sisters because I was raised 8 9 with them. **CAITLIN HENDRICKSON:** M'hmm. 10 NANCY GABRIEL: We were involved with CFS, 11 all of us. Like, they had to bring workers, like, when we 12 ran away and they didn't like us, those -- those workers. 13 We didn't run away from my mom. It's just what we were 14 15 going through -- joined when we moved from the reserve to here. And I think that's why we ran away from different 16 transaction, eh. 17 And then when we had kids, our kids were in 18 the same class, like, all my kids. [Daughter 1]'s the only 19 one that wasn't in CFS. And CFS tricked me into signing 20 papers. I didn't know I signed my girls away. Because I 21 went for a visit and they said they weren't there so -- and 22

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23 the father wasn't -- didn't come with me because he was
24 busy drinking.

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I don't -- I said, "I want pictures then."

And then CFS said, "Well, you got to sign this." And I said, "No, there's no-one here to read it for me. He said, "It's -- just sign it for the pictures." I signed those papers and said, "Okay. See you next week when I have my visit."

6 I went back and they said I couldn't see them no more because I signed them away. I said, "I never 7 signed them away." They said, "Yeah, you did last week." 8 9 And I said, "That's not right." I said, "He said that was only for pictures." I said, "I didn't know -- know I did 10 that." I never seen my girls again. I don't know where 11 they are. [Daughter 2] was a year and a half, and my other 12 one was a baby. I don't know where they are. That's why I 13 don't like CFS. 14

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 CAITLIN HENDRICKSON:
 So you had two other

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 daughters?

17NANCY GABRIEL: Yeah, I have two other18daughters.

19CAITLIN HENDRICKSON: How old are they now?20NANCY GABRIEL: I had one in 1993 and '94.21So how old would they be?

22 CAITLIN HENDRICKSON: So they're adult age
23 now.
24 NANCY GABRIEL: Pardon me?

25 CAITLIN HENDRICKSON: They're adults now?

NANCY GABRIEL: Yeah. And I believe they
have kids already. I found them on Facebook but -- I got
my husband to search for them. And my oldest daughter,
they changed her last name. My other daughter still has
the same name.
And they asked me, "Who are our siblings?"

7 And who's our dad?" And they asked me, "How long have you
8 been looking for us?" And, like, what have I been doing.
9 I said, "I've been looking for you's for a long time. Ever
10 since I lost you's at CFS."

And, like, I didn't explain it right I don't think. I named my other sibling -- their other siblings. I put all my other kids' names down and it -- what I didn't tell them, I don't know, I kept [Daughter 1]. So they must think I kept all my other kids and just gave them away.

And they asked me who their dad was. I didn't want to tell them but I told them anyway. And then after that they blocked me. I couldn't contact them no more. I don't even know where they are. I didn't get a chance to ask them where they were.

They kept my husband as a friend for a little but -- and then when their birthdays came up, I told him to say happy birthday. And then they -- they blocked him next. I pray that I get to see them one day before anything happens to me because I'm a severe diabetic. I

1 don't know.

My sister Julia named most of my kids for 2 3 I was in contact with my sister Julia's little boy. me. He -- he's a miracle baby because he -- he -- she had her 4 kid early. He had to be -- he was born under the light. 5 6 So I'm going to Wayway this weekend and he 7 heard I was going so he -- I called him and he said, "Auntie, you're going to Wayway?" I said, "Yeah." "I need 8 9 to go with you. I need that closure. I need to know if that's for real," about Cody. 10 I'm going to take him out there and take him 11 to the graveyard because Cody's two brothers and sister, I 12 couldn't get them there because they were incarcerated. 13 But I was Cody's next of kin, and my mom tried to get them 14 15 out too and they wouldn't have -- let them come to the wake or the funeral. I tried my hardest. And told those cops, 16 I said, "It's your -- your kind that did that to my Cody." 17 I said, "I wouldn't even be talking about this if it wasn't 18 for that cop that hit him." And getting into -- "Just let 19 them out." I said, "They need that -- they need that 20 closure to say bye," I said. And they wouldn't let them 21 22 out.

23 So [T.] wants -- wants to go out there with 24 me so I'm going to bring him. And I'm going to take them 25 to the graveyard. [Gloria's Granddaughter 1] didn't go.

