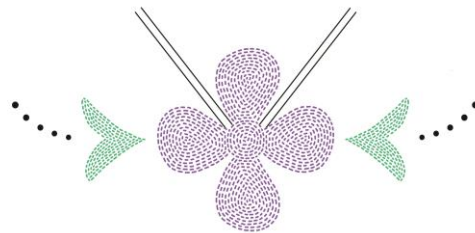


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Vancouver Sex Workers' Rights Collective	No Appearance
Women of Metis Nation / Les Femmes Michif Otipemisiwak	No Appearance

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1 those stories is hope and inspiration, and so I want to  
2 acknowledge the courage and bravery of those that are  
3 sharing, not only in our public forum but the families and  
4 survivors that are sharing in the other venues throughout  
5 the two days.

6 You are an inspiration to us, and sometimes  
7 you do not know the impact that the ripples -- the ripples  
8 of what you do and what you say have, but you are a  
9 positive inspiration and I just want to acknowledge you for  
10 that.

11 I'd also like to acknowledge -- yesterday we  
12 had young people, amazing young change-makers that were  
13 courageous in sharing yesterday. And today I see so many  
14 young people in the audience.

15 I want to just provide a shout-out to  
16 Bulkley Valley Christian School, the high school students,  
17 that their teacher was here yesterday and has shared that  
18 this is such an important issue that he wanted them to  
19 attend today.

20 So welcome to you. The very fact that  
21 you're here today to witness this shows that you are  
22 change-makers as well, so thank you for being here as well.

23 I would like to call upon Mel Basel to join  
24 me up front. He is going to do a welcome and acknowledge  
25 of the Hereditary Chiefs. They will do the welcome and the

1 opening for us this morning. We're very grateful.

2 Thank you.

3 And Mabel as well.

4 **ELDER MEL BASEL:** (speaking in Native  
5 language)

6 I'm Mel Basel. I work with Dze L K'ant  
7 Friendship Centre Society, for those of you that just  
8 joined us.

9 And if you're curious about the well tent  
10 outside, the well tent has smoke coming out of the stack.  
11 And what's burning inside is medicines and beautiful wood  
12 from a protected land. And right out front there's also  
13 beautiful water to promote our good tears and good healing  
14 for our bodies and our minds and emotions and spirits.

15 You've also seen people with purple shirts  
16 operating with Aboriginal focusing orientation technique  
17 this week. We will be continuing that every week out front  
18 here with the same well tent, so for families remaining  
19 home here, you're welcome to come and join us and take part  
20 again if you need it. And we will remain until tomorrow  
21 night in that well tent.

22 As people are travelling out and travelling  
23 home either tonight or tomorrow, because there will be  
24 families leaving tomorrow, I want that fire burning  
25 throughout the night while you're sleeping and while you're

1 travelling. I'll go home tomorrow night.

2 I really appreciate the staff from the  
3 organizers for always emphasizing this is about you  
4 families and survivors, and really thankful for the Dze L  
5 K'ant Friendship Centre Society for freeing me up to do  
6 this work and making sure that my work at my office is  
7 still being done while I'm here.

8 I'd also like to show appreciation for all  
9 the Hereditary Chiefs that have been here throughout the  
10 week. You will see them in regalia today and offering a  
11 very beautiful welcoming.

12 And before we do that, I would really like  
13 to also express that we are still collecting ashes from the  
14 sacred fire.

15 We are currently putting them into  
16 containers so you can take them home, and we're asking you  
17 to add them to your hearth or your fire pits or, if you're  
18 going out to the wilderness, please take one of these  
19 containers of ashes.

20 I will be filling more throughout the night  
21 so that anybody leaving tomorrow, please come to the well  
22 tent before you leave and pick up some ashes from the fire.

23 And today, anybody leaving today, please  
24 come by throughout the afternoon and we will have more.  
25 And it's slow because I have to get in there in the fire.



1 It's risky, and I enjoy it. I am happy to serve you.

2 It has been a pleasure to serve you and be a  
3 part of what the folks with AFOT skills. It was a pleasure  
4 to deal with our traumas and put them in the earth.

5 I would like to invite Timber Wolf, Mabel  
6 Forsyth, to open us in prayer.

7 Please join us, Mabel, Timber Wolf, from the  
8 Gitumden Clan.

9 If you were not here Monday, Timber Wolf  
10 offered us the official welcome to open us up today and  
11 this week.

12 **TIMBER WOLF:** Good morning. I will offer a  
13 prayer for the families and survivors.

14 Our heavenly Father, we thank you for  
15 bringing us together this past few days, and we pray for  
16 the families and survivors. And we thank you for the  
17 chiefs that are supporting the families and survivors. And  
18 we pray that something good will be coming from this  
19 meeting.

20 And again, we thank you for bringing us  
21 together. And be with the families and survivors, and we  
22 thank you for everybody that is supporting them.

23 This we pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

24 **MEL BASEL:** And may we introduce Namoks,  
25 Hagwinach (phonetic) and Smogalkem (phonetic) and

1 Hagwilnegh for an official welcome from the clans.

2 **CHIEF HAGWILNEGH:** (speaking in Native  
3 language)

4 I want to thank people that have been coming  
5 out on behalf of the sisters or brothers, the aunties, the  
6 nieces, have come out -- and the brothers that have come  
7 out to give their testimony.

8 We're all affected by this in one way or  
9 another. In our system, we have family, nucleus family,  
10 extended family, the same clan. And we have a father clan  
11 so that when someone -- something happens, most of the  
12 community is affected.

13 So I want to thank the people that have come  
14 here. It soothes the hearts of these people up here  
15 somewhat, and it soothes my heart, gives me strength and  
16 I'm able to sit down and listen to the heart-wrenching  
17 stories.

18 And I hope that the Commissioners take to  
19 heart and let the governments know of what they heard  
20 today, that this is not just a public event that the  
21 federal government has put on, that there is actual follow-  
22 up and a time line to go along with it.

23 I think our people have suffered long enough  
24 listening to the governments with their broken promises, so  
25 I hope that this does actually go somewhere, that they not

1           only make recommendations but follow through with certain  
2           time line as you heard the last 40, close to 50 years of  
3           unsolved murders in our territories and our neighbouring  
4           territories.

5                           So with that (speaking in Native language).

6                           **UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER:** On behalf of  
7           Smogalken (phonetic), I feel such gratitude standing here.  
8           I'm here. My niece is not.

9                           I have two nieces who disappeared without a  
10          trace. They're not here today.

11                          Yes, the stories here were heart-wrenching  
12          throughout the past two days, and the big thing that stands  
13          out for me is the systemic racism.

14                          I've lived through it. Many of us in this  
15          room have lived through it. So it was heart-wrenching at a  
16          very deep, personal level with the discrimination that I  
17          faced as I was growing up as a child. It goes right to the  
18          core.

19                          When I listened to people speak, my heart  
20          was open. I spent most of the time weeping.

21                          So there's so many of us in the room that  
22          can relate at that level from our first-hand personal  
23          experiences. And this is very real, and it still exists  
24          today.

25                          I look and I think 2017, when I hear words

1 of discrimination, words of degradation of First Nations  
2 people, I think 2017, wow. One day, with having youth like  
3 the young youth that are here today coming in, we're here  
4 to change your mind.

5 We are human beings. We walk on this earth,  
6 and we belong here. We're not going anywhere.

7 **MEL BASEL:** And I would like to invite Plat-  
8 en from Gilseyhu Clan to also speak.

9 **ELDER DORIS ROSSO:** (speaking in Native  
10 language)

11 **CHIEF NAMOKS:** (speaking in Native language)

12 I am Namoks of the Tsayu of the Wet'suwet'en  
13 Nation. I only want to give two messages, and the first  
14 one is to the Commissioners.

15 When you leave here, we don't want you to  
16 forget what you heard. We don't want you to make a report,  
17 put it away, and dust it off when it comes handy for you to  
18 use. You keep the words of the families in your hearts and  
19 in your minds. You carry it with you.

20 I do not envy the job that you have because  
21 you are going to listen to these stories across Canada.

22 This beautiful place that we, as Hereditary  
23 Chiefs, look after carry a terrible name, the Highway of  
24 Tears. We didn't ask for that. It happened.

25 The families didn't ask for their members,

1           their loved ones to disappear, be murdered. The  
2           recommendations that the family has given to you, you need  
3           to follow through with that.

4                         We are Hereditary Chiefs, my fellow dini ze'  
5           and ts'ake ze'. We're going to watch you.

6                         This is the first one in British Columbia.  
7           We're not letting you off easy because we are not let off  
8           easy.

9                         My second message is to each of you, not  
10          only in British Columbia, not only in Canada, but  
11          throughout the world. You need to recognize that everybody  
12          is a human being, everybody has a right to live, everybody  
13          has a right to be respected. The same way that we respect  
14          you is what we, as human beings, should all have.

15                        When we listen to the stories of the  
16          families, it's hard because these are all our cousins, all  
17          our relatives. Whether they come from another nation or  
18          not, we are all connected.

19                        Our culture, our history says we are all  
20          connected. We lose one, everybody should acknowledge that.

21                        It's terrible that politics can actually run  
22          how people live. We are living in a democratic country.  
23          It is up to you to hold these people accountable.

24                        It is up to you to make sure they follow  
25          through. It is up to you to take the words and the tears

1 of the families and carry it with you and make that change.

2 The only change that will ever happen is if  
3 we all work together.

4 I've heard some very discriminatory comments  
5 made. In our culture, we accept everybody. We look after  
6 everybody.

7 Yesterday, there was an incident with one of  
8 the RCMP members. She is my daughter. She was adopted  
9 into the Laksilyu. I am her father clan. She is a human  
10 being. We don't want you to look at that uniform. You  
11 look at that human being because they're willing to help us  
12 if we are willing to work with them.

13 I'm shaking because I've never had to listen  
14 to so many heartbreaking stories and know personally people  
15 that have gone through this. I can't imagine how the  
16 fellow dini ze' and ts'ake ze' before us could make it to  
17 where we are now.

18 As stated, 2017, what has changed? What  
19 will change is how you do it, not how we do it. We all  
20 must do this together.

21 Msiyh.

22 **MEL BASEL:** (speaking in Native language)

23 And I also would like to introduce Wi Eless  
24 (phonetic) -- sorry, Wi Estess (phonetic)

25 **DENISE:** (speaking in Native language)

1 I'd like to welcome everyone to our  
2 territories, all the families and survivors that are here,  
3 and the Commissioners and the huge number of people that  
4 are here doing very good work to take care of everyone  
5 here.

6 These are hard stories to hear. There's a  
7 collective hurt, there's a collective grief and loss.  
8 There's also a collective love and care and compassion, and  
9 so know that there's this hurt in the room. There's also  
10 this care and love here, too, to help one another and  
11 support each other.

12 And we ask you to lean in to the land to  
13 pull up the medicines that are all around us to help you  
14 heal. And so we're all here to do that, and we're very  
15 grateful, even though it's hard to hear.

16 (speaking in Native language)

17 **TIMBER WOLF:** Once again, I thank everybody  
18 for supporting the families and survivors, and I thank the  
19 Hereditary Chiefs for being here these few days and  
20 supporting the family and the survivors. And we continue  
21 to pray that something good will come out of this meeting  
22 and that the families will have closure, and that's what we  
23 would like to see.

24 Msiyh.

25 **MEL BASEL:** What I had failed to mention,





1 --- Upon resuming at 9:38 a.m.

2 **Hearing # 1**

3 **Witnesses: Shari Murdock and Greg Murdock**

4 **In relation to Jacqueline Murdock**

5 **Heard by Commissioner Michèle Audette**

6 **Commission Counsel: Wendy van Tongeren**

7 **Registrar: Bryan Zandberg**

8 **MS. WENDY VAN TONGEREN:** Madam Commissioner,  
9 my name is Wendy van Tongeren, v-a-n T-o-n-g-e-r-e-n, and  
10 I'm one of Commission counsel. And it's my pleasure to  
11 present further evidence to you today.

12 I do that in an environment where I feel  
13 inspired by the introduction this morning, and it guides me  
14 to do my job in a good way.

15 So today we have two family members who have  
16 made their way from Prince George to be with us. I'm very  
17 grateful to Shari Murdock, who actually registered with the  
18 Commission, and, as a result of this, we've also got to  
19 know her uncle, Greg, who will be speaking.

20 So this is about a woman whose name is  
21 Jacqueline, and Jacqueline is the mother of Shari. And  
22 Jacqueline was born on -- in January of 1971, and Shari was  
23 born May 28th, 1991.

24 And so the story that Shari will be telling  
25 is primarily from what she's learned from her grandmother,

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1 who raised her, whose name is Evelyn. And therefore, it's  
2 all the more reason why it's so helpful to have Greg here  
3 because he knew Jackie very well because she was his  
4 sister.

5 So we're going to start with Greg, and he  
6 has his own microphone and he's ready to go.

7 So Greg, you can start with your family  
8 history. Basically, you have a mother whose name is  
9 Evelyn, and she had several children.

10 I'm sorry? She had 15 children, so that's  
11 even beyond several.

12 So Greg is going to say some funny things,  
13 too, I think. He has a good sense of humour.

14 So if you would like to start with that, and  
15 if you need any guidance from me at all on how to proceed,  
16 I will do that. But otherwise, I will just keep my lips  
17 closed and you can tell us the story from the time that you  
18 were raised with Evelyn and then how you came to know  
19 Jacqueline as a teenager and an adult and any information  
20 that you have about her going missing and passing.

21 Thank you.

22 **MR. GREG MURDOCK:** Good morning. My name is  
23 Greg ---

24 **MS. WENDY VAN TONGEREN:** Oh, sorry. There's  
25 one more thing which I've forgotten every time, which is

1 you are going to affirm on an eagle feather, I understand.

