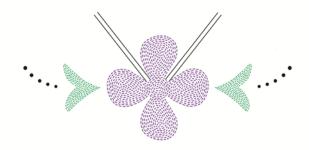
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Happy Valley-Goose Bay, Newfoundland-and-Labrador 1 --- Upon commencing on Wednesday, March 7, 2018 at 10:24 2 3 a.m. MS. ALANA LEE: Okay. I'm just going to set 4 this right close to you, Rose. Okay. So it is March 7th, 5 2018. This is Alana Lee, statement gatherer, with the 6 National Inquiry Into Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women 7 and Girls. We are currently at Hotel North Two in 8 9 Happy Valley-Goose Bay. I am with Rose Pamack. Pamack? 10 MS. ROSE PAMACK: Pamack. MS. ALANA LEE: Pamack. 11 MS. ROSE PAMACK: Yeah. 12 MS. ALANA LEE: There. Thank you, Rose. It 13 is currently 10:24, and, Rose, you're here to speak on your 14 experiences as a survivor. 15 MS. ROSE PAMACK: Yes. 16 MS. ALANA LEE: Okay. And, Rose, you're 17 originally from Nain, but you relocated to Happy 18 Valley-Goose Bay in September of 1999? 19 20 MS. ROSE PAMACK: Yes. 21 MS. ALANA LEE: Yes. Okay. We also have 22 health support with us. 23 MS. AMELIA REIMER: Amelia Reimer. MS. ALANA LEE: Oh, okay. Amelia -- do you 24 want to state your name for the camera?

MS. AMELIA REIMER: Amelia Reimer. 1 2 MS. ALANA LEE: Amelia -- okay. And, Rose, you're here on a voluntary basis? 3 4 MS. ROSE PAMACK: Yes. MS. ALANA LEE: Okay. On behalf of the 5 6 Inquiry, we'd like to thank you for sharing your truth, and 7 I quess at this point, we'll begin. Rose, what would you like to tell us about your experiences as a survivor? 8 9 MS. ROSE PAMACK: You're welcome. I had 10 wanted to talk about these two people that I was involved with in the '70s. I don't know if they were related, what 11 they did -- if it was related to each other or not. I 12 suffered a whole lot of domestic violence when I was 13 married for three years, here, we married here for -- I was 14 here for two years, and then I went to Nain, and we were 15 there for a while, and the outcome of the relationship was 16 that -- because he was Catholic, I -- I appealed to the 17 Pope, and he annulled the marriage, and then I went to the 18 19 Supreme Court in St. John's, Newfoundland, and -- and signed the papers there before Supreme Court that the 20 21 marriage was now annulled. And the other person, that was [Ex-husband]. 22 That was his name, and he was a Mi'gmaw from Bay d'Espoir, 23 Newfoundland, and the other person was [Senior 24 Administrator 1], and the incident that happened, that was 25

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in September of 1976, I think it was, that I -- I had 1 started working in Nain, and -- it was a beautiful 2 September morning, and I was walking to school. I lived in 3 a little house across the harbour in Nain, and when I got 4 close to the Labrador Inuit Association office -- they had 5 huge long stairs there in the front -- I saw this man 6 resting, and he had these bent trees -- like, you have to 7 get bent trees -- when you're making a boat, you have to 8 9 get bent trees for the prow, I think, or some part of it, 10 and he was there resting, and I -- I -- I didn't know who he was, not really. I mean, I hadn't been in Nain for a 11 while. I didn't know who lived there at the time, and I 12 just spoke to him, like, casually, and he said he was 13 making a boat and he's got these two cross pieces or 14 whatever you call them, and -- and I just went in, and I 15 think it was my first day of work. I had the key. I went 16 into the main office, and my own office eventually was on 17 the side, (indiscernible) cultural centre, but I think at 18 the beginning, in the first year before we got our funding 19 for cultural centres, I was working out of the main office, 20 21 the land claims office for Labrador Inuit Association, and 22 I wasn't expecting anything. I went in, and I went to the phone in the 23

first receptionist's office, and I went there, and I -- I

called somebody, maybe my mother, I don't know, and let

them know that I'm -- I'm now in the office, and that's

where I'm -- I don't know if even I had a phone at home at

that point because I'd just gotten there, I'd just gotten

to Nain, and -- and this person burst in. I tried to

remember very hard. Did he have the same face as that

fellow that I just saw out there with the boat pieces, or

is this a different person?

Anyway, it was a very angry man, and I didn't know who he was, not really, and he came into the office, and he began to fight with me. He couldn't knock me down, and somehow we kept fighting, and then we were in the hallway because there was a hallway there, the president's office, the second secretary, and the main secretary, receptionist, secretary there, and then he drove me into the secretary's office there, and -- still fighting, and he couldn't get me off my feet still.

I guess by this time, he was getting frustrated, and he began to -- there -- the secretary had a little homemade shelving -- like, I don't know what you call it, like, a counter that goes all around the small room and the telephone, and everything very tidy because she's so tidy, and he started throwing things on the floor. I guess he was making room for -- for me to lie down or to kill me, I don't know. He was still not able to get me off my feet, and luckily for me, luckily for me, I wasn't in

1	the other office where I would have been alone. Luckily
2	for me, [Senior Administrator 2], he came in, and he had a
3	very shocked expression on his face. I don't know if I'd
4	been talking to him and told him that I was in the office.
5	I don't know I don't know how much I I was able to
6	say over the telephone before all this started, and as soon
7	as he came in, this man, [Senior Administrator 1] of
8	[Community 1], he ran out he ran out really fast and
9	left me in shock, too, and [Senior Administrator 2] went
10	further up, and he was on the phone or something, doing
11	something, and I didn't tell him what happened. I didn't
12	tell my mother what happened. I didn't tell the police
13	what happened. I was just I'd just been through two
14	years of a very violent marriage, and I guess I'd been
15	softened up, in a way, by the experience, but I didn't
16	really know what was going on, and I didn't know who the
17	person was, I mean, why he did that, and it was only much
18	later, I think, that we began to find out that he did
19	sexual assaults and he was violent.
20	But the person I saw outside, he was very
21	friendly, and the person that came through the door, he was
22	really angry, like, two different peoples,
23	and and so so that was workplace harassment as I
24	found out later.