Statement - Public 38 Gloria Lebold & Nancy Gabriel (Jennifer Lee Hunter & Julia Jean Marie Hunter) She's waiting for me to take her. 1 **CAITLIN HENDRICKSON:** Do you want to talk 2 about what happened to Cody now? 3 NANCY GABRIEL: Yeah. 4 CAITLIN HENDRICKSON: So we'll just make 5 note that what happened to Cody. The investigation is 6 7 still open, correct? 8 NANCY GABRIEL: Yeah. 9 CAITLIN HENDRICKSON: And so we would ensure that this portion would be held in camera privately so that 10 that doesn't interfere with any of that. But I'll let you 11 speak to what you'd like to talk about Cody. 12 [Registrar's note: The ensuing part of the 13 testimony concerns an ongoing investigation and was ordered 14 15 to be held in camera and subject to a publication ban by Chief Commissioner Marion Buller on August 20, 2018.] 16 [...] 17 18 NANCY GABRIEL: The guy that did that to my little sister Jennifer, he died. And I believe that's 19 payback. Because the way that guy died, he died in a 20 (indiscernible) house, all alone, no-one did know he died 21 until that smell came out. And that's how he died. What 22 he did to my sister, all right -- that guy did that to 23 24 another woman too. And, you know, he was a bad guy. For Julia, I just wish she could've made it home. Sometimes I 25

feel so alone. I feel like -- I went through lots, I 1 buried my son, buried my two sisters, buried Cody, my 2 3 grandma. It's like my family's gone, you know. I'm glad I've got my mom though. And my husband. And I'm glad I 4 got beading class and the families. I didn't go to bed 5 6 until, like, four his morning so -- I didn't know how to 7 deal with this. It's going to be hard in the next few days. Bringing up all of this. I haven't talked about it 8 9 for ---

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## **CAITLIN HENDRICKSON:** M'hmm.

NANCY GABRIEL: I never really talked about 11 Jennifer because I don't remember -- I don't remember it. 12 And I feel kind of quilty for my sister Jennifer. And 13 after we had a meeting with those cops, they made me feel 14 15 guilty, like, if I would've said something it would've -they would've been able to put him away. I'm try to kind 16 of blame myself. I don't like that feeling. Sometimes I 17 want to drink again. But I pray. I pray and I think of my 18 family. Sometimes I don't want to. I miss my sisters so 19 much. And I miss Cody. My heart just aches. I just want 20 that cop to know how -- what he took away from us. And 21 that cop shouldn't get away with it. If somebody hit their 22 partner, they would be in jail right away. And why does he 23 24 get to stay out? Not right what he did to Cody. I don't know how I'm going to deal with this after. 25

CAITLIN HENDRICKSON: You've got your 1 support here. That's why this process isn't something you 2 go through along, right. It's not easy. 3 GLORIA LEBOLD: Yeah, it's very hard. 4 **CAITLIN HENDRICKSON:** You're bringing up a 5 6 lot of feelings and -- and I -- I ask questions that bring 7 up a lot more, and I try to do that in the best way that I can. But we're also here to make sure that when you're 8 9 walking out the door to move on, that you're well supported, right. 10 **GLORIA LEBOLD:** M'hmm. 11 CAITLIN HENDRICKSON: Is there anything that 12 you can think of that you'd like to see to honour your 13 sisters and to honour Cody? 14 15 **NANCY GABRIEL:** Like, what do you mean? **CAITLIN HENDRICKSON:** Just anything in 16 general. Like, some people talk about it on a bigger scale 17 18 of they want to see honour for our lost loves ones in large ways, you know, commemorated by the government. And other 19 people talk about how they want to honour their families 20 21 individually for those that they've lost. Is there anything you'd like to see happen to honour Jennifer, and 22 Julia, and Cody? You've already honoured Cody, I think, 23 24 because you talked about how it was his wish to be buried beside his mom, right? 25

NANCY GABRIEL: Yeah. That was his request. 1 And I asked his siblings that were in jail, I said, "What 2 3 should I do with -- do you want me to take him back home with your mom?" They said, "Yeah," that's what they wanted 4 so that's what I did. And for my other two sisters, I just 5 6 go there every year. I go the graveyard, I put flowers 7 down. And we go sun dance. That's what I do. I tell my mom, "Okay. I'm going to the graveyard now." My mom can't 8 9 qo to -- to our ---GLORIA LEBOLD: Yeah, it's very hard for me 10 11 to go. **NANCY GABRIEL:** So me and my brother -- my 12 brother lives out there. He's the one that helped me lots 13 with the funeral for Cody. He made crosses for my -- for 14 15 Cody. And that's what I do. I do -- I do that every year. I go to the graveyard, put flowers and now I have to put 16 extra flowers for Cody. And I go there to see my grandma, 17 18 my sister Jennifer, sister Julia and now Cody. My son, I don't know where he is. He's somewhere in that graveyard, 19 I just can't find him. 20 21 CAITLIN HENDRICKSON: And that's out 22 Waywayseecappo? NANCY GABRIEL: Yeah. I had a little boy in 23 24 1991 but I did a lot of drugs and drinking with him. I had