2 MR. GREG MURDOCK: Yes.

3 MS. WENDY VAN TONGEREN: Okay. So let's do  
4 that.

5 And Brian, our registrar, is going to help.

6 GREG MURDOCK, Affirmed

7 SHARI MURDOCK, Affirmed

8 MS. WENDY VAN TONGEREN: And I understand  
9 you're not well -- very well today, Greg, so if there --  
10 you need a break, I know that you'll be accommodated.

11 Thank you.

12 MR. GREG MURDOCK: Hello. My name is Greg  
13 Murdock.

14 My sister, Jackie Murdock, was born on  
15 January 28, 1971, and she's been missing since June 1997.

16 There was 11 -- 11 of us children, my mom.  
17 My mother right now is living with me, and she's with us,  
18 my family. She's 90 years old. And when she lost her  
19 children and she put them in the ground, I've always  
20 wondered why it was so hard for her to do that. And I  
21 never understood that until I got my own kids, my own  
22 grandchildren. Then, now, I can sort of comprehend.

23 It's just unconceivable that a person would  
24 lose a child, any child. That's from a parent's point of  
25 view.

1                   And she still -- now how many years has  
2                   passed and she still miss my sister. That's her baby. She  
3                   was the last-born child.

4                   My mom, just her, she went to residential  
5                   school in her life, and she knew the horrors of this  
6                   genocide they did to us.

7                   You can't even talk to your own brother or  
8                   your sister.

9                   It did a lot of things as residential school  
10                  to our people. Some of them, they grew up, they get --  
11                  they get sexually molested, these -- year after year after  
12                  year. Then they come back to us and they get families.  
13                  Then they tell their children, "Don't believe in God.  
14                  There is no God. Look what He did to me".

15                  That kind of thing we have to still overcome  
16                  now. It's still here.

17                  How many more years these residential school  
18                  is going to do that to us?

19                  There's a lot of factors like it's tough  
20                  being an Indian these days. There's so many things against  
21                  us, but still we're resilient people. We stood -- we stood  
22                  for 10,000 years here. We're still going to be here.

23                  But about my sister, they had her evidence  
24                  in the Port Coquitlam evidence for seven years before they  
25                  told us. It was there already.

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1                   In those seven years, me and my mother, in  
2                   our mind, we always hoped she got amnesia, she got  
3                   kidnapped. She didn't want to see us. She changed her  
4                   mind. She's going to come back and show up. But in our  
5                   hearts, we knew that it wasn't right.

6                   We know by signs. I don't know how to  
7                   explain that part, but we knew in our heart that she was  
8                   gone, and to this day, I still miss her and all my  
9                   relatives that went -- my brother and my sisters. But her,  
10                  she loved -- she loved life. She laughed lots. She always  
11                  was happy. She's never against nobody.

12                  The only thing that was against her was her  
13                  drug addiction, which was very, very strong, as is now --  
14                  nowadays to our people is dragging us down, this.

15                  She -- when she went to Vancouver, when she  
16                  left, she was still waiting to go to a treatment centre.  
17                  And she waited and waited and waited, and at last she  
18                  couldn't wait any more. She just left. And that's the  
19                  last time we see her.

20                  Even our drug -- drug addicts, our young  
21                  people, they go treatment centre. They send them there.  
22                  There's nothing for them to come back to.

23                  They come back to the same thing, the same  
24                  people, the same -- same problem. There's got to be a way  
25                  that we can set up something to point them in a different

1 direction, to make their life better.

2 All of you, you know everywhere, not even my  
3 people, but all Indian people or any people, this drug  
4 problem is very heavy duty now. That's what we have to fix  
5 among our people first. And education, another thing.

6 Once we train our people, we educate them,  
7 make it number one priority. Then everything else after  
8 that is going to fall in place. But what we do here, I'm  
9 hope for a better and safer tomorrow for our future  
10 generations.

11 By the grace of God, I hope this will come  
12 to pass. And I pray for each and every one of you who are  
13 affected by this, as I was ourselves.

14 There's always an ache in our heart that  
15 won't go away, that no words could touch. It's always  
16 there, especially my mom. She's 90 years old and it still  
17 hurts her.

18 That's all I want to say right now.

19 **MS. WENDY VAN TONGEREN:** So Greg, I'm going  
20 to have more questions for you later when you're ready.

21 **MR. GREG MURDOCK:** Yes.

22 **MS. WENDY VAN TONGEREN:** Oh, you're ready  
23 now?

24 **MR. GREG MURDOCK:** What's that?

25 **MS. WENDY VAN TONGEREN:** Are you ready now?

1 MR. GREG MURDOCK: Yes.

2 MS. WENDY VAN TONGEREN: Okay. Thank you.

3 So when we were in the health room sitting  
4 waiting to come in here, you brought to my attention and to  
5 the attention of Shari, your niece, that the drum on the  
6 wall was from the Frog Clan.

7 MR. GREG MURDOCK: Oh, yeah.

8 MS. WENDY VAN TONGEREN: So tell us about  
9 that.

10 MR. GREG MURDOCK: Well, in our -- in our  
11 carrier, Fort St. James, to have four clans. They have  
12 Frog Clan, Beaver Clan, Caribou and Bear Clan. And me and  
13 all my family, we belong in the Frog Clan.

14 MS. WENDY VAN TONGEREN: And you've also  
15 told us that you -- your mother is still alive, and her  
16 name is Evelyn.

17 MR. GREG MURDOCK: Yes.

18 MS. WENDY VAN TONGEREN: And the last name  
19 is Murdock, M-u-r-d-o-c-k?

20 MR. GREG MURDOCK: Yes.

21 MS. WENDY VAN TONGEREN: Okay. And I have a  
22 list of some of your siblings.

23 There's you and Daphne and Eva and Gladys  
24 and Lou and Albert -- Louis?

25 MR. GREG MURDOCK: And Peter.

1 MS. WENDY VAN TONGEREN: And Peter?

2 MR. GREG MURDOCK: And late Anthony, James  
3 Anthony. And Vivian.

4 MS. WENDY VAN TONGEREN: Vivian.

5 MR. GREG MURDOCK: Vivian.

6 And three infants that passed on when they  
7 were born when my mother was young.

8 MS. SHARI MURDOCK: John.

9 MS. WENDY VAN TONGEREN: Don?

10 MS. SHARI MURDOCK: John.

11 MR. GREG MURDOCK: John.

12 MS. WENDY VAN TONGEREN: John?

13 MR. GREG MURDOCK: Yeah, he passed on, too,  
14 just recently. February 17 this year, my brother passed  
15 away.

16 MS. WENDY VAN TONGEREN: How many -- there  
17 may be another name that comes to you, but I'll just ask a  
18 question.

19 How many of these people that you've named  
20 are still living? There's ---

21 MS. SHARI MURDOCK: Daphne.

22 MS. WENDY VAN TONGEREN: Daphne is. Is Eva?

23 MS. SHARI MURDOCK: No.

24 MR. GREG MURDOCK: No.

25 MS. SHARI MURDOCK: She passed away.



1 MS. WENDY VAN TONGEREN: And Gladys?

2 MS. SHARI MURDOCK: Passed away. Louis is  
3 left. He's fine.

4 MS. WENDY VAN TONGEREN: Louis' fine?

5 MS. SHARI MURDOCK: Yeah. Peter is fine.

6 MS. WENDY VAN TONGEREN: Peter's fine.

7 MS. SHARI MURDOCK: Albert is -- Anthony's  
8 passed away.

9 MS. WENDY VAN TONGEREN: And James Anthony  
10 is fine?

11 MS. SHARI MURDOCK: No, he passed away.

12 MS. WENDY VAN TONGEREN: Oh, he passed.  
13 Okay.

14 MS. SHARI MURDOCK: And there's Albert.

15 MS. WENDY VAN TONGEREN: And what's his  
16 status?

17 MS. SHARI MURDOCK: He's alive.

18 MS. WENDY VAN TONGEREN: He's alive? Great.  
19 And Vivian?

20 MS. SHARI MURDOCK: Yeah, she's alive.

21 MS. WENDY VAN TONGEREN: And John?

22 MS. SHARI MURDOCK: He passed.

23 MS. WENDY VAN TONGEREN: Okay. So that --  
24 I'm just trying to create a backdrop so that we can all  
25 understand your family and what it was like to be part of

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1           this clan, part of this family and part of your life  
2           together within your community.

3                           And where was your community, Greg, when you  
4           grew up?

5                           **MR. GREG MURDOCK:** Fort St. James. Yeah,  
6           that's where I grew up.

7                           But me and my family, my mother always  
8           brought us up to her territory out in the bush. We stayed  
9           -- we stayed in the summertimes most of the time up in the  
10          wilderness.

11                          At that time, I thought it was so boring and  
12          oh, God, now I miss it so much. It was so, so boring. And  
13          now I just miss it. I miss the peace and the serenity.

14                          It's beautiful out in the woods.

15                          **MS. WENDY VAN TONGEREN:** And did Evelyn  
16          raise you?

17                          **MR. GREG MURDOCK:** Yes.

18                          **MS. WENDY VAN TONGEREN:** All of these  
19          children?

20                          **MR. GREG MURDOCK:** Yes.

21                          **MS. WENDY VAN TONGEREN:** Okay.

22                          **MR. GREG MURDOCK:** Yes, she -- she's always  
23          a hard worker, my mom. Works hard for us.

24                          I remember when I was a kid when she had  
25          (inaudible) and I remember, oh, as some of you might

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1 remember, lots of those diapers hanging on the line. They  
2 never had Pampers them days.

3 **MS. WENDY VAN TONGEREN:** Can you imagine  
4 Pampers in the bush? I certainly can't.

5 **MR. GREG MURDOCK:** (Inaudible) lines of  
6 diapers everywhere you'd look.

7 **MS. WENDY VAN TONGEREN:** And tell us about  
8 Jacqueline and her upbringing from the time she was a  
9 little girl to when she got older.

10 **MR. GREG MURDOCK:** Jackie -- Jackie was  
11 always a very happy child. I don't know how she -- she got  
12 into that fast lane, I guess you would call it. But she  
13 was always nice to everybody.

14 She always -- she never had anything against  
15 nobody. She just -- she was just nice. Like they say, the  
16 nice ones always leave us.

17 **MS. WENDY VAN TONGEREN:** And Greg, what year  
18 were you born?

19 **MR. GREG MURDOCK:** April the 1st, 1956.

20 **MS. WENDY VAN TONGEREN:** And what year was  
21 Jackie born; do you remember?

22 **MS. SHARI MURDOCK:** Pardon me?

23 **MS. WENDY VAN TONGEREN:** What year was  
24 Jackie, your sister, born?

25 **MR. GREG MURDOCK:** January 28, 1971.

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1                   **MS. WENDY VAN TONGEREN:** Okay. So you were  
2 quite a bit older than she was?

3                   **MR. GREG MURDOCK:** Oh, yeah.

4                   **MS. WENDY VAN TONGEREN:** And were you around  
5 then when she was being raised?

6                   **MR. GREG MURDOCK:** Most of the time, yeah,  
7 but I was -- I lived in Takla Landing for quite a few years  
8 with a lady, so I -- I missed her teenage and stuff like  
9 that, teenage life up to the -- and she stayed with us up  
10 in Takla with my ex -- ex-wife up there.

11                   She stayed with us for about a year when she  
12 was about -- I think she was about 12 years old. Twelve  
13 (12) years old.

14                   **MS. WENDY VAN TONGEREN:** Which would be  
15 about '83.

16                   **MR. GREG MURDOCK:** Yeah.

17                   **MS. WENDY VAN TONGEREN:** And ---

18                   **MR. GREG MURDOCK:** Yeah.

19                   **MS. WENDY VAN TONGEREN:** --- so do you know  
20 when it was that she actually left the area of Fort St.  
21 James?

22                   **MR. GREG MURDOCK:** Oh, she was -- she was  
23 taken away by the Social Services from my mother.

24                   **MS. WENDY VAN TONGEREN:** I see.

25                   **MR. GREG MURDOCK:** Yeah, because she had too

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1 much problem in school and not enough of schooling,  
2 actually, and she was taken away by -- by the Ministry.

3 **MS. WENDY VAN TONGEREN:** And do you recall  
4 when that was or what information ---

5 **MR. GREG MURDOCK:** That's -- that's the  
6 Ministry that put her in our place in Takla with us.

7 **MS. WENDY VAN TONGEREN:** Oh, I see.

8 **MR. GREG MURDOCK:** And then -- then she  
9 became of age in a couple years after that and then she  
10 just went out on her own and ---

11 **MS. WENDY VAN TONGEREN:** Okay. So in about  
12 1990, she went out on her own?

13 **MR. GREG MURDOCK:** Yes. Yes, and then she  
14 started getting into the drug -- drugs. She never really  
15 let up.

16 **MS. WENDY VAN TONGEREN:** So in 1990, she  
17 would be about 19 years old.

18 **MR. GREG MURDOCK:** Yeah. Yeah.

19 **MS. WENDY VAN TONGEREN:** Okay. Did you see  
20 her during this period?

21 **MR. GREG MURDOCK:** Not too often.

22 Oh, when she came back, she -- she took time  
23 off. I think she'd take about three, five days off and she  
24 would clean herself right up and grab her children and  
25 bring them out to dinner or whatever, or parks. She would

1 do that for them.

2 That much, she loved her children. She  
3 really did love her children.

4 **MS. WENDY VAN TONGEREN:** And did you  
5 actually participate in some of these family get-togethers  
6 when she came ---

7 **MR. GREG MURDOCK:** Oh, yeah. Oh, yeah.

8 Me and my wife, Susan, she always turned to  
9 us for -- she even -- the police, they showed us her diary,  
10 eh. And she put on -- in there that me and my wife were  
11 the very, very few people that she really trusted. That's  
12 what she wrote on there, on her ---

13 **MS. WENDY VAN TONGEREN:** I'm sure that was  
14 quite wonderful to hear. Yeah.