MS. ALANA LEE: Did your -- you said [Senior

- 1 Administrator 2] had come in and stopped it. What was the
- 2 [Senior Administrator 2]'s name again?
- 3 MS. ROSE PAMACK: [Senior Administrator 2].
- 4 He's in St. John's.
- 5 MS. ALANA LEE: And so did [Senior
- 6 Administrator 2] report this to the police?
- 7 MS. ROSE PAMACK: I don't know. I didn't
- 8 talk to him, and this person who was fighting with me, he
- 9 didn't say anything. He didn't say, get out of this place,
- 10 get out of -- he didn't say anything, you know?
- 11 MS. ALANA LEE: Hmm.
- 12 MS. ROSE PAMACK: I didn't know what it was
- 13 all about.
- 14 MS. ALANA LEE: And so no police came to
- talk to you about it or anything?
- 16 MS. ROSE PAMACK: No. I didn't report it to
- anybody.
- 18 MS. ALANA LEE: Okay.
- 19 MS. ROSE PAMACK: I was too, too scared, and
- I was only able to talk -- tell people about it many years
- later, maybe in the '90s or '80s or some -- sometime around
- there when I began to hear, oh, yeah, he's been charged for
- this, he's been charged for that, you know? And I said,
- oh, yeah, oh, yeah, and he was, like, two people -- and I
- would watch him on TV, and you could see that he'd had that

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face, really angry, angry, because they were -- [one line 1 2 redacted -identifying information]. I worked there when [Senior Administrator 3] was there, I worked there when 3 [Senior Administrator 4] was the president, and then [one 4 line redacted - identifying information] and then I left. 5 I said, I can't do it. I'm not going to say nothing about 6 nothing. I'm just going to leave. 7 MS. ALANA LEE: Oh. So was this when you 8 9 were -- you -- so you were still working at the -- what did 10 you say, the Labrador Inuit Association, and then he -- this [Senior Administrator 1], he came on as 11 [position] there? 12 MS. ROSE PAMACK: Yeah. 13 MS. ALANA LEE: Oh, okay. 14 MS. ROSE PAMACK: Yes, and that made it even 15 more frightening. Like --16 MS. ALANA LEE: I -- I imagine it would 17 have. 18 MS. ROSE PAMACK: Yes, and -- it just hurt 19 me very much. Of course, I'd had a hard time finding a job 20 21 after that. I mean... 22 MS. ALANA LEE: M'hm. And so was he convicted of other sexual offenses after [one line redacted 23 - identifying information]? 24

MS. ROSE PAMACK: I believe so. I think

before -- before I left Nain, he -- he did do something to 1 a young girl who came to visit his daughter, but I think 2 sometime even before that, he was in trouble with the law. 3 I can't remember who -- who or what. You know, I don't 4 remember the details. 5 MS. ALANA LEE: M'hm. Do you know what year 6 [one line redacted - identifying information], and then you 7 left as a result? You left Nain? 8 9 MS. ROSE PAMACK: Yeah. Well, I went there in 1976, so I worked there for seven years, so that -- I 10 think I might have left around 1984. 11 MS. ALANA LEE: Okay. 12 MS. ROSE PAMACK: I did work for OK Society 13 before I was a -- you know, retired with a disability 14 pension. 15 MS. ALANA LEE: Were --16 MS. ROSE PAMACK: So --17 MS. ALANA LEE: You mentioned that you also 18 wanted to talk about your relationship with your previous 19 husband? 20 21 MS. ROSE PAMACK: Yes. Yes. MS. ALANA LEE: Okay. When were you 22 married? 23 MS. ROSE PAMACK: Well, I went back to 24

university in '73. I met him in January of '74, and then I

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got a job back in Goose Bay with the Department of 1 2 Education as curriculum consultants for Native schools. Long title. 3 4 MS. ALANA LEE: Wow. MS. ROSE PAMACK: And --and he didn't want 5 6 to be left behind. He was working then with the -- there was a [Ex-husband's employer 1]. 7 MS. ALANA LEE: M'hm. 8 9 MS. ROSE PAMACK: And that's where he was 10 working, so he got a job -- he got a [type of employment] job in Happy Valley-Goose Bay, Sheshashayee, somewhere 11 around there, and so he came. We were both working, and 12 the way he was in St. John's, the way that I knew him, he 13 totally changed. I don't know if they were flashbacks to 14 drugs or if something else happened because after maybe a 15 year, I don't know, he -- he was laid off from the 16 job -- like, you get funding cuts, he would get funding for 17 a year, two years, and then after that, he was taking a 18 course as a [Ex-husband's studies], and --19 MS. ALANA LEE: Sorry, Rose, what was his 20 21 name? 22 MS. ROSE PAMACK: [Ex-husband]. MS. ALANA LEE: [Ex-husband]. Okay. 23 24 MS. ROSE PAMACK: Yeah. [Ex-husband].

MS. ALANA LEE: [Spells name]?

MS. ROSE PAMACK: [Spells name]. 1 2 MS. ALANA LEE: Okay. Thank you. So sorry to interrupt you. You said he was taking a course at -- to 3 be a [Ex-husband's studies]? 4 MS. ROSE PAMACK: Yeah, after that, but 5 after we were in Goose Bay, he was meeting people from 6 7 Natuashish, and when we were in St. John's, yet, we would meet people from Natuashish and different parts of 8 9 Newfoundland where there were Native people and 10 Sheshashayee, and he became convinced that he shouldn't be married to me; he should be married to an Innu person 11 because he's a -- he's a Mi'gmaw. He became very convinced 12 of that, and he was Catholic, and he kept -- he kept 13 feeling that he was -- he had no way of getting out of it, 14 and I think that would bring on the violence, and his -- he 15 would talk to his mother, and I don't know if the -- his 16 family, you know, disapproved of it or not. They didn't 17 come to the wedding, for sure, and he wanted to go to 18 Natuashish, and so I had the marriage annulled because I 19 just couldn't go through it anymore. 20 21 And the very worst incident I was going to talk about, when we were in the trailer, he came after me 22 with a knife, quite a long blade, and I ran into the 23 bedroom, which was at the end of the trailer, and I kicked 24 him in the wrist so that the knife went clattering in the