25 him early and then he -- he only lived for about five hours

I guess. And then he died. I don't remember his funeral 1 either that much. I don't do any -- I don't really know. 2 3 **CAITLIN HENDRICKSON:** Is there anything that you feel that you need in terms of the police 4 investigations? Are you looking for any documentation that 5 6 maybe you haven't seen before? Because one thing that I 7 refer most families to when they're going through this process, is to also help connect you to the Family 8 9 Information Liaison Unit. And the purpose of -- of their organization is that they can help get records from police 10 reports and things like that, to get information that you 11 wouldn't normally be able to get. Like, if the hospitals 12 are saying, "No, you can't have this," or the police were 13 saying, "No, you can't have this," FILU will help do that 14 15 with you. 16 GLORIA LEBOLD: Yes, I think that would be 17 good for us. 18 NANCY GABRIEL: Yeah. GLORIA LEBOLD: Yeah. 19 **CAITLIN HENDRICKSON:** That would be good? 20 21 GLORIA LEBOLD: M'hmm. 22 **CAITLIN HENDRICKSON:** Okay. [Registrar's note: a further seven sentences 23 were removed in accordance with the Chief Commissioner's 24 25 August 20, 2018 in camera order and publication ban in this

1 matter.] [...] 2 3 CAITLIN HENDRICKSON: And just for the record, that was our support Matilda on the record there. 4 Is there anything else that you'd like to share today? Is 5 there anything else that I might have missed that you think 6 7 is important for the Commissioners to know? NANCY GABRIEL: I just wish you could, like, 8 9 I don't know, when things happen like this, get the cops to do a better job. To, like, I wish we could, like, get them 10 to change their mind, like, one day by Native people, not 11 to judge them right away. And to ---12 CAITLIN HENDRICKSON: I ---13 NANCY GABRIEL: --- do a good job to ---14 15 **CAITLIN HENDRICKSON:** Yeah. 16 NANCY GABRIEL: --- to find out what happens to them. Not just judge them right away because of the way 17 18 they look. I believe if they would've investigated better, would've got justice for my sisters. Instead we didn't get 19 20 nothing. **CAITLIN HENDRICKSON:** I think that's what a 21 lot of families we've spoken to are asking for, is better 22 police response. 23 24 NANCY GABRIEL: Like, right away ---25 CAITLIN HENDRICKSON: More ---

NANCY GABRIEL: --- when they find Native 1 people, they judge them right away, right. 2 3 **CAITLIN HENDRICKSON:** M'hmm. NANCY GABRIEL: It's not right. 4 GLORIA LEBOLD: We never did get justice for 5 6 the girls, you know, my two daughters. Nothing. All we 7 had was their bodies and that was it, you know. I didn't think they -- I don't think they did a thorough 8 9 investigation at all. A lot of times I don't trust the police at all. You know, I just ---10 NANCY GABRIEL: I don't have trust in them 11 anymore. I really never did. Especially when I was 12 younger, when I used to run away. They used to beat me up, 13 those cops used to beat me up. I stuck up for myself once 14 15 and I -- and I kick them in the head and I got a -- a worse licking after. Those cops are -- I even dated a cop once 16 when I used to work on the street. 17 I used to have to work on the street. I got 18 forced to. And followed the same way my sisters did, like, 19 I got beaten up, I had to work on the street. One night he 20 made me walk out this area, just behind the west here, and 21 I stood there all night, all day. And he come back, come 22 and collect the money. And he said, "Okay. Stand out 23 24 there longer." If I didn't, I get beaten up. And I thought I was going to get arrested 25