15 Okay. Shari has said that you made your  
16 sister feel safe.

17 **MR. GREG MURDOCK:** Yeah, that's what she  
18 said.

19 **MS. WENDY VAN TONGEREN:** Yeah.

20 **MR. GREG MURDOCK:** That's what she put on --  
21 in her (inaudible).

22 **MS. WENDY VAN TONGEREN:** Was there anything  
23 else in the diary that you were shown that you think is  
24 important as to the decisions that she made and any issues  
25 of vulnerability?

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1                   **MR. GREG MURDOCK:** No, not -- that was the  
2 most major part I always remembered that came -- came to me  
3 all the time is the part that she said she always turned to  
4 me for -- for guidance or support, you know.

5                   **MS. WENDY VAN TONGEREN:** Yes.

6                   **MR. GREG MURDOCK:** Hug her and whatever.

7                   **MS. WENDY VAN TONGEREN:** I can ---

8                   **MR. GREG MURDOCK:** So that whenever she  
9 feels down or something, she comes to our place and she  
10 stays around with us.

11                   **MS. WENDY VAN TONGEREN:** Now -- sorry,  
12 Shari. What did you say?

13                   **MS. SHARI MURDOCK:** She used to take me and  
14 my cousins out and let them go to bingo and stuff so we  
15 could -- and we would go to the park or swimming.

16                   **MR. GREG MURDOCK:** What's bingo?

17                   **MS. WENDY VAN TONGEREN:** It's nice having  
18 Greg around, isn't it?

19                   Okay. So when did you become aware that she  
20 was going down to Vancouver and actually having some drug  
21 and alcohol problems there?

22                   **MR. GREG MURDOCK:** I -- I didn't even know  
23 she was in Vancouver until my mother informed me that she  
24 phoned one day just that her last conversation with her on  
25 the phone. My sister said she was really, really hurting

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1 and she needed -- she needed, she needed. And that was the  
2 last time -- that's the last time I had any sort of  
3 knowledge of where she was and ---

4 **MS. WENDY VAN TONGEREN:** Are you able to  
5 tell us approximately when that was, even if you referred  
6 to what Jackie's age would have been?

7 **MR. GREG MURDOCK:** Twenty-six (26), 26, 26,  
8 27. Twenty-six (26).

9 **MS. WENDY VAN TONGEREN:** So that probably  
10 would have been about 1997?

11 **MR. GREG MURDOCK:** Yes. Yeah.

12 **MS. WENDY VAN TONGEREN:** Around there.  
13 Okay. All right. Thank you.  
14 And you have a niece, Shari.

15 **MR. GREG MURDOCK:** Yes.

16 **MS. WENDY VAN TONGEREN:** And here she is  
17 with us.

18 So Shari, tell us about your upbringing,  
19 starting from your birth date and who looked after you,  
20 from what you recall.

21 **MS. SHARI MURDOCK:** I'm Shari. I was born  
22 May 28th, 1991.

23 I was born in Prince George Regional  
24 Hospital. My mother is Jackie Murdock.

25 My grandma had told me that she was there



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1           when I was born. I guess my mom was really happy 'cause I  
2           was her first girl. And my mom wanted to try to have a  
3           baby and take care of it because she had already given  
4           birth to my two older brothers, my brother, Ryan, who also  
5           lives with my grandma, and my brother, Michael, who lives -  
6           - who was adopted by my auntie and my uncle, my mom's  
7           brother.

8                           And so she wanted to try with me to, you  
9           know, have a baby and raise it and feed it and change it  
10          and, you know, do mom stuff. And that's always what she  
11          wanted to do.

12                           So she got -- well, I heard two stories,  
13          that I got -- she got discharged or she took off from the  
14          hospital, but she left and went to Vancouver with me. And  
15          she brought me to Vancouver and lived with my uncle,  
16          Wilson, at the time, who has now passed.

17                           She -- and she kept me for seven months and  
18          my grandma hadn't really like -- so she got a phone call  
19          from the welfare and they came and said like, "Hey, you  
20          gotta take this baby or we're going to put it into the  
21          foster care system".

22                           And so my grandma said she had gotten on the  
23          bus that night and had gone to Vancouver. And she went to  
24          this ugly little apartment, she says. And she said it was  
25          dingy and dirty and she said she went inside and it was

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1 dirty, and I was in a crib crying.

2 And my mom said I was only about 10 pounds  
3 at seven months old. She said I was malnourished and I was  
4 sleeping in a dirty crib, and I wasn't changed or fed  
5 properly because they were -- she says they were feeding me  
6 homo milk and they were -- they didn't know that they were  
7 supposed to feed me formula. They were feeding me homo  
8 milk.

9 And so my grandma got there and she said  
10 that day, she scrubbed those floors and cleaned up that  
11 house and threw out all the garbage. And she went to the  
12 store and bought a lot of food and -- for my mom and my  
13 uncle.

14 And she bought me diapers and bought me  
15 formula and bottles. And she said she had never seen such  
16 a -- baby so small.

17 And so she fed me and took care of me. And  
18 she told my mom, who was very upset at the time, she said,  
19 "I have to take her. She has to come back with me to  
20 Prince George or they're going to take her and put her in a  
21 foster home".

22 And she -- she begged my mom to say, like,  
23 "Can I keep her? Like I'll do better. Just show me how to  
24 do it", sort of thing.

25 And my mom said "No, she has to come with me

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1 now".

2 And my mom said -- well, I'm sorry. My  
3 grandma said there's nothing like that feeling, taking your  
4 -- your baby's baby away from them. Like she said she  
5 never felt so bad. And she didn't want to do that to her,  
6 but I was -- I wasn't healthy and I wasn't in a healthy  
7 place.

8 And so she took me and brought me back to  
9 Prince George, and my mom stayed in Vancouver. And my mom  
10 said she didn't talk to her for about a month or so, and  
11 then she called and checked in on me and my brother, who  
12 were raised by my grandma and my grandpa. But we call them  
13 mom and dad because they raised us.

14 Then from then on out, I stayed with my  
15 grandma and she took care of me, and my brother.

16 And we -- Jackie would come in to town and  
17 it was like Christmas every time. It was great, like  
18 seeing her, but me and my brother would notice when she  
19 would start to fall apart, when she would start having  
20 those cravings and wanting to -- like she knew she would be  
21 leaving soon.

22 And me and my brother could feel that and we  
23 would be like we have to do something to make her stay.  
24 And we can do anything.

25 And we would literally take apart her bag

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1 with everything in it and hide it in every part of the  
2 house. Like we would take her clothes, like all the  
3 pieces, and put them in all different parts of the house  
4 and hide them.

5 Clearly, we were not that good. She always  
6 found them.

7 But -- so we would do pretty much anything  
8 to make her stay, but my mom would -- my grandma would  
9 always tell us, like, "Your mom has to go now".

10 And we would scream and fight and cry and be  
11 so upset, but we would always say we -- "No, we can make  
12 her stay". And "You're mean. You're making her leave".

13 And my mom's like "She has to leave" 'cause  
14 my grandma -- my grandma would not allow -- she didn't want  
15 our mom around while she was doing drugs or if she was --  
16 like, you know, if she was falling apart because,  
17 unfortunately, that addiction is very strong.

18 And so they would say "She has to go", and  
19 me and my brother would be very angry with my grandma and  
20 grandpa and think that they were making her leave.

21 And then she would leave again and we would  
22 be heartbroken all over again, and then she would come home  
23 and then it was like Christmas again.

24 And it went on like that for -- until she  
25 disappeared.

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1                   We would always do fun things. We -- like  
2                   my grandma and grandpa never took us to McDonald's, ever.  
3                   We were not allowed to have McDonald's. Treats were like  
4                   fruit.

5                   But we had to -- when Jackie would come into  
6                   town, it was like we get to go to McDonald's and we get to  
7                   go to -- we get to go to like the store and get ice cream  
8                   and it was like great. And we were always allowed to bring  
9                   our cousins.

10                  We had -- my uncle has three kids, but we  
11                  always would hang out with our cousin, Rebecca, and she  
12                  would come swimming with us. And my cousin Randall and my  
13                  cousin Justin and my cousin Patrick -- Patrick, my cousin  
14                  Flora. We would all go. Like she would pick us all up and  
15                  it was just her.

16                  And we would go swimming and go to the park  
17                  and -- but -- yeah. And that went on.

18                  And when I was five, she threw me a really  
19                  big birthday party, and it was great. My whole family was  
20                  there.

21                  And I had no idea she was drunk until people  
22                  told me when I was older. She was so happy. And I just  
23                  thought she was happy.

24                  And I remember her like just swooping me up  
25                  in her arms and, yeah, just -- that was like my happy

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1 place.

2 And -- yeah. And she started coming around  
3 -- like when she would leave, it was the worst part.

4 And then we would -- I sat by a window and  
5 waited her -- for her. We had this window in the front of  
6 our house. It was like the square window. And I would  
7 always sit by there and wait for her.

8 And one day, she just didn't come back.

9 And I -- my family never lied to me. They  
10 never said like -- they didn't make up stories and say  
11 like, "Hey, your mom's" -- you know, they would just say my  
12 mom was -- had to go because she was sick or she was -- she  
13 just couldn't stay because she was not -- they wouldn't  
14 lie.

15 And when she went missing, like my uncle  
16 said, I just thought she had amnesia. I prayed that that's  
17 what it was.

18 I used to ask strangers if they knew where  
19 she was. I even asked my doctor.

20 Sorry.

21 **MS. WENDY VAN TONGEREN:** I'll just ask you  
22 something.

23 Are there other family members of yours in  
24 the audience?

25 **MS. SHARI MURDOCK:** Yeah.

1                   **MR. GREG MURDOCK:** I was going to say one  
2 more thing?

3                   **MS. WENDY VAN TONGEREN:** Okay. We'll  
4 continue.

5                   **MR. GREG MURDOCK:** I think that another  
6 thing I forgot to mention that always stay with me, my  
7 niece here, when she was -- I think you were about seven  
8 years old you told me that. "Uncle, when I grow up, when I  
9 get 16, I'm going to go to Vancouver".

10                   I said, "What do you do in Vancouver?" "I'm  
11 going to look for my mom".

12                   That's what she told me when she was just  
13 small -- a small little girl. And that always stayed with  
14 me.

15                   Yeah, that will always stay with me.  
16 "Uncle, I'm going to go look for my mom when I grow up.  
17 When I turn 16 or 17, I'll go to Vancouver".

18                   That's what you told me.

19                   **MS. SHARI MURDOCK:** Sorry. Yeah, I would  
20 tell my doctors and Dr. Banwah (phonetic), who's now  
21 retired, I guess I had asked him or even strange doctors I  
22 didn't know. I'd be like, "Hey, can I -- like is there a  
23 way you can find her, like trace her blood? Is there a  
24 system like you can find her?"

25                   And they would always say no, and I would --

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1 and they -- as I grew older, I would just make up stories.

2 And my mom would say hey -- my grandma,  
3 sorry. She would always tell me when -- when me and my  
4 brother were sad 'cause she's like you were your guys' --  
5 like you were her medicine. You -- you were the reason she  
6 would get sober, but she's like "Sometimes that stuff is  
7 just too strong".

8 And yeah -- and then she didn't come back.

9 And my brother kind of -- my brother's way  
10 of dealing with it was to not talk about it, and my way of  
11 dealing with it was asking anybody to help me 'cause I --  
12 'cause I thought if they helped me, then I could find her.  
13 But I -- it just -- you know, when they -- oh.

14 Sorry. I wasn't -- I wasn't planning on  
15 crying today. I didn't even think I would.

16 But -- and so then when I got older, the  
17 police started coming around and the stories started coming  
18 out about that farm and what happened there.

19 And my mom -- my grandma didn't lie. She  
20 didn't say like "This didn't happen". And she was like --  
21 she basically told me she could be there.

22 And then she told me that she probably feels  
23 like she was there, and it was only a matter of time before  
24 she found out. But those stories -- and those stories that  
25 swirled around were not helping.



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1                   And the police came and told her like "We're  
2                   investigating this person". And everybody kind of knows  
3                   who I'm talking about.

4                   Then they came in 2002, I think, in May, and  
5                   they told my mom that her DNA had been found and that's  
6                   when I guess we found out that her DNA had been found in  
7                   1997.

8                   And then I -- and then in -- oh, sorry. I  
9                   lost track.

10                  Then we found out that her DNA was found  
11                  there, and that was it for my mom -- my grandma. She knew  
12                  that her -- she said she knew a long time ago, and she just  
13                  said she just hoped it wasn't her.

14                  And then that was the first time I ever saw  
15                  my grandma ever, in my life, ever -- and I've never seen  
16                  her take a drink since. She grabbed the -- there was a  
17                  beer bottle there for some reason, and that was -- she took  
18                  a drink and I was so angry at her. I was so mad.

19                  I was like "What are you doing?" And at the  
20                  time, I didn't realize that I had found out about my mom,  
21                  but she had found out about her baby.

22                  But that was the first time and the only  
23                  time I've ever seen my grandma drink. And I ran away that  
24                  day.

25                  My uncle here gave me a big hug, and he was

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1           trying to hold me and my brother. It was -- we were just -  
2           - because we had hoped for something else. We wanted  
3           something else, and it wasn't it.

4                        So I remember running away that night and  
5           just -- I don't even know where -- I wasn't going anywhere.  
6           I wasn't doing anything. I was just -- I remember walking  
7           forever, all around town, and just thinking, wow, that  
8           sucks. And I was like -- and it took me a long time to get  
9           back to a good place, to be happy 'cause my birthday was  
10          coming up because my birthday's in May.

11                      And that's - and I remember my birthday  
12          being a short time after that. And I don't remember which  
13          one of my cousins had asked me. He said, "Shari, what did  
14          you wish for?" And I said "Nothing".