hallway. He went to get it again, and he was there, close 1 2 to the wall, and he went like this and stabbed the wall and broke off the tip of the knife, and then -- and I was lying 3 4 on the bed, and he was just about to draw and quarter me. He said he was going to dismember me. He said he was going 5 to cut out my vagina, you know, very -- very horrible 6 things, and then he -- he used to see something that wasn't 7 there, either behind me or around me or here, and -- I had 8 9 a red gown in the closet that I had bought in St. John's. 10 I had it when -- you know, before and brought it to 11 Goose Bay. It was hanging in the closet, and then he saw the grim reaper -- I just say grim reaper just -- just to 12 say, you know, it was something that he saw. He would 13 never talk about it. I used to plead with him, can't you 14 tell somebody? Can't you tell a friend? Can't you tell a 15 priest? Can't you tell a doctor, somebody from the 16 hospital? Can't you tell the police what's going on? 17 Because I didn't know what was going on, and the grim 18 19 reaper was in the closet, and he went into the closet, and he -- he slashed that red dress so very, very, very much. 20 21 And it was these episodes that he -- that 22 came over him that happened to him that -- they would pass. They would pass, he would seem like he's normal again. 23 It's just something that comes over him, and he's -- he's 24 in another world, and then he goes back down. 25

Well, this one time that -- he had a case of 1 2 beer. He -- I ran away, then he chased me. The first door, the door was locked. I ran to the second door. 3 The 4 door was locked. He'd locked them, you know, before. guess he had planned to do this, and -- so he caught up to 5 me when I was at the second door I didn't know how to 6 7 unlock it. He caught up to me and told me to stand by the door, so I didn't know what was going to happen next, and 8 9 he went and sit down, watched TV, had his case of beer, 10 drinking beer, and then after an hour or so, a couple of hours, maybe, he was getting drunk, I guess, and he started 11 laughing, laughing, laughing, and -- and I said, I have to 12 go down to the little store down the road, I have to go and 13 get some dog food, and luckily he let me go, and I ran down 14 to the hospital, and I can remember the horrible feeling, 15 it was -- how horrible it was. It was like there is 16 nowhere in the world where I could go to hide. There's no 17 one to help me. You're totally helpless. I even wanted to 18 19 go and crawl under the table. That's how bad it was, and -- so from there, I went to George Ford's, George and 20 21 Sophie Ford's, and I stayed there overnight. MS. ALANA LEE: Were they friends of yours? 22 MS. ROSE PAMACK: Yeah. He's my -- he was 23 my uncle. He's passed away, and she's related to me. 24 was a Ford, too, and she's a -- my aunt's daughter, like, 25

a -- I think I -- he would say that he was my dad's 1 2 brother, but it may be that because they were from Okak and their parents all died out that they were adopted by 3 4 Willy Ford. 5 MS. ALANA LEE: Okay. 6 MS. ROSE PAMACK: And so they were brothers 7 in that sense. I did never really find out, you know, if it was blood relative or adoptive relative, so that's where 8 9 I went, and -- and the next day, he -- he followed 10 me -- George followed me to the trailer, and I got a big trunk, and -- and I packed it, and I got on the boat, and I 11 went to Nain, and it was while I was at Nain that this 12 second person assaulted me, you know, [Senior Administrator 13 1] --14 15 MS. ALANA LEE: M'hm. MS. ROSE PAMACK: -- while I went to -- when 16 I went to work. I don't know if they were connected in any 17 way because [Senior Administrator 1]'s girlfriend, I found 18 out later, she's also Catholic. She passed on, her brother 19 passed on, and she was the secretary at the [Employer 1]. 20 21 MS. ALANA LEE: M'hm. How long were you 22 married --MS. ROSE PAMACK: Three years. 23 24 MS. ALANA LEE: -- to [Ex-husband]? Okay. MS. ROSE PAMACK: Yeah, because we got 25

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married in '74, and then it was two years in Nain, and then '76, I went to Nain, and I worked in Nain for seven years, and sometime -- I was working for Inuit Cultural Institute, and I would have to travel to Eskimo Point, Northwest Territories, it was then before land claims, and -- so in the second year, they got a grant, and -- well, all across Canada, they set up cultural centres for Native people --

MS. ALANA LEE: M'hm.

MS. ROSE PAMACK: -- Aboriginal people, and there was one set up in Nain, and I was its first director, and that was 1977, and I came back from Eskimo Point, and he was going out the door. He was leaving on the flight that I -- I just arrived on, and I asked him, where are you going? And he said he was going to Davis Inlet to work, he got a job there, and I said, okay, I'll just unpack, I'll come down with you. I -- I didn't know if I had to move to Davis Inlet to -- to continue the marriage or -- I didn't know, you know, because I hadn't been told anything, but he'd left for good, and I didn't know. I went to Davis Inlet, and he said he'd found somebody else. didn't want me to be there. He would lock me out. He'd tell me to sleep on the floor, and -- so I went back to Nain, and he had said that if I ever left, that he would kill me. I mean, he was always trying to kill me anyway, and I -- I just became so -- so frightened while I was in

1	Nain at that time that I became afraid to walk into the
2	government store because there was a big space, and I was
3	afraid to fly because you'd be in a small space, and you
4	know, I didn't fly for even even for a long time. I
5	don't know how long it took me to get over it, you know,
6	the fear of flying that I didn't have before. I mean,
7	I I I had jobs where I had to fly a lot, like two
8	years as a consultant, we just never stopped, eh? You're
9	always traveling, and then I had the Inuit Cultural
10	Institute job and was always flying with that, but it just
11	came over me like that, and like, and the house burnt
12	down in 2013 2015. There there were things that
13	happened to you that you couldn't explain, like the crying
14	every day, nightmares every day, and my brother
15	disappeared, and nobody knew what had happened to him, my
16	brother Richard Pamack, in we were
17	MS. ALANA LEE: When did when did Richard
18	disappear?
19	MS. ROSE PAMACK: I think it was
20	June June the 28th of 2011. I was at Headland
21	Departments, and I was getting ready to go to Nain, and
22	MS. ALANA LEE: And this was was this in
23	Happy Valley-Goose Bay that he went missing?
24	MS. ROSE PAMACK: Yes.
25	MS. ALANA LEE: Okay. Sorry. Keep going.