1 once because a cop told me to get in. But he paid me and he, "Don't tell anybody," he told me. I never opened my 2 3 mouth until now. But I got out of that lifestyle, you know. I -- I'm -- I'm a survivor. 4 **CAITLIN HENDRICKSON:** M'hmm. 5 6 NANCY GABRIEL: And I just wish my sisters 7 would've survived with me. **CAITLIN HENDRICKSON:** M'hmm. 8 9 NANCY GABRIEL: I couldn't get them out of that cycle. Now I'm trying to stop my sister -- my 10 daughter from the cycle. I tell her everyday, "Don't ever 11 -- don't let -- ever let anybody touch you the wrong way." 12 **CAITLIN HENDRICKSON:** M'hmm. 13 NANCY GABRIEL: I told her that happened to 14 15 me when I was eight years old. I said, "I want to protect you from that. And you don't keep nothing from mommy and 16 daddy." I try to change our -- the cycle, you know. 17 18 **CAITLIN HENDRICKSON:** M'hmm. NANCY GABRIEL: And now I got [Sister 1]'s 19 kids living with me. I'm trying to get them to go the 20 right way. Like, what I said, "What are you guys going to 21 do if I die? Who you guys going to run to?" It's just, 22 like, my house is like a safe house. You know, the kids 23 24 run to me. And then I got my Sister 1nd her husband coming 25 over, eating.

1 And then my daughter said, "Mom, we have to get lots of food. We feed everybody." I said, "I know." 2 3 And I -- I -- I'm teaching my daughter, like, people come over, feed them, offer them something. And I said, "Always 4 feed them. Don't -- don't be stingy." And she says, "I 5 6 know." I'm trying to stop the cycle from the way the cycle 7 was when we were younger. 8 **CAITLIN HENDRICKSON:** M'hmm. 9 GLORIA LEBOLD: But [Sister 1]'s not listening to you yet. 10 NANCY GABRIEL: No, [Sister 1]'s not 11 listening to me. I get so scared for her too. 12 GLORIA LEBOLD: I talk to her, talk to her. 13 She don't listen to me either. 14 15 NANCY GABRIEL: We -- we talk too and everything. I tell her, "I did it. You could do it." And 16 now her kids are drinking with her and she's lost. I have 17 her -- when I have her at home, I talk to her. And I tell 18 her, "I'm so scared for you sometimes." I said, "I'm 19 scared you're going to end up like Julia and Jennifer." I 20 said, "And then what am I going to do?" I said, "I'll have 21 no sisters." That's what I tell her. "You -- can you stop 22 your drinking and drugs," I said. She won't listen to me. 23 24 Trying to stop her daughter from drinking 25 and doing that meth too. She said she hasn't been on meth.

Statement - Public 47 Gloria Lebold & Nancy Gabriel (Jennifer Lee Hunter & Julia Jean Marie Hunter) 1 She's still drinking though. I'm trying so hard to save my family, but I can't. 2 3 CAITLIN HENDRICKSON: You're doing everything you can though, right. 4 NANCY GABRIEL: Pardon me? 5 6 **CAITLIN HENDRICKSON:** You're doing 7 everything you can. 8 NANCY GABRIEL: Yeah. 9 CAITLIN HENDRICKSON: You're working very hard to raise your daughter in a good way. 10 NANCY GABRIEL: Yeah. Because when I --11 when I found out I was pregnant with her, me and my husband 12 both said, "We're going to give her a life that we never 13 had." And that's what we're trying to do for her. 14 15 GLORIA LEBOLD: I love -- when Nancy was on the street drinking, they found her passed out in -- in a 16 bus shack. And there was heaters there. I guess she fell 17 18 asleep and ---NANCY GABRIEL: I burnt here. 19 GLORIA LEBOLD: Yeah, she burnt. 20 21 NANCY GABRIEL: I had to have 32 staples. GLORIA LEBOLD: I found her in the hospital. 22 I thought she was going to die. Boy, did she look 23 24 terrible. But that's where they use to go warm up, I 25 guess, you know, when you were drinking. Lot of times I

seen her passed out on the street. I'd get off the bus,
 I'd go try to wake her up and I'm so happy she quit
 drinking.

My -- [Sister 1]'s kids there, they -- they
drink, you know. There's -- two of them are into drugs.
But the other grandchildren, I never hear them drinking,
like, you know. Like, from either of Jennifer's boys or
even he's up now, he has two little kids and he works. So
he doesn't -- he's not into drugs or alcohol. But I talk
to them a lot of times when I can see them.

I don't get to see all of -- all of them all the time because they all live in different places. Some are not in the city. I've got two great-grandsons living in Ontario horse ranches I think.

NANCY GABRIEL: Yeah.