15                      And every year for quite a few years, they  
16          were like, "Shari, you can wish for something on your  
17          birthday". And I was like "I don't want anything" because  
18          the one thing I wanted that I'd been wishing for since I  
19          was six years old was for my mom to come home to stay with  
20          me so her and my brother and me could get a house 'cause my  
21          grandma said -- she would always tell us, like "If your mom  
22          gets better, if she gets a house -- you can live with her  
23          if she gets better. I promise".

24                      And that was my wish every year, if she  
25          could just get better and I could live with her and have

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1           our own house. And I could have my own room and my brother  
2           could have a room and she could have a room. And I said,  
3           "I promise I would be nice to her boyfriends. I wouldn't  
4           be mean. And I would listen, and I would be good and I  
5           would get good grades in school".

6                            But after I found out she actually passed, I  
7           stopped wishing for things on my birthday because I didn't  
8           want anything until I had a baby.

9                            And the weird thing is, when my mom had my  
10          oldest brother, she was 16. And when I had my baby, I was  
11          16. And she was so beautiful.

12                           And I could not imagine -- like my uncle  
13          said, you can't imagine that stuff till you have your own  
14          kid.

15                           And when I had her, I was like how am I -- I  
16          didn't -- and I couldn't imagine going through what she  
17          went through, to give up a baby, to have those addictions,  
18          to have those things happen to you. And I actually named  
19          my oldest daughter after my mom. And she's great.

20                           And we talk about their grandma. And my  
21          grandma -- my grandma actually said when my daughter was  
22          little, her -- my youngest daughter and my niece, Denise,  
23          were all playing and we were living on this place and I had  
24          a really big green yard.

25                           And we were sitting outside under the

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1 carport, and my mom just started crying. And I was like,  
2 "What are you crying" -- I was like -- instantly, I was  
3 freaking out. I was like "What's wrong?" And she's like  
4 "Like I see it".

5 And I was like, "What do you mean?" I was  
6 like "What's wrong?" I was like "Are you okay? Like are  
7 you sick?"

8 And she was like, "No". She's like "I see  
9 that your mom lives in them now, but you look like her".

10 And I was like "Oh", and I just started  
11 crying 'cause she's like "I see little bits of her in them  
12 and I feel her around me".

13 And I was like, "Oh", and I just started  
14 crying 'cause, you know -- but the thing is, my mom said  
15 she probably will -- my grandma -- sorry. I keep saying  
16 "my mom", but I just -- I'm just so used -- I don't call  
17 anybody else "mom".

18 But yeah, and she just -- I can't imagine  
19 what she goes through 'cause she's -- she'll still cry  
20 about it today.

21 She'll tell me, like, "I miss her laugh and  
22 I miss her being around me" and, you know, it's just a hard  
23 thing to go through.

24 You want to ask me something?

25 **MS. WENDY VAN TONGEREN:** No, you're doing

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1 very well on your own, actually.

2 Just keep going and, if you need me, I'm  
3 here.

4 **MS. SHARI MURDOCK:** Yeah. She was great.

5 And my grandma would tell me all -- she told  
6 me lots of stories about my mom, about when she was a  
7 little girl, when she would be around me and my brother and  
8 how my mom would tell her "Just get better" and she'd try  
9 to give my mom incentives to get better, like "I promise I  
10 will give them back to you if you get better".

11 And unfortunately, that day never came.

12 My youngest sister, I remember when she was  
13 born. My grandma had already planned to have her, but by  
14 that time my grandma was too old to keep her, so she was  
15 adopted out to another family.

16 And I wish all my siblings could be here.  
17 That would help. But -- and my grandma would always tell  
18 me stories about my mom and a lot of the times it would  
19 just end up with her crying and me trying to console her.

20 Yeah. She was a great person, and I think  
21 that my daughter will still ask me things that, you know,  
22 get at my heart a little bit.

23 She's like "Why'd the bad man hurt your  
24 mom?" And how come -- she's like "Aren't there people to  
25 help her?"

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1                   And I was like, "there was supposed to be".

2                   And she would -- like when she was little,  
3 she would say, "Mom, I wish I had a phone, a special  
4 phone". And I was like "Oh, that's nice. Like that's  
5 good".

6                   And she's like "So I could call your mommy  
7 for you, too".

8                   And I was like -- she always does -- kids do  
9 things like that. Like they just don't understand it.

10                  And yeah, trying to get her to understand is  
11 -- she's great, but she doesn't understand.

12                  And like my family, I try not to lie to her  
13 about it because what's the point. It's not going to teach  
14 her anything.

15                  But I think that -- and if my brother was  
16 here, he was -- he was nine when she went missing, so he  
17 remembers her so much more in detail. He remembers -- he  
18 remembers everything a lot more than I do.

19                  **MS. WENDY VAN TONGEREN:** Sorry.

20                  So we spoke on the phone, so I'm just going  
21 to go through some of the topics that you raised and see if  
22 you want to talk about them.

23                  **MS. SHARI MURDOCK:** Okay.

24                  **MS. WENDY VAN TONGEREN:** Okay?

25                  Okay. So was there a motor vehicle accident

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1 that you think also had a very significant impact on your  
2 family?

3 **MS. SHARI MURDOCK:** Yes. My great-grandma  
4 and my two aunties were in an accident with my -- they were  
5 in an accident. And my great-grandma and one of my aunts  
6 had died, which really affected my grandma 'cause those  
7 were -- one of her daughters was severely injured and the  
8 other one was -- had passed on after a few days in the  
9 hospital.

10 And her mom died -- on ---

11 **MR. GREG MURDOCK:** July 8, 1965.

12 **MS. SHARI MURDOCK:** Yeah. On the site,  
13 right. She died there.

14 **MR. GREG MURDOCK:** Oh, yeah.

15 **MS. SHARI MURDOCK:** Yeah, she died there,  
16 you know, which -- yeah.

17 And that was a hard thing for my mom to go  
18 through 'cause she had lost her child, she had lost her  
19 first -- she had given birth to three babies, and all three  
20 of them had died very early on.

21 And then she was taken -- like she went to  
22 residential school. She -- her kids -- like by the time,  
23 then, four of her children had already passed away. And  
24 she had, what, five to take care of at the time, so she --  
25 you know, for a mom, you know, life doesn't stop just

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1 'cause something like that happens, which is a hard thing  
2 to deal with.

3 And she -- you know, it caused a lot of  
4 problems, you know. I could -- your mom, the person you  
5 depend on -- well, a lot of people depend on for advice and  
6 guidance and love and supporting, that person is gone.  
7 Your child is gone. Your other child's in the hospital.  
8 Like what are you going to do? Where do you go?

9 And unfortunately, she struggled, like a lot  
10 of people in that time had problems with alcohol. And I  
11 don't blame her or say that's a bad thing 'cause she went  
12 through a lot. And she still goes through a lot, all the  
13 time.

14 And she tells me till this day the reason  
15 that she still lives is because of us, because of me and my  
16 brothers and my uncles and my aunties and all of my -- all  
17 50 of my cousins.

18 **MS. WENDY VAN TONGEREN:** And now you have  
19 children of your own.

20 **MS. SHARI MURDOCK:** And she has about 20  
21 great-grandchildren. About 20 great-grandchildren.

22 **MS. WENDY VAN TONGEREN:** And is your eldest  
23 about 10 now?

24 **MS. SHARI MURDOCK:** Yeah, she's 10.

25 **MS. WENDY VAN TONGEREN:** And her name?



1                   **MS. SHARI MURDOCK:** Her name is Brooke  
2                   Jacqueline Morrison Murdock.

3                   **MS. WENDY VAN TONGEREN:** And your second is  
4                   -- second child is ---

5                   **MS. SHARI MURDOCK:** Rose Morrison Murdock.

6                   **MS. WENDY VAN TONGEREN:** And she's seven.  
7                   She's seven.

8                   **MS. SHARI MURDOCK:** She'll be eight soon.  
9                   And Annika.

10                  **MS. WENDY VAN TONGEREN:** And there's Annika.  
11                  She's just a baby.

12                  **MS. SHARI MURDOCK:** She's just five months.

13                  **MS. WENDY VAN TONGEREN:** Okay.

14                  **MS. SHARI MURDOCK:** Yeah. Blue eyes.

15                  **MS. WENDY VAN TONGEREN:** Let's see.

16                  Now, one thing that you mentioned is that,  
17                  for some reason, you've struggled a little bit with people  
18                  wanting to diagnose you as one thing or another.

19                  **MS. SHARI MURDOCK:** Yeah. As soon as people  
20                  found out who my mom was or what she -- what she -- people  
21                  who thought what she had done was bad because she had left  
22                  her children. She's chosen drugs over her children. It  
23                  wasn't like that.

24                  She -- so me and my brother have struggled  
25                  with people saying that we are -- we have PTSD, we have

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1 FASD, we have an attachment disorder. We're -- you know,  
2 me and my brother were not going to be smart.

3 My brother's one of the smartest people I  
4 know. He -- you ask him something, he will -- if he  
5 doesn't know the answer, he will find it out. If he  
6 doesn't understand something, he'll find a way to  
7 understand it.

8 And I've graduated when no one said I would  
9 and I've gone to college when no one said I would.

10 And I became a youth care worker, and it was  
11 one of the greatest things I've ever done, you know. You  
12 know, I help -- I helped kids and it was great.

13 You know, dealing with people who have --  
14 and when they would find out about me, somebody who has --  
15 because a lot of times when kids see -- kids in care who  
16 see people, they think, "Oh, these people are privileged.  
17 They're -- they got it together. You know, their life has  
18 been perfect. They have a silver spoon in their mouth".

19 And I was like, "No, I was born poor. I  
20 have nothing and I worked my ass off to get where I am, to  
21 have this job with you guys. Like it wasn't given to me.  
22 I worked for it".

23 And a lot of the times, these kids with --  
24 you know, who had problems like me as a kid, you know, with  
25 -- I had -- I used to drink a lot when I was a teenager,

1 like a lot, a lot. And it was pretty bad at one point. It  
2 was becoming every weekend, all weekend.

3 And I really didn't -- at the time, I didn't  
4 know why I was doing it, but everybody else knew why I was  
5 doing it. They knew I was doing it because, you know, I  
6 had nothing to cope with.

7 I didn't want to deal with the fact that --  
8 you know, I wanted to push it down, and alcohol was the  
9 easiest way.

10 And working with kids with the same problems  
11 I did was -- it taught me so much. And I'm grateful for  
12 that opportunity.

13 **MS. WENDY VAN TONGEREN:** How old were you  
14 when you discovered that your mom -- mom's DNA had actually  
15 been found on that farm?

16 **MS. SHARI MURDOCK:** I was 12.

17 **MS. WENDY VAN TONGEREN:** And was there --  
18 did you have anything to do with the investigation or the  
19 trial?

20 **MS. SHARI MURDOCK:** No. My grandma did.  
21 She left. I wanted to go with her 'cause  
22 she was going to Vancouver. Ooooh. And I was like yay.

23 And I was like "Can I come?" And my mom  
24 just -- we were having it out that day. I was like "I want  
25 to come with you. I don't want to stay here".

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1                   And she's like, "No, you have to stay".

2                   And now I see for good reason. That was a  
3                   very stressful thing. My mom said she went there and there  
4                   was cops everywhere and there was reporters everywhere and  
5                   there was people crying and breaking down. And she was --  
6                   like she didn't understand.

7                   And she said she had gone into that  
8                   courtroom for the Pickton trial and she had sat near the  
9                   front and she had looked over, and they had brought him in  
10                  and he had not looked at her. And my mom -- my grandma  
11                  said she felt such a dark presence in front of her and she  
12                  had felt not good in her soul.

13                  And when she had left, she looked fine, but  
14                  when she came back, she just looked exhausted and over --  
15                  like she just didn't look like she was doing too well.

16                  And when she had told me she had seen him in  
17                  this glass box and he would not turn around, not for a  
18                  second, not anything. He'd just look directly straight.  
19                  And she said she had never felt something like that and she  
20                  never would want to feel it again, or anyone else to feel  
21                  it, so.

22                  **MS. WENDY VAN TONGEREN:** And there was --  
23                  what do you know about your sister, Daphne, trying to find  
24                  your mom in ---

25                  **MS. SHARI MURDOCK:** Daphne's my auntie.

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1                   **MS. WENDY VAN TONGEREN:** I'm sorry. Your  
2 Auntie Daphne trying to find your mom, like downtown east  
3 side.

4                   **MS. SHARI MURDOCK:** From the reports that  
5 I've read 'cause I've read them -- a lot of them in  
6 portraying to anybody or -- the downtown east side, I've  
7 read a lot.

8                   She had called the VPD -- that's what it's  
9 called; right?

10                  **MS. WENDY VAN TONGEREN:** Vancouver Police  
11 Department.

12                  **MS. SHARI MURDOCK:** Yeah. She had called  
13 them, and she was having trouble getting through and  
14 getting somebody to take her seriously. And from the  
15 reports that I've seen, she's called numerous times and  
16 just nothing was happening.

17                  And apparently just from what she's told me,  
18 she had told me she had gone -- actually had gone downtown  
19 and to find -- like to look around for her down there, and  
20 she had done that a few times. And she had called numerous  
21 times. And people had called in Prince George, too, to the  
22 RCMP.

23                  **MS. WENDY VAN TONGEREN:** To the RCMP ---

24                  **MS. SHARI MURDOCK:** Yeah.

25                  **MS. WENDY VAN TONGEREN:** --- or Vancouver

1 Police?

2 **MS. SHARI MURDOCK:** Both.

3 **MS. WENDY VAN TONGEREN:** Both. Okay.

4 And what were you hearing from them in terms  
5 of what happened?

6 **MS. SHARI MURDOCK:** They were just basically  
7 taking the information and just saying bye or just giving  
8 them the run-around and not really giving them a clear  
9 answer of what they were doing or how they were doing it or  
10 trying to find her. Yeah.

11 **MS. WENDY VAN TONGEREN:** And do you know how  
12 the police actually got a sample of Jackie's DNA?