1	MS. ROSE PAMACK: Yes, he lived at Newman's
2	Boarding House since the time it was started, maybe
3	30 years or so, and they were closing down Newman's just
4	before that happened when he went missing, and I would go
5	and live there every now and then, and I'd live at
6	different addresses. I lived in a lot of different places,
7	maybe 23, 25 different places in the valley and in
8	Spruce Park, and
9	MS. ALANA LEE: Was housing an issue for
10	you? Like, was it hard to find housing? Is that why?
11	MS. ROSE PAMACK: Oh, yes. We'd get I'd
12	get housing, but it wouldn't be good, you know? There'd
13	always be something wrong, and move on, go back to
14	Newman's, try to find another place, and and I lived in
15	Spruce Park, and then I went to live in the valley.
16	(Indiscernible) know when that was.
17	MS. ALANA LEE: Has your brother been found
18	since?
19	MS. ROSE PAMACK: No.
20	MS. ALANA LEE: No?
21	MS. ROSE PAMACK: No. Keep trying to ask
22	and try to keep asking the RCMP. They always say they
23	don't have any information. They searched, and they didn't
24	find him.
25	MS. ALANA LEE: Okay. And did you do you

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know when he was reported missing? Did you report him 1 2 missing? MS. ROSE PAMACK: No. I was at Headland 3 Departments, and the RCMP -- two RCMP officers came and 4 asked if my brother was there, and I said, no. They say, 5 he's been missing now for three days; and my brother was at 6 Newman's, and I stayed for another month. I was checking 7 out of Headland, but I told them, there's something 8 9 happened to my brother, I'm going to wait and see if 10 they'll find him or if there's any news of what's happened, and... 11 So I -- I don't know if [Ex-Husband] had 12 anything to do with the [Senior Administrator 1] incident. 13 If he has been, like, influencing things in my life without 14 my knowing it, I don't know, because after the marriage was 15 annulled, I didn't make any attempt to talk to him or call 16 him or find out where he was, and I don't know if he had 17 anything to do with my missing brother because we don't 18 19 know what's -- what happened. 20 MS. ALANA LEE: Yeah. What -- do you know what RCMP detachment it was? Was it here in 21 22 Happy Valley-Goose Bay? 23 MS. ROSE PAMACK: Yes. MS. ALANA LEE: Okay. Have they contacted 24

you recently with any information?

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1	MS. ROSE PAMACK: No. They've never
2	contacted me. At the time that it happened, I would go in
3	there and ask if there's any news, or call, and once when I
4	went in, they said it was a staff sergeant. He came
5	down. His face was red and sweating. It was summertime,
6	and he told me, you're not to come in here and ask ask
7	questions. You're not to come and ask us.
8	You're you're you you're not allowed in here to
9	come and do that to us, and so I didn't go there. I
10	didn't try to ask any more. I don't know why he would have
11	been like that to me, but he said they we can only tell
12	one person, and that person is in Nain, and I said, who is
13	it, because I have a brother in Nain, and he he just
14	said, I he didn't know.
15	And at that time the one I was starting
16	to tell you about when he had the knife, he
17	MS. ALANA LEE: And this is when [Ex-
18	husband]
19	MS. ROSE PAMACK: I tried to get the police
20	to help me, and they told me they can't help. They said
21	they don't get mixed up with domestic squabbles, and I was
22	surprised because my father, he worked in as a special
23	constable for the RCMP for many years, and around 1955,
24	there was resettlement, relocation from Hebron and
25	Nutak (ph) and there was a whole influx of people, at least

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300 more people came into town, and there was a lot of drinking, a lot of assault and domestic violence, and he would be called out at least once a night, you know?

4 MS. ALANA LEE: M'hm.

5 MS. ROSE PAMACK: They were really, really 6 involved with it.

7 MS. ALANA LEE: Yeah, and it's their duty to 8 get involved.

MS. ROSE PAMACK: And my mother and -- and a few other women, they were -- we formed the Nain Women's Group, and we wanted to build a refuge for victims of domestic violence, and I think they have one now, I know they have one here, and we didn't make much headway, and one of the women who was involved with us, it was mostly older ladies, and -- it was Joanna Anderson, and she was murdered in -- and that time, when -- when we worked for -- worked in Nain, there was myself and William Callio (ph), he died of cancer, we would always have trouble with our glasses. I remember one year that six times I had to replace my glasses. All my money, whatever money I made had to go to buying glasses, and William Callio and I had the same problem, broken glasses, and this was one of the times -- it was summertime, and my glasses were broken, and I had old glasses on, but I couldn't see very good out of them, and was in the evening just before nightfall, and I

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saw this man running. He was running, like, from the main 1 part of Nain. Like, we were sort of at the end of Nain, 2 toward the airstrip, and -- (indiscernible) basement, and 3 4 he came running, and he -- he looked like he was running like this, like -- like [G.S.] (ph) would run. 5 MS. ALANA LEE: Hm. 6 7 MS. ROSE PAMACK: Same -- same shape, it seemed like, and -- but [G.S.] was in the Federal 8 9 penitentiary in Springhill, Nova Scotia, Dorchester, 10 somewhere over there, and -- it wasn't him, I don't think, 11 and anyway, he -- he ran along the edge of John Igloo's (ph) house, and then there were two houses right here. He 12 ran that way, and then the -- there's -- there's the main 13 There's two houses there. He went down there. I 14 road. could see him there in the middle of the road, and he tried 15 to run up to Nain, and then he turned back, and then he 16 started running toward the airstrip, like, to the end of 17 our road, and -- and I didn't see him after that. I 18 thought he went into [L.O.]'s house, and I didn't ever find 19 out who it was. 20 21 I was on the phone at the time to my mother,

I was on the phone at the time to my mother, and -- and I told her, yeah, there's somebody running. It was only later that we found out. That was the night that Joanna Anderson was murdered. I don't know if she was murdered during the day or if was during the night.