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16 GLORIA LEBOLD: Yeah. And we have one 17 great-grandson that's in a home. I've only seen once. I 18 don't even know where he's -- where they're keeping him. 19 They bring him ---

20NANCY GABRIEL: Oh, [Gloria's Granddaughter211]'s boy.

GLORIA LEBOLD: Yeah.

23 NANCY GABRIEL: I don't know. I have -- my
24 son [Son 1], his dad has been missing since it's, like, 16
25 years now. Never been found. He's still a missing

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person's. My son asks me -- me, "Who's my dad." And he 1 said, "Hey, that guy that used to come give me money. Is 2 3 that my dad?" "Yeah." And then he seen a picture of him hanging -- hanging at the thing over here because he used 4 to live here at the (Indiscernible) younger with [Sister 5 6 1]. I was in that transition centre there that time. But 7 I still went to drugs and alcohol. 8 So they were going to take my son away, and 9 I even took him to [Sister 1] and [J.]. "Do you want to have [Son 1]," I said, "Because they're going to take him 10 away. They said, "Yeah, bring him here." So I took him to 11 my sister's. And he used to come there no matter how drunk 12 he was. He'd still go there and drop money off for them. 13 And then we found out that he went missing. Never been 14 15 found. I don't even know. 16 Now his sisters want to meet my son. Well, they seen him when he was a baby but they want to see how 17 18 big he is now. CAITLIN HENDRICKSON: M'hmm. And did he 19 grow up with [Sister 1]? 20 NANCY GABRIEL: Pardon me? 21 22 **CAITLIN HENDRICKSON:** Did he stay with [Sister 1]? 23 24 NANCY GABRIEL: Yeah. He -- they're the ones that raised him.

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think of what his daughter's going to -- got no-one and all 1 that. So he changed his life in there. He came out, got 2 3 back together with his girlfriend and now he has a very good job. He's doing good for himself. 4 5 CAITLIN HENDRICKSON: Good. I'm glad to hear a lot of strengths about your family. 6 7 NANCY GABRIEL: Some kids are doing good, some are -- they kind of -- well, especially the ones that 8 9 Cody still didn't -- they're kind of lost right now. Like, the ones -- the three that just got out of jail --10 [Gloria's Granddaughter 1] just got out yesterday. 11 She was charged for something like this with 12 -- that guy was in the car with her -- her, I don't know he 13 was to her but she -- he didn't believe in seatbelts. He 14 15 was a friend of the family's and they were coming from Wayway I think. But -- but he rolled the car. And that 16 quy went through the windshield and died. So she was being 17 18 charged for that. And when she found out that cop hit her brother, it really hurt her and it really got her mad. 19 Because he said, "Why am I still sitting in jail and he's 20 not in jail?" Because she was getting charged for what is 21 22 that? **GLORIA LEBOLD:** Criminal negligence causing 23 24 death.

NANCY GABRIEL: Yeah.

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1 CAITLIN HENDRICKSON: And how long was she in ---2 3 NANCY GABRIEL: June 11th was one year she was in there. So and then she got out yesterday so ---4 GLORIA LEBOLD: I don't know the ---5 6 NANCY GABRIEL: Fourteen months I guess she 7 was in there. So they give her time served. But she's still on three years probation I think. 8 9 **CAITLIN HENDRICKSON:** M'hmm. NANCY GABRIEL: So that's what's got her 10 angry and hurt her because that cop not in jail and she --11 she let -- she was still in jail and -- and that didn't --12 couldn't go to the funeral. So that's -- that's really, 13 really bad, eh. Like, he hit -- he killed my nephew and he 14 15 didn't even go to jail. Like, why is he so special? Like 16 \_\_\_ GLORIA LEBOLD: My granddaughter, [Gloria's 17

Granddaughter 1], she was -- she -- because it happened 18 near -- near Wayway Reserve and that was a jurisdiction so 19 that's where she had to go to court. And the court case is 20 being held by elders over there in the reserve. And they 21 heard all the stories are -- that was presented in court. 22 And they were -- that she was abused and, like, they 23 24 interviewed all of us about her. And so this person, I 25 guess, send a report and they listen to all the reports and