13 **MS. SHARI MURDOCK:** She -- they had found  
14 her DNA in the -- when Pickton was being investigated the  
15 first time. He had tried to stab a woman, and she had  
16 gotten away. And she had called the cops, and that's when  
17 the cops went there and grabbed DNA. And then nothing  
18 happened from that 'cause she -- apparently she didn't show  
19 up in Court, and then they dropped the case. And that's  
20 when they found her DNA.

21 **MS. WENDY VAN TONGEREN:** And where did they  
22 get your mom's sample from so that they can do a  
23 comparison?

24 **MS. SHARI MURDOCK:** They got it from my --  
25 they got it from my grandma and my grandpa.

1                   **MS. WENDY VAN TONGEREN:** Okay. Thank you.

2                   I understand that you -- there was an uncle  
3 as well who died in the downtown east side.

4                   **MS. SHARI MURDOCK:** Yeah. I was a little --  
5 I was a little kid.

6                   My Uncle Greg could probably tell more about  
7 that.

8                   **MS. WENDY VAN TONGEREN:** Do you want to tell  
9 us about that, Greg?

10                  **MR. GREG MURDOCK:** That was my brother,  
11 Wilson. He has children down in Vancouver there. He has  
12 four children down in Vancouver.

13                  He had a pretty rough -- rough beginning at  
14 the beginning since he was young. He always was really a -  
15 - how you say, he once called it excitement. He'd take the  
16 wrong road and he -- and he stayed -- he got kids in  
17 Vancouver.

18                  He stayed in Vancouver I don't know how many  
19 years with a lady from Mission.

20                  And he got into drugs. He got into that  
21 drugs and they found him downtown in one of those seedy  
22 motels. He was up on the bed. His hands -- his hands were  
23 like this, and that's how they found him. He was kneeling  
24 down up on his bed.

25                  That's how he was found.

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1                   And that's the time I was telling you that  
2                   was before I had children, before I had grandkids. Then my  
3                   mother -- we brought -- they brought him back from  
4                   Vancouver. Then there he was. And my mom walked in. Then  
5                   that's how I was trying to explain.

6                   I said, "I can't believe my mother just  
7                   broke right down and just -- she was just screaming her  
8                   head off and holy".

9                   I never understood that until I got my own  
10                  children. Then I sort of knew how incomprehensible (sic)  
11                  it is to lose a loved one, a child.

12                  And I never, ever want that feeling. Never.  
13                  But she had to go through it five times, and she's still  
14                  with us, 90 years old.

15                  And my brother, he was a good guy. I loved  
16                  him. And I lost a brother just this year.

17                  February 17th my brother -- my favourite  
18                  brother, he died this year. This year. And him -- it  
19                  still hurts now today to talk about him.

20                  His name is John Edward. I sure miss him.  
21                  He was always beside me.

22                  Me, I'm the oldest in the family. And him,  
23                  he always stood -- anything happened, he's right there  
24                  beside me. Already he's holding out his hand, "I'll help  
25                  you. What do you want me to do?"



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1                   Him, he left me. All my brothers and  
2                   sisters, I miss them. And I love them.

3                   My brother, Wilson, he will always take care  
4                   of me when I go to Vancouver. Any time I get too high, he  
5                   just drags me around, drag me home, "You had enough. Go  
6                   home. I'm bringing you home".

7                   He drags me home, takes care of me. That's  
8                   the kind of brother he was.

9                   **MS. WENDY VAN TONGEREN:** Do you know if  
10                  Jackie was with Wilson in Vancouver?

11                  **MS. SHARI MURDOCK:** I know they hung out  
12                  together. My grandma said they lived together at one  
13                  point. I don't really know how long.

14                  **MS. WENDY VAN TONGEREN:** So I have a note  
15                  here that your -- some of your family somehow thought it  
16                  was a negative thing and that Jackie could have saved him.

17                  **MS. SHARI MURDOCK:** Oh, yeah. One of my --  
18                  I don't remember who, but one of my aunties had told me  
19                  Jackie had felt like she could have helped him or stopped  
20                  it or, you know, been there to call an ambulance if he  
21                  needed it. And they always said that she felt bad ---

22                  **MS. WENDY VAN TONGEREN:** Right.

23                  **MS. SHARI MURDOCK:** --- that she could have  
24                  helped, and she wasn't there.

25                  And so she -- she took that hard and ---

1 MS. WENDY VAN TONGEREN: Yeah.

2 MS. SHARI MURDOCK: Yeah.

3 MS. WENDY VAN TONGEREN: I can imagine.

4 And what year did Wilson die; do you

5 remember?

6 MR. GREG MURDOCK: Pardon me?

7 MS. WENDY VAN TONGEREN: What year did

8 Wilson die?

9 MR. GREG MURDOCK: I don't (inaudible).

10 Ninety-five ('95).

11 MS. WENDY VAN TONGEREN: Okay, '95. So this

12 was around the time that things were tough for Jackie.

13 MS. SHARI MURDOCK: Yeah.

14 MS. WENDY VAN TONGEREN: Yeah.

15 And I just would like to identify that your

16 mom had other children, so you had ---

17 MS. SHARI MURDOCK: Yeah.

18 MS. WENDY VAN TONGEREN: --- siblings.

19 I've got Ryan ---

20 MS. SHARI MURDOCK: Yeah.

21 MS. WENDY VAN TONGEREN: --- and Michael,

22 you mentioned.

23 MS. SHARI MURDOCK: Yeah.

24 MS. WENDY VAN TONGEREN: And then you in

25 1991, and so you were the third born.

1 MS. SHARI MURDOCK: Yeah.

2 MS. WENDY VAN TONGEREN: First girl.

3 MS. SHARI MURDOCK: I'm the middle. Yeah.

4 MS. WENDY VAN TONGEREN: And then there's a  
5 Diana ---

6 MS. SHARI MURDOCK: Yeah.

7 MS. WENDY VAN TONGEREN: --- and Tenecia  
8 (phonetic).

9 MS. SHARI MURDOCK: Kanisha.

10 MS. WENDY VAN TONGEREN: Oh, how do you  
11 spell that, then?

12 MS. SHARI MURDOCK: K-a-n-i-s-h-a.

13 MS. WENDY VAN TONGEREN: Okay, great.  
14 And all of them -- which of these were  
15 raised by Evelyn, your grandmother?

16 MS. SHARI MURDOCK: Just me and my oldest  
17 brother, Ryan.

18 MS. WENDY VAN TONGEREN: And who raised the  
19 others?

20 MS. SHARI MURDOCK: My brother, Michael, was  
21 raised by my auntie and my uncle. My two younger sisters  
22 were adopted out of our family.

23 MS. WENDY VAN TONGEREN: Okay.

24 MS. SHARI MURDOCK: Yeah.

25 MS. WENDY VAN TONGEREN: Do you still see

1           them?

2                           **MS. SHARI MURDOCK:** I see my youngest sister  
3           and my other sister when she comes to Prince George if she  
4           wants to come see me. She just texts me or something and I  
5           usually try to meet up with her or pick her up or  
6           something.

7                           **MS. WENDY VAN TONGEREN:** And so you know  
8           you're pretty amazing. You know that, eh?

9                           **MS. SHARI MURDOCK:** Thank you.

10                          **MS. WENDY VAN TONGEREN:** You are.

11                          And those labels that people were putting on  
12           you, that wasn't even diagnosed, was it? It was just sort  
13           of people ---

14                          **MS. SHARI MURDOCK:** I don't know if it was -  
15           - I don't ever remember going to go see a doctor for that  
16           stuff. Yeah, I don't ever remember seeing a doctor.

17                          I've been to counsellors. I don't know if  
18           counsellors ---

19                          **MS. WENDY VAN TONGEREN:** And so can you  
20           address that?

21                          Because one reason why we're here is that  
22           the Commissioner and -- all of the Commissioners will be  
23           listening and hearing what all of the families have been  
24           saying to start to develop some recommendations on how to  
25           make things better.

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1                   So you've had some counselling. Some of it  
2                   may have helped you, some of it didn't? Can you address --  
3                   -

4                   **MS. SHARI MURDOCK:** I have been to every  
5                   kind of counselling there is.

6                   I've been to group counselling, I've been to  
7                   art therapy. I've been to like one-on-one counselling.  
8                   I've been on outreach.

9                   And you know what, outreach is the best  
10                  kind, I think, you know, 'cause you're not stuck in a room  
11                  and you're not forced to talk. And ---

12                  **MS. WENDY VAN TONGEREN:** Can you describe  
13                  what outreach is, then, that type of counselling?

14                  **MS. SHARI MURDOCK:** You know, going out for  
15                  a coffee, going out for a walk, talking about your problems  
16                  but not being judged about them and giving a bunch of like  
17                  lists of stuff to do. Like that's what they would do.

18                  Like, "Oh, Shari, you know, do this  
19                  exercise. It'll make you feel better". And I'm like "I  
20                  don't want to do that".

21                  Or like talking in front of a bunch of --  
22                  like in a group of people who are struggling as well but,  
23                  you know, group therapy never really helped me.

24                  I remember me and my brother used to go to  
25                  this program together, and it was great. I don't remember

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1           what it was called, but it was one of the best kinds 'cause  
2           me and my brother could talk together where it was safe and  
3           where my brother was not being judged because he was a boy  
4           and I was a girl, and it's okay for girls to cry and boys  
5           can't.

6                                So it was okay for me and my brother. We  
7           would go there and talk to this -- I don't even remember  
8           her name.

9                                But it's the best kind of therapy, you know,  
10          having a sibling with you to relate and not feel like  
11          you're strange or different.

12                              **MS. WENDY VAN TONGEREN:** Yeah.

13                              **MS. SHARI MURDOCK:** And a lot of the times  
14          that's how I did feel with different people and different -  
15          - like my family was not normal. I knew that from a very  
16          young age because, you know, people had their moms and  
17          their dads and their grandma -- like my grandma and grandpa  
18          would usually sit on the bench 'cause, you know, they're  
19          old. They couldn't keep up.

20                              And even though I made my grandpa pack me  
21          around till I was nine, at the time I didn't know that was  
22          not very nice, but I see my 10 year old now and I'm like  
23          no, I am not packing you.

24                              And -- yeah. Yeah, I think outreach is the  
25          best because, you know, even if you don't want to talk, you

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1 know, there's somebody standing beside you to say, "Hey,  
2 let's just go for a walk, you know, or, you know, let's  
3 talk" or "Do you want a coffee?" You know, that's always  
4 great.

5 It wins at work for me, too. When kids are  
6 upset I'm like, "Yeah, you want to go for a coffee?"  
7 They're like, "Yeah. Ice capps".

8 And -- yeah. And it's great. But like my  
9 uncle was saying, we need better -- like my mom did that  
10 12-step program because I have a chapter of that, and  
11 that's where I read about my uncle. She had talked a lot  
12 about him and how he had helped her and how he made her  
13 feel safe and he made her feel unjudged and wanted.

14 And he wasn't telling her what to do or how  
15 to do it or -- he was just saying, "Hey, do it this way.  
16 It might work. You don't have to".

17 And she said she always felt like I have --  
18 I wish I brought it. I was going to, but I forgot.

19 And that's how I know she did the 12-step  
20 program, but I know that my grandma had said my mom always  
21 -- she went on wait lists for treatments. And you know,  
22 she -- she couldn't hold on that long.

23 You know, that's the problem. A lot of  
24 people can't, or they have to hoop jump to get to these  
25 good treatment centres, you know. Like they have to go

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1 through all these things.

2 And I understand that they want people to go  
3 there who are serious about it, but who's not serious about  
4 going to treatment if they're there and they're saying they  
5 want treatment.

6 But yeah, my grandma said it was never --  
7 she wasn't able to hold on that long to being sober and to  
8 waiting to get in this treatment centre and, you know, she  
9 never got it.

10 And she just -- I know she's been to detox  
11 centre, too. I know that. But as for long-term treatment,  
12 I don't know that.

13 You know, that needs to be a priority. That  
14 needs to be a real -- like people need help and they need  
15 long-term treatment. And they need stuff after treatment  
16 to get them out of the same environment.

17 Like I've had -- my friend had gone to  
18 treatment so many times, and she tried so hard for so long.  
19 And she -- you know, she's gone to -- she went to Mission.  
20 She went to one up here.

21 But going back to Prince George in the same  
22 environment and the same people and, you know, people  
23 coming around you, even if you tell them to stay away,  
24 there's nothing that could -- you know. There was nothing  
25 there for her.



1                   You know, they say, "Oh, well, we have these  
2                   -- you know, you can call your doctor or your counsellor  
3                   from 9:00 to 5:00". Well, what about after 5:00?" You  
4                   know, the night time's the worst. You know, you're alone.  
5                   You -- even if you have your kids, they're sleeping and  
6                   you're still alone. You have no one to talk to. And you  
7                   know, there needs to be help for those hours.

8                   And I understand other people have families,  
9                   too, but you know, there's a lot more to it than that.

10                   So ---

11                   **MS. WENDY VAN TONGEREN:** You drank, too, but  
12                   what changed it for you, turned you around? It was giving  
13                   birth to your daughter.

14                   **MS. SHARI MURDOCK:** Yeah.

15                   **MS. WENDY VAN TONGEREN:** And you were 16.

16                   **MS. SHARI MURDOCK:** He was the first person  
17                   to find out. He was like -- actually, no.

18                   Yeah. He -- my grandma made him drive me to  
19                   the doctor's, made me go to the doctor's and then he drove  
20                   me home and then, when I went to go get my results, he  
21                   drove me there and drove me back.

22                   And he was like "So?" I was like, "Yeah".

23                   He was like, "You going home?" I was like,  
24                   "No". I was like, "Drop me off at school".

25                   Went home and my grandma was like "So you're

1 pregnant". I'm like "Yeah".