He -- I know this man who was running, he would look back 1 2 to see if he was being chased, you know? MS. ALANA LEE: M'hm. 3 4 MS. ROSE PAMACK: He used to look back, you know, like, if somebody was chasing him. 5 MS. ALANA LEE: Did anybody -- did the 6 police ever come and talk to you about this? 7 MS. ROSE PAMACK: No. 8 9 MS. ALANA LEE: Okay. 10 MS. ROSE PAMACK: They didn't. 11 MS. AMELIA REIMER: You said you went to John Igloo's house? 12 MS. ROSE PAMACK: No. He --13 MS. AMELIA REIMER: No? 14 MS. ROSE PAMACK: He ran -- like --15 MS. ALANA LEE: Sorry. That was 16 just -- whenever you --17 MS. AMELIA REIMER: Oh, sorry. 18 19 MS. ALANA LEE: No, it's -- and it's okay. Whenever you speak -- that was just Amelia --20 21 MS. AMELIA REIMER: Yeah.

MS. ALANA LEE: -- health support. Whenever

24 MS. AMELIA REIMER: Sure.

you speak, just state your name.

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25 MS. ALANA LEE: Just so that the

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MS. AMELIA REIMER: I just wanted to make 3

4 sure we understood what you were talking about, so -- yeah.

So he ran past John's house, then?

6 MS. ROSE PAMACK: There was a house here,

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MS. AMELIA REIMER: Yeah. 8

> MS. ROSE PAMACK: And there were two relocation houses over here. Joh's house is there, so he

11 ran along the edge of John Igloo's house. He ran between

the two relocation houses, and then he ran toward the main 12

road, and that's where I saw him. He tried to run toward 13

Nain, but then he seemed to change his mind, and he ran

down the end of Nain instead, our end, that way. I didn't

see him again, so I thought he must have gone into the

second relocation house, which would be [L.O.], and she,

also, was a member of the Nain Women's Group. 18

> I know that when we were talking, there was a -- somebody, a woman, she came and talked to us about being involved in domestic violence and all that. She said, it's quite dangerous because you could be killed; the same person who attacked the victim could also attack you, could kill you. But we kept together, and that is what happened to one of our members. She was murdered, and from

- what I hear, they didn't ever find out who murdered her.
- 2 MS. ALANA LEE: Do you know -- what was the
- date that -- you said Joanna, right? What was the date
- 4 Joanna was murdered?
- 5 MS. ROSE PAMACK: I'm not too sure. I
- 6 think -- 1984, I was in my new house. This might have been
- 7 June of 1984.
- 8 MS. ALANA LEE: Okay.
- 9 MS. ROSE PAMACK: Or it could be '85.
- 10 Somewhere around there, and there were two murders. The
- other one was a young man, Bill Webb's (ph) son, Jason. He
- was my relative.
- 13 MS. ALANA LEE: Okay.
- 14 MS. ROSE PAMACK: And the person that they
- 15 said did it, he lived in this relocation house. I didn't
- 16 know he was there.
- 17 MS. ALANA LEE: M'hm.
- 18 MS. ROSE PAMACK: And then they were
- 19 saying -- at court where I was called in to -- you know,
- 20 the court worker -- the secretary for the magistrate or
- whatever, she -- she couldn't make it, so I was there, and
- [D.Z.] from OK Society was there, and he was saying that he
- 23 didn't do it, and the woman who owned that house, she said
- 24 that he was taken by her family to a camp -- like, there's
- 25 camps were -- outlying camps where people live part of the

1	year, and he was coerced in making this confession by
2	knife knifing marks on the legs and arm, body, and that
3	they got him to confess to doing it, to having done it, and
4	he was in jail, and he committed suicide in jail, and
5	wasn't allowed back to be buried in Nain, and he was buried
6	in Happy Valley, and I think his name was [S.U.].
7	[S.U.] something like that. I didn't know him before.
8	I only saw him once after you know, because he didn't
9	always live in that house, you know?
10	MS. ALANA LEE: Yeah. Just to go back, when
11	you said that when the incident when the assault
12	happened, like, the knife, with [Ex-husband], did you call
13	the police?
14	MS. ROSE PAMACK: Yes.
15	MS. ALANA LEE: And did they come to the
16	house
17	MS. ROSE PAMACK: No.
18	MS. ALANA LEE: like, did they come to
19	your residence, or they just
20	MS. ROSE PAMACK: No. They said they
21	couldn't be involved in domestic, and I had been given
22	antipsychotic drugs from the hospital, and that might
23	have been the time before because there were so many
24	assaults, I hardly know, but anyway, in one of the times, I
25	took a an overdose of the antipsychotic drugs, and I

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call my friend, and he -- I guess he must have called the 1 2 hospital because the ambulance came and took me to the hospital, and I slept for three days, and then I went back 3 home again. You know, I tried to commit suicide, but that 4 was the only occasion when I tried to commit suicide, but 5 it was horrific, horrific, horrible, whatever you want to 6 call it. I don't know how I lived through it. 7 MS. ALANA LEE: Yeah. And was the suicide 8 9 attempt due to the domestic violence that you were 10 experiencing? 11 MS. ROSE PAMACK: Yes. MS. ALANA LEE: Okay. 12 MS. ROSE PAMACK: Because I felt it was out 13 of control. There was nobody to help me. 14 15 MS. ALANA LEE: M'hm. MS. ROSE PAMACK: And I didn't know what was 16 I didn't know what was wrong. Definitely something 17 I didn't know if the wrong came from him having 18 wrong. taken drugs in St. John's and having flashbacks 19 or -- although he said he -- he didn't take drugs in the 20 21 valley, and that he had been on drugs and -- you know, that was happening, and we had a dog, a black dog, a black lab, 22 and during one of the times when I was gone, because I had 23

to travel all the time, I came back, and the dog is gone.