Statement - Public 53 Gloria Lebold & Nancy Gabriel (Jennifer Lee Hunter & Julia Jean Marie Hunter) 1 so they gave her time served. CAITLIN HENDRICKSON: But she had to wait a 2 3 year for that court? NANCY GABRIEL: Yeah. Over a year. 4 GLORIA LEBOLD: Over a year, yeah. 5 6 NANCY GABRIEL: Yeah. GLORIA LEBOLD: I don't know if they do that 7 in all the reserves, if they have court cases. I do not 8 9 know, it's been a while now since Wayway was doing that. My mom used to sit in there to. She was one of the people 10 in court. 11 **CAITLIN HENDRICKSON:** I don't think it's all 12 of the reserves that would be equipped for that but it's 13 good to see that there is some practicing their own justice 14 15 systems. 16 GLORIA LEBOLD: Yeah. They should do that in all the reserves. 17 18 **CAITLIN HENDRICKSON:** M'hmm. NANCY GABRIEL: My brother back home, I told 19 him what I'm doing and he said, "Yeah, you and mom should," 20 -- because he has questions but he doesn't come out and ask 21 or anything. Because he lives back home. He says, "Why 22 don't you get answers about the cops and all that?" I 23 24 said, "I'm trying." And he -- he wants questions answered, 25 I can't answer them. I told him, "I'm trying to do

everything. I'm trying." Well, "Me and mom are trying to 1 do everything," I said. We're trying to get closure, we're 2 3 trying to do everything. He wants answers but I can't give him answers. He wants answers about my sisters, I say, "I 4 don't know." About our sisters. He wants answers about 5 6 Cody. Like, I got two -- two of those death 7 certificates, I guess. One for Julia, one for Cody. I got 8 9 the autopsy report. I said, "I shouldn't even have these things." Something I thought I'd never have -- have to do. 10 Thought I'd never have to be a next of kin. And I don't 11 like it. 12 **CAITLIN HENDRICKSON:** Those -- those 13 documents that you have, if -- if you'd like, we do also 14 review those documents as part of the testimonies as well. 15 So we could always ---16 NANCY GABRIEL: Yeah. 17 18 CAITLIN HENDRICKSON: --- take a copy of it for the Commissioners to review it. 19 NANCY GABRIEL: Yeah. 20 CAITLIN HENDRICKSON: If you were able to 21 get it to us or somebody at the Winnipeg office. 22 23 NANCY GABRIEL: Yeah, I've got them at home. 24 **CAITLIN HENDRICKSON:** Okay. That'll be 25 great.

NANCY GABRIEL: I, like, keep their stuff 1 separate. And I got Cody's autopsy report and I got 2 3 Julia's. And those cops should, you know, when the -- when they find somebody, they should tell -- tell the next of 4 kin and tell the parents. Like, face to face, not tell --5 6 give it to somebody else to tell them. 7 **CAITLIN HENDRICKSON:** M'hmm. NANCY GABRIEL: Like, you know, that's not 8 their job to do -- tell me -- like, it wasn't my husband's 9 job to tell me. It should've been that cop that told me. 10 **CAITLIN HENDRICKSON:** M'hmm. 11 NANCY GABRIEL: Like, so we wouldn't have 12 to, like, phone all over, you know, and ---13 GLORIA LEBOLD: Instead of somebody else 14 telling you. 15 NANCY GABRIEL: Yeah, like, we don't know if 16 it's true or not. Like, if the cops would've told us 17 themselves, then we would've believed it right away, right. 18 Like, it was hard to believe it when somebody else tells 19 you and it's not -- you don't want to believe it and they 20 should follow their way that they're supposed to tell the 21 next of kin face to face, not -- not the way they do it. 22 **CAITLIN HENDRICKSON:** M'hmm. 23 24 NANCY GABRIEL: They put that job on my husband to do that for me. And that was a -- hardest thing 25

Statement - Public 56 Gloria Lebold & Nancy Gabriel (Jennifer Lee Hunter & Julia Jean Marie Hunter) he had to do he said because he was close with my sister 1 2 too. 3 **CAITLIN HENDRICKSON:** Yeah. NANCY GABRIEL: And to put that thing on 4 somebody else is terrible. Those cops should do their 5 6 things right. 7 CAITLIN HENDRICKSON: So I don't have any more questions for you and I'm -- are you ready to wrap up 8 9 and ---**NANCY GABRIEL:** M'hmm. 10 GLORIA LEBOLD: I am, yes. 11 12 **CAITLIN HENDRICKSON:** Okay. NANCY GABRIEL: So how do I get those 13 documents to you? 14 CAITLIN HENDRICKSON: We'll talk about it 15 after. It's 11:36. I'm going to shut off the recording. 16

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