2 And I'd already known by then. And she was  
3 really scared.

4 And I was scared, too. She was scared that,  
5 you know, 'cause my mom was 16 when she had my brother, she  
6 thought maybe something like that would happen again.

7 **MS. WENDY VAN TONGEREN:** Yeah.

8 **MS. SHARI MURDOCK:** But my grandma was  
9 really great about the whole drug talk.

10 She was like this is what happened, and if  
11 you want -- like me and my brother were judged a lot based  
12 on the fact that our mom was a sex trade worker and  
13 addicted to drugs. We were judged a lot by that because  
14 people would say that's our future. That's what we were  
15 going to be. That's what was going to happen to us.

16 But my mom always said "Don't believe them"  
17 -- my grandma. Sorry.

18 And she was a really strong person for us,  
19 telling us like -- I don't want to say bad words 'cause she  
20 swears a lot, but ---

21 **MS. WENDY VAN TONGEREN:** Apparently smart  
22 people swear a lot.

23 **MS. SHARI MURDOCK:** Yeah. But she would be  
24 like "Don't believe 'em. Those people are only saying that  
25 'cause they're scared of what you'll be".

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1                   And she'd always tell us that people just  
2 talk. They just always talk no matter what you did, no  
3 matter where you're going, no matter what you're doing.  
4 Always going to talk and say something.

5                   And she'd always say, "You're the only  
6 person who knows your life and knows your truth".

7                   **MS. WENDY VAN TONGEREN:** Yeah.

8                   **MS. SHARI MURDOCK:** And ---

9                   **MS. WENDY VAN TONGEREN:** I like your  
10 grandma, I can tell.

11                   **MS. SHARI MURDOCK:** Yeah, I wish she could  
12 have been here, but it's just really hard on her.

13                   **MS. WENDY VAN TONGEREN:** So looking at the  
14 age chart that I made for you and -- so you -- yes. You  
15 went all the way to Grade 12 and you just took a little  
16 time off to have your baby. Is that what happened?

17                   **MS. SHARI MURDOCK:** I had my baby when I was  
18 in high school.

19                   **MS. WENDY VAN TONGEREN:** Okay.

20                   **MS. SHARI MURDOCK:** I had both. I had my  
21 daughter when I was 16 and I was in regular school, and I  
22 got transferred to a program called TMAP, so Teen Mothers  
23 Alternative Program. And I graduate -- and I had another  
24 baby when I was 18, and I graduated when I was 19. And I  
25 went to college when I was 20.

1 MS. WENDY VAN TONGEREN: And -- sorry.

2 MS. SHARI MURDOCK: Yeah, the -- yeah. I  
3 was told I was stupid and not smart, I would never do  
4 anything.

5 Yeah. I've been told I -- when I was in  
6 regular school, they told me they would push me down the  
7 stairs 'cause I was pregnant and my baby was basically  
8 worthless and she was not worth life. But you know, my  
9 kid's worth it. She's beautiful.

10 MS. WENDY VAN TONGEREN: And you learned  
11 from your grandmother that's just clutter.

12 MS. SHARI MURDOCK: Yeah. I have a very  
13 strong grandma and she would not let -- like I remember one  
14 time I was bullied and I was really sad about it. And  
15 basically my grandma told me, she's like "No matter what  
16 you do, those people are going to talk. They're going to  
17 say things. They're going to do things to try to make you  
18 seem like you're something you're not". She's like "Were  
19 those people with you? Did they say those things to you?  
20 Were they there?"

21 And I'd be like "No". And she's like "Then  
22 they don't know and you don't ever need to justify yourself  
23 to anyone. You don't need to answer anybody's questions if  
24 you don't want to. You don't need to tell anybody things  
25 you don't want them to know".

1 She's like "That is your life and your  
2 right".

3 **MS. WENDY VAN TONGEREN:** So it sounds like  
4 we need a banner with that on it, don't we?

5 **MS. SHARI MURDOCK:** Yeah.

6 **MS. WENDY VAN TONGEREN:** So you had a  
7 memorial for your mom, eh?

8 **MS. SHARI MURDOCK:** Yeah, we did.

9 **MS. WENDY VAN TONGEREN:** And that was in  
10 2011.

11 **MS. SHARI MURDOCK:** Yeah.

12 **MS. WENDY VAN TONGEREN:** Want to tell us  
13 about that?

14 **MS. SHARI MURDOCK:** My uncle actually put it  
15 together, my uncle and his wife, and my grandma with some  
16 of her help. She can't like lift or -- you know. And me  
17 and my cousins, he just basically told us what to do and we  
18 did it.

19 We had a memorial at the Friendship Centre.  
20 We had Mass first with her headstone and like this big  
21 picture of her when she had like curly hair and she looked  
22 really great and healthy.

23 And so we had a big Mass and then we had a  
24 dinner at the Friendship Centre and people were allowed to  
25 speak, tell stories, sing, cry. And yeah, they all -- lots

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1 of people came. And my uncle had gotten a headstone for  
2 her 'cause, unfortunately, when there's no body to be  
3 buried, it's kind of hard to get closure.

4 He had gotten a headstone and they brought  
5 it back to Fort to where my family is buried, and they put  
6 it between my grandpa and my uncle's burial sites.

7 They put it right in the middle there so  
8 that she could be with her family.

9 **MS. WENDY VAN TONGEREN:** Excellent.

10 **MS. SHARI MURDOCK:** Yeah.

11 **MS. WENDY VAN TONGEREN:** Did you say  
12 anything to your mother at the memorial?

13 **MS. SHARI MURDOCK:** At that time, I was  
14 struggling with public talking. I said stuff to her  
15 myself. I still do.

16 **MS. WENDY VAN TONGEREN:** Is there anything  
17 you'd like to say to her today?

18 And you have two moms, really. You have  
19 Jackie is your biological mom and you loved her so much.

20 **MS. SHARI MURDOCK:** Yeah.

21 **MS. WENDY VAN TONGEREN:** You wanted her to  
22 be with you and have a house with you one day.

23 **MS. SHARI MURDOCK:** Yeah.

24 **MS. WENDY VAN TONGEREN:** And then there's  
25 your grandmother, Evelyn, who you've called mom many times

1 today and many times in your life.

2 MS. SHARI MURDOCK: I call her mom every  
3 day. If I call her grandma, she don't answer me.

4 MS. WENDY VAN TONGEREN: That's a ploy.

5 MS. SHARI MURDOCK: Yeah. She just thinks  
6 I'm weird.

7 MS. WENDY VAN TONGEREN: So do you think  
8 your grandma mom is watching today?

9 MS. SHARI MURDOCK: I hope so.

10 MS. WENDY VAN TONGEREN: Say something to  
11 her.

12 MS. SHARI MURDOCK: Hi mom.

13 MS. WENDY VAN TONGEREN: And is there  
14 anything you'd like to say to your mom Jackie?

15 MS. SHARI MURDOCK: I think I've already  
16 said it 100 times.

17 MS. WENDY VAN TONGEREN: Okay.

18 MS. SHARI MURDOCK: I just hope she's proud  
19 of me. I hope she -- I hope she sees my kids, you know. I  
20 had a hard time with my baby and my youngest one, and my  
21 grandma and my family was scared for my life because I was  
22 having a lot of problems. And you know, I think my mom  
23 helped me with that 'cause it was a really hard pregnancy  
24 and it was a hard labour. Probably the hardest I've ever  
25 done. My second kid was the best for that part.

1                   **MS. WENDY VAN TONGEREN:** I think pride is a  
2                   good word to describe the atmosphere in the room.

3                   **MS. SHARI MURDOCK:** Yeah.

4                   **MS. WENDY VAN TONGEREN:** That is focusing  
5                   and the light is on you.

6                   **MS. SHARI MURDOCK:** Yeah. That's nice.

7                   **MS. WENDY VAN TONGEREN:** Now, I noticed as  
8                   we've been sitting here that this wonderful man beside you  
9                   keeps whispering in your ears and providing you kind of a  
10                  lifeline from ---

11                  **MS. SHARI MURDOCK:** Yeah.

12                  **MS. WENDY VAN TONGEREN:** --- time to time.  
13                  Maybe you should hand him the mic and see if  
14                  ---

15                  **MS. SHARI MURDOCK:** Yeah.

16                  **MS. WENDY VAN TONGEREN:** --- there's  
17                  something he wants to say.

18                  **MR. GREG MURDOCK:** It's just about my  
19                  mother.

20                  She's 90 years old now and, for the last  
21                  month, she's not been feeling very well and she can't seem  
22                  to get better. And I'm asking you, even your strangers,  
23                  for your prayers that the Lord will -- will make her feel a  
24                  little better with His grace because my mother's been  
25                  through so much in her life, like all our Elders.



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1                   There's a few Elders here. Me, I call them  
2                   our golden oldies because them, in their time, when they  
3                   were young, where they lived they had to build their own  
4                   house. They gotta do their -- get their own food. There  
5                   was no GST. There was no family allowance. There was no  
6                   social assistance.

7                   What they raise and what they grow and what  
8                   they hunt, that's what they live on. That kind of Elders I  
9                   mean.

10                  And there's not very many of them left.  
11                  There's so few of them now. And that's why I call them my  
12                  golden oldies.

13                  Yeah. And I just want to ask you again for  
14                  prayers for my mother, that the Lord will give her strength  
15                  to pull through in the sickness.

16                  Thank you.

17                  **MS. WENDY VAN TONGEREN:** Is there anything  
18                  else you'd like to say?

19                  **MS. SHARI MURDOCK:** Thank you.

20                  **MS. WENDY VAN TONGEREN:** You're very  
21                  welcome, and thank you.

22                  Madam Commissioner, do you have any  
23                  questions for Shari or Greg?

24                  --- **QUESTIONS BY COMMISSIONER MICHÈLE AUDETTE:**

25                  **COMMISSIONER MICHÈLE AUDETTE:** Oh, I'm

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1 getting good with this talking stick.

2 Merci beaucoup. Thank you so much.

3 Very, very, very impressed, Me Wendy.

4 Amazing that you're introducing two wonderful spirit, a man  
5 and a woman, a young woman.

6 I have a comment and, of course, two  
7 question.

8 And when I was listening, I, like many other  
9 women and men who came here or we met before with the other  
10 Commissioners, that it's -- it is obvious that this cycle  
11 is affecting all of us across Canada. How do we say in  
12 English, inter-générationnel.

13 See, they're so good in English.

14 That cycle, you know, the colonization,  
15 *Indian Act*, residential schools. And it brings this  
16 vulnerability, it creates also that gap when a mother with  
17 the children, my children, and so on.

18 But across Canada, there's grandmothers who  
19 saved us, saved us so your mom and your mom-grandmother are  
20 amazing. She's amazing. So yes, we will pray for her. I  
21 will. That's for sure, like any other grandmothers.

22 And that's another debate, the traditional  
23 adoption, because our grandmother could continue. But it  
24 seem like some people don't understand that beauty of  
25 keeping our children in our own families.

1                   And when I listened to you, I saw that your  
2                   grandmother, your mom, broke that cycle. Your mom try also  
3                   to broke that cycle, and you did. And you're still doing  
4                   it, so I commend for you and for your mom and sister to do  
5                   that, or did that.

6                   And I would say when we listen, families,  
7                   they're getting us through this process since day one and  
8                   before, also. We've heard that many moms or many people  
9                   said to us, "What are we going to do for the children left  
10                  behind?"

11                  And you were young with -- when that tragic  
12                  event happened, and you grow up with this and it made you  
13                  who you are today. But if you know there's children,  
14                  maybe, or parents who are -- who were children when that  
15                  happened, what would you say to them to stay strong like  
16                  you are?

17                  What would you say? That's my first  
18                  question.

19                  **MS. SHARI MURDOCK:** Use it as your strength.  
20                  Like my grandma said, those people are just talking. They  
21                  ain't -- doesn't make it true.

22                  You know, live 'cause that's what they would  
23                  want. Let people know your story so you can help someone  
24                  else.

25                  Yeah.

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1                   **MR. GREG MURDOCK:** By the help of my family,  
2                   our families and our people -- because we're a people,  
3                   we're a tribe. I look to support from my -- from my family  
4                   and from my people.

5                   There's always lots of support from my  
6                   people, from any people. You all know.

7                   And by the strength of our -- me and my  
8                   mom's faith in our -- in our religion and belief in the  
9                   almighty, that's what was our strength, to believe in God.

10                  Some people, they -- like I said before,  
11                  they come back from the schools and they don't believe in  
12                  God. And they -- and they teach their children. And  
13                  that's another thing where we're still dealing with here,  
14                  for how many more generations that's going to go past  
15                  before we're free from this residential school genocide.

16                  That affect us lots, but when people ask me  
17                  "What's your religion?" I tell them I'm -- I'm a 100  
18                  percent Catholic but, in the same breath, I'm 110 percent  
19                  Indian because my belief goes past the church.

20                  Dreams, animals talk, all that. That's our  
21                  belief.

22                  That's why I say I'm 110 percent Indian.

23                  **COMMISSIONER MICHÈLE AUDETTE:** For this  
24                  national inquiry, your inquiry, our, what would you  
25                  recommend for us to put in the report to make sure -- I

1           like what the Chief said this morning, le chef héréditaire  
2           we say in French, hereditary chief, I think in English, who  
3           said "I'm watching you", he was saying that to us, and it's  
4           powerful. I hope you're going to watch us, too.

5                           **MS. SHARI MURDOCK:** Will do.

6                           **COMMISSIONER MICHÈLE AUDETTE:** Okay. And  
7           that -- for the children left behind, what we have -- what  
8           do we have to say to the society, to all governments, hey,  
9           this needs to happen for our children?

10                          **MS. SHARI MURDOCK:** Support. A support  
11           network. You know, outreach programs 'cause they get  
12           caught so quickly and so fast, it's ridiculous. It drives  
13           me nuts that they cut good programs, especially for kids.