I said, what happened? The dog died because some Innu

- friends from Sheshashayee came in, and they ran over him in the yard, and that's how he died.
- 3 MS. ALANA LEE: M'hm.
- 4 MS. ROSE PAMACK: That -- you know? It was
- 5 a very sad kind of life.
- 6 MS. ALANA LEE: Yeah. You mentioned
- 7 that you were taking antipsychotic medication and that's
- 8 what you overdosed. Do you have any diagnosis of any
- 9 mental health issues?
- 10 MS. ROSE PAMACK: So all these events, they
- 11 all affected the rest of my life. Like, I -- I wasn't
- 12 allowed to work anymore after I worked at OK Society, and I
- was put on disability pension, and while I was working in
- Nain, a nurse had written in my chart that I was a
- 15 schizophrenic. Of course, that -- I was, like, discredited
- in every way possible, I would say, because that stuck,
- that I was a schizophrenic, although I wasn't a
- 18 schizophrenic.
- 19 MS. ALANA LEE: M'hm.
- 20 MS. ROSE PAMACK: I was given Modecate, I
- 21 think, for a while -- for -- in 1984, I was given medicine,
- like, for a year, I think it was, that's to get off from
- drinking, and I can't remember if it was
- Modecate -- something start with M, Modecate or Melleril
- or -- something like that.

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1 MS. ALANA LEE: M'hm.

MS. ROSE PAMACK: But I didn't take it after
that here. I mean, you took it so long, and then you were
weaned off it, and then you were off it, and -- and for me,
it made me really, really fat, and -- and it was really
horrible, you know, because you couldn't sit down even for
five minutes. You couldn't sit down and have a smoke.

MS. ALANA LEE: M'hm.

MS. ROSE PAMACK: And I was in the hospital for a month, and it was at the time when Kennedy crashed in the Mealy Mountains. I remember that. It was September, and there was a [Doctor 1] here, and he would say he was a psychiatrist when in actual fact he wasn't. They found out later in -- he was let go from the hospital, and then he had an office in the valley, and -- so he said, I can't give you this medicine, you have to go down to North West River, and there's a doctor down there, a [Doctor 2], and he's going to give you a needle, and -- so while I was there, I phoned up, and I said, I can't stay down here, I'm feeling really, really strange, really weird, and he said, you come up here now. So I went up to the hospital in -- in Goose Bay, and -- and I was given more of this thing, hey, and they didn't have -- like, when you have -- something has side effects, and then you use the something else to control the side effects, they said they

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1	didn't have it, and I was in the hospital for a month, and
2	at night by day, I'd be scurrying around, never stop,
3	never stop, and and then at night, they would give you
4	sleeping pills so that you could sleep.
5	MS. ALANA LEE: Hm.
6	MS. ROSE PAMACK: And at the I remember
7	at the end of the end of the month, toward the end of
8	the month, I was so, so tired from the constant motion. I
9	was down on the floor, and I was crawling on the floor, and
10	I was saying, I want to die; I can't do it anymore. And
11	there was two men there. They both passed away now,
12	Winters (ph) and Carson (ph), and they were there. They
13	saw me do that.
14	But I went through really hellish things,
15	and I remember being taken out of Nain, and I had been
16	given some Haldol, I think, some kind of drug, sent to
17	Goose Bay, and it made you it did something to your
18	tongue. It looked like your tongue was sticking out or
19	your tongue was curved like that.
20	MS. ALANA LEE: M'hm.
21	MS. ROSE PAMACK: And I was flying, like,
22	maybe three hours to Goose Bay. So I went through all
23	these really bad drug experiences and being told that I'm
24	schizophrenic, and I'm not schizophrenic.

MS. ALANA LEE: M'hm.

1	MS. ROSE PAMACK: And but I went through
2	a really bad time in my life when because of the
3	domestic violence and the fear of what this person would do
4	because he said he would kill me if I ever left him.
5	MS. ALANA LEE: M'hm.
6	MS. ROSE PAMACK: And that's why I
7	wonder I wondered like, I know that I have to come up
8	here and talk about it because I feel that I have to do
9	something to to help women who are subjected to domestic
10	violence and talk about my experience. I don't know if
11	these two people I mentioned [Senior Administrator 1],
12	[Ex-husband] I don't know if these are the people who
13	went and murdered Joanna Anderson. I don't know, but I car
14	tell you how these people acted.
15	One I I'm getting mixed up now. Did I
16	tell you about the time he stabbed the pork chop at noon,
17	you know?
18	MS. ALANA LEE: No. No. So this was [Ex-
19	husband]?
20	MS. ROSE PAMACK: Yes.
21	MS. ALANA LEE: Yeah. Tell me about that.
22	MS. ROSE PAMACK: Yes, he would see
23	this this thing around me, behind me.
24	MS. ALANA LEE: M'hm.
25	MS. ROSE PAMACK: And we were in [address],

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2 MS. ALANA LEE: And so [building number],

just so everybody's clear, that's on the military base? 3

4 MS. ROSE PAMACK: Military base on Canadian

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MS. ALANA LEE: Okay. Yeah. 6

MS. ROSE PAMACK: -- that had been vacant 7 and -- and the people from -- working at the college in 8 9 Department of Education, they -- they occupied these

barrack buildings.

MS. ALANA LEE: Okay.

MS. ROSE PAMACK: And I was getting ready -- they would give me a whack of money to take with me when I had to travel, and I was getting ready, hurrying up, getting my things ready, and I took the money, and I put it on one -- by the TV, and -- and then it disappeared, and I told [Ex-husband], oh, I don't know what happened, the money's gone. And then I went back in the room, and it was back there again, same place where I -- where I had placed it, and he got very angry, and he was punching me, and I was in the closet, and I went like this, and my -- my hands were really bruised -- bruised up because I was trying to save my face because I had to travel.

had me down on the floor, and he was choking me. He was

And -- and then on another time, he -- he

sitting on my chest so that I couldn't breathe, and he was

choking me so that I couldn't breathe, and -- and he kept

saying, do you want to die? Do you want to die? Like

that, eh? And luckily, he -- he would stop himself.

And then just before Christmas, we went to get the Christmas tree, and we came back, we had an axe, and then all of a sudden, it would -- these things would happen so suddenly without any warning, and he went down to get the -- I'm going to get the axe, I'm going to chop you in half. I think he said something like that, and -- and I was just sitting in the armchair, the phone was here, and he came upstairs, just like in the horror movie, running upstairs, opens the door, and he's got the axe, and he's coming toward me. I didn't know what to do. I just stood up, and I stood to the side, and he came over, and he chopped the phone in half.

And when we were at barrack block, I was at the stove. I was getting some dinner out of the -- potatoes or something out of the pot and put it on the table. All of a sudden, he throws a knife and hit -- and hit the wall, eh, and every time he -- he would attack, he would use some kind of blade, some kind of knife, axe, knife, flicky carpenter things, and -- so it wasn't always the same. It wasn't always the same weapon, but it was always the same sort of weapon, like a blade,

and that time that he had me down on the bed, he was going 1 to dismember me. He told me that, and -- and -- and we 2 were -- and that happened in the trailer. 3 So one dinner hour, I cooked some pork 4 chops, I gave him his pork chops, and he stabbed -- he 5 began to stab the pork chop, and he stabbed it so hard, so 6 violently, that he broke the plate, and these things would 7 come over him, and then they would leave. 8 9 And one night, we were at the trailer, and 10 it was darkness, and he was looking out the window -- I mean, the window wasn't closed. Like, it wasn't -- there 11 was no curtain there or anything to cover it, and he put 12 his fist through the window, and -- it didn't go all the 13 way through, but it injured his hand, and also -- I'm sort 14 of losing track. I guess I probably tell the same story 15 over and over. Yeah. 16 MS. ALANA LEE: No. No, you're telling 17 it -- it's -- it's -- that's a lot to talk about. 18 sounds like, you know, you've been through a lot. That's a 19 lot of violence. 20 21 MS. ROSE PAMACK: Yes. MS. ALANA LEE: Yeah. 22 MS. ROSE PAMACK: And after I -- I was in 23 Nain, I had left September 1976 to work in Nain, and then 24

he turns up, and he's sitting on the chesterfield, and he

1	would not speak. You know, he got into that state where he
2	doesn't speak, and I would plead with him, tell somebody,
3	tell your friend, tell a priest, tell a medical person,
4	tell the police, tell somebody what's going on, and that
5	was when we were in Goose Bay yet, and and he was there
6	in Nain, and there's the chesterfield, and he was
7	there he had by that time one of those flicky knives you
8	use for carpentry, I don't know what you called, and he
9	would just sit there. He wasn't saying a word, just
10	flicking, flicking, flicking, like that with
11	the with the knife, eh, and you know? Sometimes he
12	would be all right. He'd be normal again, but he'd be in
13	the states where he would where he would talk he
14	wouldn't talk, eh? He was just I don't know what you
15	call it.
16	MS. ALANA LEE: Hm.
17	MS. ROSE PAMACK: And we lived across the
18	harbour, and
19	MS. ALANA LEE: Did you have any children
20	together?
21	MS. ROSE PAMACK: No.
22	MS. ALANA LEE: No?
23	MS. ROSE PAMACK: I don't think he could
24	have any. He went to Davis Inlet, and he met somebody
25	there, and he claims that he had one there, but I don't

know, you know? That was the last time that I saw him, and he -- he was quite changed again. He seemed taller than me. He had a bald head, and it was outside the Friendship Centre. He said he's going to Davis Inlet because he has to go and look after his grandson or grandchild of some -- I think it was grandson, and he said he's going back there, and he hugged me, and -- but I knew, you know, I'm never, never going back to this person. I'm never going to talk to him. I'm never going to make any gesture toward him. I never want to go back because I -- I've already been burnt. You know, I could not possibly live through that again. 

MS. ALANA LEE: M'hm.

MS. ROSE PAMACK: And that was the last time I -- no, that wasn't, because I saw him -- the woman that he lived with, she was diabetic, and she died here in the valley not very long ago, within the decade, and my daughter and her two boys had come up. They were going on the boat, so I went to see them off, and he was there, and he was with a deaf and dumb lady, fairly attractive, and we would, like, make signs, and -- her name was [G.], but I've forgotten her second name, and that's who he was with -- that's the last time I saw him, I think. I don't know if he's alive. I don't know, you know, what happened to him, in the time. I know that I hadn't seen him for a

- 1 long time.
- 2 So I saw this person from Davis Inlet and I

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- asked him, how's [Ex-husband] doing? And he said, oh, he
- 4 left seven years or whatever, long time ago, anyway, and he
- went back to his home in [Town 1], but I -- I really didn't
- 6 know, you know, what he was doing or, you know, what he was
- 7 involved with.
- 8 MS. ALANA LEE: And so you grew up in Nain?
- 9 MS. ROSE PAMACK: Yes.
- 10 MS. ALANA LEE: Did you grow up with both of
- 11 your parents?
- 12 MS. ROSE PAMACK: Yes. Yes, I had -- my
- parents had a violent marriage.
- 14 MS. ALANA LEE: M'hm.
- 15 MS. ROSE PAMACK: So we went through that,
- 16 and when I was about 2 years old, maybe -- before -- before
- I went to school --
- 18 MS. ALANA LEE: M'hm.
- 19 MS. ROSE PAMACK: -- my -- my mother had a
- 20 nervous breakdown. She was taken to the Waterford in
- St. John's for maybe a year or part of a year. We were in
- Nain, and my dad had done some fox-trapping, so he made
- 23 enough money to buy a boat and build a house and that, and
- then during the summer, we went to Anitsakak (ph), not too
- 25 far from Nain where I did char-fishing, and after we came

1	back from the Nain, that's when she had her nervous
2	breakdown, and she thought she saw it was nighttime. I
3	don't know where my brothers and sisters were. I don't
4	know if they were living in the house, because I was too
5	small, and or whether they were in the boarding school.
6	There was a boarding school in Nain, and
7	MS. ALANA LEE: Did you attend the boarding
8	school as well?
9	MS. ROSE PAMACK: No. I was the youngest
10	because I was close to confederation. I was confederation
11	baby, I guess, and Aunty Katie had already left, like,
12	in and it was a while. They were still a missionary
13	school, but we were then under a Provincial government.
14	MS. ALANA LEE: Okay.
15	MS. ROSE PAMACK: So so we we had
16	missionary teachers. We had one from Switzerland, and she
17	would teach us French before French became you know,
18	before Canada was bilingual, and we had to do it anyway,
19	and when I went teaching I used to teach French. It was
20	oral French, and I traveled different places as a teacher.
21	MS. ALANA LEE: Wow. You have quite
22	a like, quite an amazing employment history.
23	MS. ROSE PAMACK: Yes.
24	MS. ALANA LEE: (Indiscernible).
25	MS. ROSE PAMACK: Yeah.