14                           And you know, kids who are growing out of  
15           the system, too, like it's ridiculous. You expect these  
16           kids to just, you know -- we're okay, we're cutting ties.  
17           You're on your own now, bye. And it doesn't work like  
18           that, you know.

19                           It's like cutting somebody off from their  
20           family when they're 19. Okay, you don't have a family any  
21           more. Bye.

22                           They need support, outreach programs, you  
23           know, life skills. And people who are struggling with  
24           addictions, it's, you know -- I can't stand it when people  
25           say addiction is a choice. That drives me nuts.

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1                   And you know, people who just say this  
2                   person doesn't want help, they're not trying to get help,  
3                   well, when somebody asks for help, usually they want help.  
4                   It's not -- they're not asking for help for attention, you  
5                   know.

6                   Nobody wakes up -- like everybody says,  
7                   nobody wakes up and says, "I want to do this. This is what  
8                   I wanted". It's a part of their brain. It's part of who  
9                   they -- you know, there are studies out there, hundreds of  
10                  them, that prove it is a part of somebody's brain that they  
11                  get addicted. And you know -- and I've been told since I  
12                  was a little kid that I have a higher chance of being  
13                  addicted to things than anybody else would.

14                  But you know, I chose something else, but  
15                  that doesn't work like that for everyone else. Not  
16                  everybody's like me. Like I was told once that my life is  
17                  a 10 on a scale one to 10, but somebody else, that's 1,000.  
18                  They couldn't have done what I did. They couldn't have  
19                  gone through what I did.

20                  But for other people, you know, it's a five,  
21                  you know.

22                  Not everybody's the same in that everybody  
23                  deals with things the same. And the people that are  
24                  helping need to adjust to that. They can't treat everybody  
25                  the same and group them into one, you know.

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1                   And I understand the rules for treatment  
2           but, you know, some people, they need help right there,  
3           especially with this fentanyl crisis going on. They need  
4           help, and now.

5                   Young, old, it doesn't matter. They  
6           shouldn't be judged based on that. And -- yeah.

7                   Yeah. I guess I said it all.

8                   **COMMISSIONER MICHÈLE AUDETTE:** Merci  
9           beaucoup.

10                   And to -- there's something I'm going to  
11           write in every book I -- my red books for the hearings.  
12           They'll be very special, and there's some quote that will  
13           follow me like this one, "Life don't stop for a mom".  
14           You're so right. You're so right.

15                   So do you authorize me to use it in my book?

16                   **MS. SHARI MURDOCK:** Yeah.

17                   **COMMISSIONER MICHÈLE AUDETTE:** Merci.

18                   And I want -- I just want to say to conclude  
19           over here, it's the -- you had wishes for your mom at every  
20           anniversary, but now I see that the wish is coming true,  
21           you as a mom to your kids.

22                   **MS. SHARI MURDOCK:** Yeah. Yeah. They came  
23           true.

24                   **COMMISSIONER MICHÈLE AUDETTE:** Oui.

25                   Bravo for this and, of course, it's always

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1 beautiful to see a man speaking up and speaking out like  
2 Commissioner Robinson ask us to do this week, the families.  
3 And it's always beautiful to see a man that is not ashamed  
4 to tell the truth and have an emotion if they have to and  
5 to come here. So merci beaucoup, beaucoup, beaucoup.

6 There's something special beside me, my  
7 grandmother.

8 **MS. BERNIE WILLIAMS:** I just want to say  
9 hello to you, Shari, and to your uncle here.

10 I knew your mom. I'm a front line worker in  
11 Vancouver.

12 **MS. SHARI MURDOCK:** Wow.

13 **MS. BERNIE WILLIAMS:** My name is Bernie  
14 Williams, and I'd like to recognize also Carol Martin and  
15 Elaine Durocher that also knew your mother.

16 We worked at the Old Women's Centre in the  
17 downtown east side, and the time I knew her, she was a very  
18 vibrant woman who just really loved and cared for the  
19 people around her. So I just wanted to share that with you  
20 and that we've been on these front lines for well over 30  
21 years. And your mom also knew a lot of those women that  
22 we've also been fighting for, too.

23 And I just want to say hau'a (phonetic) to  
24 you for the time that -- you know, for allowing her to  
25 share -- you know, share her with us, too, and to your



1           uncle, hau'a. Thank you.

2                           **MS. SHARI MURDOCK:** Thank you.

3                           **COMMISSIONER MICHÈLE AUDETTE:** Beautiful.

4                           **ELDER DORIS ROSSO:** Very heart touching.

5                           I just want you to know that listening to  
6           you is that you call your grandmother mom, and that's just  
7           natural for us First Nations, to call our grandmothers mom  
8           if you lose a mom.

9                           When my -- I lost my mother, our grandmother  
10          took us in even though we were of age. She was like a  
11          mother to us. And when my daughter finished her school,  
12          she was going to college. She had to move to Vancouver.

13                          My daughter and I, we fought like crazy. We  
14          almost even had a fist fight, but I wouldn't let her take  
15          my grandson to Vancouver with her.

16                          I ask her, "How are you going to do your  
17          study and look after your son and go back and forth from  
18          daycare to college and then go home?" I ask her, "How are  
19          you going to do all this? You don't even have a car. It's  
20          going to cost you lots of money".

21                          She'd scream and yell at me, says "I need to  
22          take my son". I said, "No, you can't. You just can't do  
23          it right now".

24                          I said, "I want you to get your education.  
25          I want you to leave my grandson with me".

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1                   So I looked after my grandson for a year.  
2           My grandson is over 30 years old today. She still calls me  
3           "mom".

4                   When we have family gatherings, she says  
5           "mom". We both look up and then he says "You".

6                   So it's all right. Be thankful for your  
7           grandmother for looking after you.

8                   And you're saying that she's not feeling  
9           well. She has taught you a lot of things and your wish has  
10          came through, that you became a mother. Now you have to  
11          befill (sic) your wish with your children.

12                   Thank you.

13          --- (Short pause/Courte pause)

14                   **MS. WENDY VAN TONGEREN:** Thank you, Madam  
15          Commissioner. That is the completion of this family  
16          session.

17          And I believe the next on the calendar is the press  
18          conference, is it?

19                   Yes. And therefore, we're adjourned and  
20          people are free to go and enjoy lunch at 12:30.

21                   Thank you.

22                   Back at 1:30, everyone. Thank you.

23          --- Upon recessing at 11:14 a.m.

24          --- Upon resuming at 1:35 p.m.

25                   **MR. HERBERT WILLIAM:** Herbert William, W-i-

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1 l-l-i-a-m.

2 **MR. BREEN OUELLETTE:** Commissioner Audette,  
3 I just need a moment to deal with the technology.

4 **(SHORT PAUSE)**

5 **MR. BREEN OUELLETTE:** Thank you,  
6 Commissioner Audette. For the record, my name is Breen  
7 Ouellette and I'm a lawyer with the National Inquiry.

8 It is my honour to introduce the Williams  
9 family who have travelled here from Burns Lake. To my  
10 right is Herbert, and then Lucy, and on the end is Norman.  
11 And they are siblings. And then their niece Rita is next  
12 to -- in between Lucy and Norman.

13 They have a number of people here in  
14 support, but I want to especially mention that Willy  
15 Williams, father to Lucy, Herbert, and Norman, and  
16 grandfather to Rita, is here today to support the family.  
17 Mr. Williams is 98 years old. It is a great honour to have  
18 his experience and wisdom here with us today.

19 Mr. Williams, I want to offer you this cedar  
20 tie in honour of the support that you bring to your family  
21 today. Thank you.

22 Mr. Registrar, the family has requested to  
23 Affirm using an Eagle feather.

24 **Hearing # 2**

25 **Witnesses: Norman Williams, Herbert Williams, Lucy Smith,**

1 Rita Makowski  
2 In relation to Mary Beverly Williams and Olivia Williams)  
3 Heard by Commissioner Michèle Audette  
4 Commission Counsel: Breen Ouellette  
5 Registrar: Bryan Zandberg  
6 MR. HERBERT WILLIAM, AFFIRMED  
7 MR. NORMAN WILLIAMS, AFFIRMED  
8 MS. LUCY SMITH, AFFIRMED  
9 MS. RITA MAKOWSKI, AFFIRMED

10 MR. BREEN OUELLETTE: Herbert, I want to  
11 offer you this cedar tie in support of your testimony  
12 today. And Lucy, I want to offer you this cedar tie in  
13 support of your testimony today. And Rita, I want to offer  
14 you this cedar tie in support of your testimony today.  
15 Norman, I want to offer you this cedar tie in support of  
16 your testimony today. Thank you.

17 I will just take a moment to offer cedar  
18 ties to the other family members in support, thank you.

19 Herbert, would you explain, for the benefit  
20 of everyone present the significance of the ceremony that  
21 you presented to open your testimony.

22 MR. HERBERT WILLIAM: Can I just do it in my  
23 own language? (Speaking Native language)

24 I just said in my own language, Brothers and  
25 Sisters, Hereditary Chief and Elders, the Moricetown and

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1 the Witsuwit'en. I have just that happy to be honour to be  
2 here. We have been talking about our loved one, our sister  
3 that for the past, since Monday morning, until today. And  
4 it's a pleasure.

5 Today that our loved one, Beverly Williams  
6 was a Hereditary Chief since 1985, prior to his missing.  
7 Her hereditary name was Ma'uld(Phonetic). So today we  
8 haven't quit using our regalia for her. My brother, and my  
9 sister, and my niece, and our dad, and our supporters.  
10 That's why I said in my language Deneesa(Phonetic), there  
11 is members of other communities that has hereditary name as  
12 also ourself. To honour ourself and to honour the  
13 hereditary in the building.

14 When we use this regalia, we use for the sad  
15 part. The sad part occasion like this today, the process.  
16 To make our heart feel support and with ourself that we  
17 were designed in early age of our lives with our mum and  
18 dad and our grandfathers, our grandmother. But we never  
19 seen our great, great grandfather. We have seen our great  
20 grandparents and our mums. So they support us to have our  
21 wisdom of to be an Elder.

22 Most importantly is our language. Our  
23 language is more important to our community, to our family.  
24 When we sing it's more with our language. There is no  
25 English song in our song. We use it briefly in ceremonies

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1 with our regalia, our things that are in crisis. And  
2 crisis is when there is difficult times with ourself, with  
3 other members in the community, that our father clan  
4 represent us to have our feather ceremony.

5 The first feather ceremony with the regalia,  
6 that really touches us. We have to honour them. We have  
7 to really say to honour that job has been tremendously  
8 support is we can do it again. If we do it again it's  
9 going to cost more. It's going to go a little heavier to  
10 ourself. That's the reason why we're always more  
11 importantly to respect ourself, to respect in the community  
12 who touches us. And we use this blanket to serve, to  
13 invite for our ceremony, to invite people so they'll  
14 support us and come to our potlatch.

15 Either it's a headstone or it's going to be  
16 hereditary name that's going to take place. Those -- these  
17 are the process and it's always honour to have our  
18 hereditary chief to come together. We have great numbers  
19 of hereditary chief in our communities of Lake Babine  
20 Nation and two days I've been trying to get them down here  
21 and this is always I talk about it. These things that  
22 happened, some of them don't happen to them, you know?  
23 Those are -- you know, I'm trying to get them more  
24 involved, but we have faced our consequence, the crisis in  
25 our community. And gladly we have member of our father, he

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1 is still with us today.

2 **MR. BREEN OUELLETTE:** Thank you, Herbert.

3 Rita -- oh, Lucy, if you want to say a few words, please?

4 **MS. LUCY SMITH:** (Speaking in Native  
5 language) I'm going to say this in English. I want to  
6 explain why I have a regalia on my niece, Rita.

7 As Herbert has mentioned, my late sister is  
8 a hereditary Chief. Hereditary name was Ma'uld. Since she  
9 passed her name was handed down to family members. That  
10 family member has died. Then it was handed down to another  
11 family member. That family member has died. Ma'uld is  
12 still sitting there for another family member to take.  
13 Rita, please stand.

14 Rita is the daughter of a hereditary Chief.  
15 I have this blanket on her, which is my blanket that I have  
16 paid for. It put it on her to honour her. She is the  
17 child of a hereditary Chief and as all hereditary Chief,  
18 you are supposed to honour the children, the grandchildren  
19 and you're support to respect that you have a hereditary  
20 name. That is how you discipline yourself and discipline  
21 your children to honour the name that has been passed down  
22 from generation to generation.

23 This is why I have Rita in a regalia. Just  
24 to explain that to you. Thank you.

25 --- **QUESTIONS BY MR. BREEN OUELLETTE:**

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1                   **MR. BREEN OUELLETTE:** Thank you, Lucy.

2                   Rita, I understand that the family has come to share their  
3                   experience about the loss of two family members. Could you  
4                   tell me the name of the first family member that you will  
5                   speak about today?

6                   **MS. RITA MAKOWSKI:** Mary Beverly Williams.  
7                   She's my mother.

8                   **MR. BREEN OUELLETTE:** Did Beverly have any  
9                   other children?

10                  **MS. RITA MAKOWSKI:** She has three other  
11                  boys, Stanley, Edmond, and Edward.

12                  **MR. BREEN OUELLETTE:** Was your mother  
13                  murdered?

14                  **MS. RITA MAKOWSKI:** Yes, she was.

15                  **MR. BREEN OUELLETTE:** How old were you at  
16                  the time?

17                  **MS. RITA MAKOWSKI:** Four.

18                  **MR. BREEN OUELLETTE:** Do you recall the last  
19                  time you saw your mother?

20                  **MS. RITA MAKOWSKI:** The day that she went  
21                  missing. May 4<sup>th</sup>, '85.

22                  **MR. BREEN OUELLETTE:** Can you describe what  
23                  happened?

24                  **MS. RITA MAKOWSKI:** We were sitting at my  
25                  grandmother's house and she had one of the big windows.