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MS. ALANA LEE: Yeah, you've done a lot of 1 2 jobs, a lot in education. MS. ROSE PAMACK: Yeah. 3 4 MS. ALANA LEE: So your mom returned home 5 after about a year, you said? MS. ROSE PAMACK: Yes. 6 7 MS. ALANA LEE: Yeah. MS. ROSE PAMACK: Yes, and I remember that 8 9 she was quite changed. Like, she had a perm in her hair, 10 and she had lipstick on and handbag and -- you know, where they had been, you know, dressed in St. John's, like... 11 MS. ALANA LEE: Hm. 12 MS. ROSE PAMACK: And she would tell us that 13 they would walk along the road and pick up bottles; 14 recycling, I guess. That's what they would do while they 15 were there. 16 MS. ALANA LEE: Is there anything else that 17 you would like to share? 18 MS. ROSE PAMACK: Well, I've been through a 19 lot of different violent episodes. I don't know if I've 20 21 covered everything because I might have been repeating myself or -- or I was talking to her when I began telling 22 the story. 23 24 MS. AMELIA REIMER: (Indiscernible).

MS. ROSE PAMACK: I might have told a story

1	more than once.
2	MS. ALANA LEE: Well, yes, and you covered
3	everything.
4	(LAUGHTER)
5	MS. ALANA LEE: When you were talking to
6	Lily (ph) earlier in the health intake
7	MS. ROSE PAMACK: Yeah. Yeah.
8	MS. ALANA LEE: yeah, you did cover
9	everything, and so you said that you wanted to talk about
10	what your previous marriage, so with [Ex-husband], and
11	then, also, with what happened at work, with [Senior
12	Administrator 1], and you also did talk about your brother
13	being Richard, missing, right?
14	MS. ROSE PAMACK: Yes.
15	MS. ALANA LEE: And not hearing anything
16	back, and just one one thing I wanted to clarify, when
17	you had called the when you had called the police for
18	the domestic violence with [Ex-husband], did that was
19	the RCMP in Happy Valley-Goose Bay?
20	MS. ROSE PAMACK: Yes.
21	MS. ALANA LEE: Okay.
22	MS. ROSE PAMACK: Yes.
23	MS. ALANA LEE: Okay.
24	MS. ROSE PAMACK: Yes, they wouldn't
25	respond. They said they don't get mixed up in domestic

squabbles, like, eh? 1 2 MS. ALANA LEE: Hm. MS. ROSE PAMACK: Yeah. 3 4 MS. ALANA LEE: Hm. And so you -- you had also mentioned that you were part of a women's group. You 5 formed a women's group --6 7 MS. ROSE PAMACK: Yes. MS. ALANA LEE: -- looking at helping -- I 8 9 guess more like a healing lodge or a shelter to help women? 10 MS. ROSE PAMACK: No. We didn't have 11 anything at the time I was involved with them, this small group of women, Nain Women's Group, and we kept asking for 12 money so we could have a place where women who were being 13 assaulted could go and get help, eh, and stay there and get 14 away from their husbands --15 MS. ALANA LEE: Yeah. 16 MS. ROSE PAMACK: -- because there was just 17 no way for them to get away, especially if you didn't speak 18 19 English that well --20 MS. ALANA LEE: Yeah. 21 MS. ROSE PAMACK: -- and you were being battered, and a lot of women in Nain were being battered at 22 23 that time. MS. ALANA LEE: Well, Rose, thank you. 24 I'm just wondering -- we covered, I think, pretty much 25

1	everything
2	MS. ROSE PAMACK: Yes.
3	MS. ALANA LEE: that you said that you
4	wanted to cover
5	MS. ROSE PAMACK: Yes.
6	MS. ALANA LEE: at the beginning of the
7	interview. Is there any anything else you can think of?
8	MS. ROSE PAMACK: No. I I think I've
9	covered the worst parts. I mean, I've been through other
10	violence, but those were the most pressing ones, I would
11	say
12	MS. ALANA LEE: Yeah. And so
13	MS. ROSE PAMACK: that hurt me very much
14	because I couldn't tell anybody, and they affected my work
15	life and my mental health life and
16	MS. ALANA LEE: M'hm. Absolutely. Is
17	there is there a place where women can go in Nain now
18	that you know of, for help?
19	MS. ROSE PAMACK: I I had a stroke, and I
20	can't remember clearly. I think there is. I'm pretty sure
21	there is.
22	MS. ALANA LEE: Okay.
23	MS. ROSE PAMACK: Yeah.
24	MS. ALANA LEE: And are you aware of any
25	supports and services in here in Happy Valley-Goose Bay

- 2 MS. ROSE PAMACK: Yes. Libra House.
- 3 MS. ALANA LEE: Okay.
- 4 MS. ROSE PAMACK: We -- we live not too far
- from Libra House, and -- I should be moving in June from
- 6 where I am down to another house there they're working on
- 7 down by [location].

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- 8 MS. ALANA LEE: Okay.
- 9 MS. ROSE PAMACK: Yeah.
- 10 MS. ALANA LEE: Okay. Well, thank you,
- 11 Rose. It is 11:27, and I guess we're going to conclude the
- interview.
- 13 MS. ROSE PAMACK: Yes.
- 14 MS. ALANA LEE: Thank you.
- 15 MS. ROSE PAMACK: Yeah.
- 16 MS. AMELIA REIMER: You're going to do this
- 17 part?
- 18 MS. ALANA LEE: Yeah. I'm just going to
- 19 stop this.
- 20 --- Upon adjourning at 11:27 a.m.

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