1           There was a couch up against the window. And my mum was  
2           standing on the driver's side of the car and then there was  
3           a gentleman standing in front of the car. And then my  
4           brother standing on the sidewalk, wanting to go get my mum  
5           because they were going to be leaving and my grandma had  
6           locked the door so we couldn't go with her. And that was  
7           the last memory I have.

8                           **MR. BREEN OUELLETTE:** I understand that your  
9           mother went missing for a period of time before it was  
10          discovered that she was murdered. Do you remember what it  
11          was like to be four years old and have you mother  
12          disappear?

13                          **MS. RITA MAKOWSKI:** I don't at all. It's --  
14          trauma does amazing things to you and it just gets blocked  
15          out, or maybe it wasn't talked about enough.

16                          **MR. BREEN OUELLETTE:** Do you remember when  
17          you first learnt that your mother had been murdered?

18                          **MS. RITA MAKOWSKI:** I'm sorry, could you say  
19          that again?

20                          **MR. BREEN OUELLETTE:** Do you remember when  
21          you first learnt that your mother had been murdered?

22                          **MS. RITA MAKOWSKI:** I don't know if it  
23          really registered to me as a child. But it probably really  
24          did when I was about 12, when I really needed a mum  
25          entering into womanhood, you know?

1                   **MR. BREEN OUELLETTE:** Lucy, where did  
2 Beverly live at the time she was murdered?

3                   **MS. LUCY SMITH:** Say it again?

4                   **MR. BREEN OUELLETTE:** Where did -- which  
5 city did Beverly live in at the time that she was murdered.

6                   **MS. LUCY SMITH:** Beverly was living in  
7 Houston with Leo.

8                   **MR. BREEN OUELLETTE:** Was she married?

9                   **MS. LUCY SMITH:** They were living common law  
10 for many years.

11                   **MR. BREEN OUELLETTE:** And his name, his full  
12 name?

13                   **MS. LUCY SMITH:** Leo Perry.

14                   **MR. BREEN OUELLETTE:** Did Beverly attend at  
15 residential school?

16                   **MS. LUCY SMITH:** I don't know if she did.

17                   **MR. BREEN OUELLETTE:** Norman, do you know if  
18 Beverly attended at residential school?

19                   **MR. NORMAN WILLIAMS:** Yeah.

20                   **MR. BREEN OUELLETTE:** Which residential  
21 school was it?

22                   **MR. NORMAN WILLIAMS:** Lejac.

23                   **MR. BREEN OUELLETTE:** Did you also attend at  
24 Lejac?

25                   **MR. NORMAN WILLIAMS:** Yes.

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1                   **MR. BREEN OUELLETTE:** Did Beverly have any  
2 problems as a result of her time in Residential School?

3                   **MR. NORMAN WILLIAMS:** No. I would -- I was  
4 a about six -- five-year-old. There's -- that's about 1955  
5 and stayed there only three days because there was six of  
6 us sent home because we have (inaudible) parents. And  
7 about 1964 I started working and just around that time  
8 Beverly went to Lejac because Panalan(Phonetic) Bay there  
9 was no school. Everything mill shut down and lots of girls  
10 that she knew. So I -- friends and -- so she went to --  
11 there was about six of them. And then she was there about  
12 '64.

13                   **MR. BREEN OUELLETTE:** Do you know how long  
14 she was at the Residential School?

15                   **MR. NORMAN WILLIAMS:** After that everybody  
16 went to Prince George College.

17                   **MR. BREEN OUELLETTE:** Lucy, do you know if  
18 Beverly had any personal problems as an adult as a result  
19 of her time in Residential School?

20                   **MS. LUCY SMITH:** From the time I was a  
21 little girl Beverly had been with Leo ever since I was a  
22 little girl and Beverly worked hard, like a man. She  
23 worked in the mill but she had an alcohol problem. She  
24 drank lots. She worked hard and she played hard.

25                   **MR. BREEN OUELLETTE:** Lucy, could you tell

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1           us what you have heard over the years about the  
2           circumstances leading up to her disappearance the day that  
3           she disappeared?

4                       **MS. LUCY SMITH:** My late uncle John was  
5           alive back then. I was living in Prince George. My uncle  
6           got a phone call, said that my sister was coming to Prince  
7           George and she was drunk and somebody was driving her car.  
8           My late uncle John Tom picked me up where I was living and  
9           we start driving around Prince George looking for Bev's  
10          car.

11                      I found her car right across the Royal Bank  
12          on Victoria Street in Prince George. Me and my uncle, we  
13          were standing beside the car and this guy came out. His  
14          name was Tom Cunningham. I asked him what -- where my  
15          sister was. And he said that she jumped in a pickup truck  
16          and they went to Vancouver. I said, "My sister wouldn't go  
17          to Vancouver." I said, "I want you to come with us to the  
18          cop station." I made him come with us to the cop station  
19          right away that day when I found her car.

20                      We weren't in there very long. They didn't  
21          interview him very long. He came out of there with us and  
22          he just went on his way.

23                      **MR. BREEN OUELLETTE:** Do you remember  
24          anything about the car when you found it?

25                      **MS. LUCY SMITH:** I didn't think anything of

1 it. I ---

2 **MR. BREEN OUELLETTE:** Did -- please, go  
3 ahead.

4 **MS. LUCY SMITH:** I just got the police to  
5 take the car. That's all I remember.

6 **MR. BREEN OUELLETTE:** Over the years have  
7 you heard about how Beverly was travelling along the  
8 highway? How her car ended up in Prince George? Do you  
9 remember those details?

10 **MS. LUCY SMITH:** None of those details were  
11 -- were given to us. There was nobody telling us what  
12 happened, where she was, what happened before. We didn't  
13 know anything like that. The cops didn't tell us nothing.  
14 All this information that you're asking me, I found out  
15 after, just before we came here. The RCMP had a meeting  
16 with us and I finally found out. It's seems like it was  
17 yesterday, been 30 years. All these times I never knew  
18 what happened.

19 **MR. BREEN OUELLETTE:** Do you remember what  
20 you were told?

21 **MS. LUCY SMITH:** The investigator said that  
22 she ran out of gas. She was sleeping in her car and this  
23 couple came to help her and the couple's husband went to  
24 get gas and he left his wife with Bev. Then just -- then  
25 these guys had truck trouble too, not far from where Bev

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1 ran out of gas. When the guy came back with the gas he  
2 took his wife and left these other guys to help my sister.  
3 There's so many things that happened that day.

4 They went through -- they went through it so  
5 fast it didn't -- Rita and I were trying to repeat what  
6 they said and both -- we both had different perspective of  
7 what they said because they just went through it so fast.  
8 It's still not totally clear in my mind what happened.

9 **MR. BREEN OUELLETTE:** Okay. Do you know the  
10 date that Beverly went missing, do you remember?

11 **MS. LUCY SMITH:** It was her birthday week on  
12 May 4<sup>th</sup>. I was living in Prince George. I feel guilty  
13 because I know my sister was coming to Prince George to see  
14 me. She never goes there. She has no -- she doesn't like  
15 the city. She wanted me to move back to Burns Lake. If  
16 she ever go to Prince George, it would be for me.

17 **MR. BREEN OUELLETTE:** Okay. Herbert, do you  
18 remember the year, May 4<sup>th</sup> and do you remember the year?

19 **MR. HERBERT WILLIAM:** Somewhere along that  
20 line Beverly usually comes and visit at our place with my  
21 wife. That Friday there was a Bingo around 7:00 that she  
22 has pull from Center Street onto the Market Patrick Bingo  
23 Hall. That's the last time that I have seen Beverly. On  
24 the Saturday there is a word that were getting around in  
25 the communities that Beverly was -- my dad said, where's

1 Beverly?

2 You couldn't come over to their place  
3 somewhere along that day that he has dropped by and dropped  
4 one kid off. So that's the indication of information that  
5 I heard from my dad.

6 **MR. BREEN OUELLETTE:** Just to refresh your  
7 memory, was the date that she went missing May 4<sup>th</sup>, 1985?

8 **MR. HERBERT WILLIAM:** Yeah. That was pretty  
9 close to her birthday, May 6<sup>th</sup>.

10 **MR. BREEN OUELLETTE:** Okay. Lucy, do you  
11 know what the police did with Beverly's vehicle when they  
12 took it away?

13 **MS. LUCY SMITH:** To my understanding, after  
14 a while they gave it back to my parents and my dad had it  
15 parked inside the fence at their house and Leo took it.  
16 And back then, just when the word was getting out that Bev  
17 was missing, Bev had a van too and they lived in Houston in  
18 a duplex or a triplex that's in Houston.

19 I remember like it was only a couple days  
20 when Bev went missing and all of a sudden that van, it  
21 burnt from the inside out. And I think if I remember  
22 correctly that Leo had taken the car back too, and I think  
23 that burnt too. I'm not -- I'm not sure about what -- I  
24 think that's what happened to the car. It was a station  
25 wagon, it wasn't a car. It was a station wagon.

1                   **MR. BREEN OUELLETTE:** About how long did  
2 Beverly remain missing before she was discovered murdered?

3                   **MS. LUCY SMITH:** She was missing for a year  
4 almost to the day of her birthday, 1980 -- 1986. The only  
5 reason why I remember is because I had a daughter one year  
6 later in 1987.

7                   **MR. BREEN OUELLETTE:** During the time that  
8 Beverly was missing, did your parents search for her?

9                   **MS. LUCY SMITH:** (Crying)

10                  **MR. BREEN OUELLETTE:** Okay. Can we have  
11 five minutes?

12 --- Upon recessing at 2:33 p.m./

13 L'audience est suspendue à 14h33

14 --- Upon resuming at 2:35 p.m./

15 L'audience est reprise à 14h35

16                  **MR. BREEN OUELLETTE:** We're ready to  
17 continue.

18                               Herbert, during the time that Beverly was  
19 missing, did your parents search for her?

20                  **MR. HERBERT WILLIAM:** The time was -- there  
21 is a hope that they're being searching for my sister on the  
22 right side of the picture. My dad and my mum had spent so  
23 many hours of the day from Burns Lake, on to Vanderhoof, on  
24 to Prince George. They didn't have licence, both of them.  
25 They did have a car. They had one gentlemen of the



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1 community member, Joseph Charlie has give them support to  
2 drive for them day after day, weeks after weeks. During  
3 the process, raining, hot weather, beginning of fall, snow,  
4 cold weather, all that process.

5 They spent so much effort my dad had  
6 searched. He was the only one beside my mum. They had to  
7 get a financially they get around, financially sometimes  
8 they get support. As support of our late Norbert Dennis  
9 had made an effort to join them, to support them, as the  
10 family ourself that we made an effort to search.

11 One time I did went back to work in the  
12 bush. I was having dinner sitting on the stump saying to  
13 myself, "What if I found my sister myself?" And I walk out  
14 of there with my parcel and all my tools and my lunch. I  
15 quit my job. I didn't want the thinking expression of my  
16 believe. I didn't want to be with my parents, I pitied  
17 them so much. They were going and they go.

18 My dad has great support of my sister  
19 Beverly. Beverly treat them well. Beverly worked like a  
20 man. Beverly was a love her sports. Crosscut throw,  
21 throwing axe, he participate all. He handles herself well,  
22 like a man. He fight like a man. That nobody wouldn't  
23 touch him, nobody wouldn't touch her. That's how she built  
24 herself. So worked so many years in the sawmill, so many  
25 years on the tie logging with his husband. That's a

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1 physical job that he did, especially searching with my mum  
2 and dad.

3 We never faced the reality that we never  
4 knew what was happening, what was it happening. It's the  
5 first time in life that we start missing of the family as  
6 one, is Beverly that's missing and been murdered. Today I  
7 still look in the box when there's - a casket comes be in  
8 our community. I look for my sister. I look for Beverly.  
9 I haven't had a dream yet, but I still do that.

10 The way I turn my life around to work in the  
11 church, to help father. I made my commitment. I'm doing  
12 it for her because she suffered a lot in the weather  
13 condition. She didn't have anything left but we had to  
14 face the sealed casket in our community. Getting back to  
15 my dad was searching, you know? Don't know if we were  
16 looking for the answer. We went through all and this was  
17 something new in the community. There was nobody was  
18 missing out of the community, that nobody would engage to  
19 support or come to us.

20 But they done it all their best of their  
21 ability, my dad and my mum. And we lost member of our mum  
22 two years ago and today we only have our dad with us that  
23 they search for my sister Beverly.

24 When they were going to court they asked me  
25 if I wanted to come with them. I didn't want to face this

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1 person. I didn't want to look at him. I didn't want to  
2 recognize, experience him because he made -- he touch my  
3 life. He has damaged the family of what he has done. And  
4 that's the pain we're still carrying today, the pain that's  
5 cares of still going on.

6 **MR. BREEN OUELLETTE:** So Herbert, do you  
7 remember when it was said that Beverly's remains had been  
8 found?

9 **MR. HERBERT WILLIAM:** Yes, I did. I didn't  
10 see but when we came back from ceremonial in Moricetown, I  
11 was driving for my uncle, my mum's, sister's, husband,  
12 named Adam William. My dad and my mum were -- we were in  
13 the same vehicle. Soon as we pulled up, 925 Lawrence  
14 Street in Burns Lake Reserve, the RCMP had came to talk to  
15 us or let my parents know that remains was found during  
16 that day. And they waited for us all day there, mostly  
17 checking there, and that's when we just pulled in and  
18 that's when the RCMP pulled in and let -- they talked to my  
19 dad and my mum. That they let them know that remaining was  
20 found near Fort Fraser.

21 **MR. BREEN OUELLETTE:** Do you remember how  
22 the remains were found in Fort Fraser?

23 **MR. HERBERT WILLIAM:** I asked that question.  
24 He -- my cousin was paramedic ambulance service worker. I  
25 asked him. I said, "Where was the remain, where found?"

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1 But I -- there was point of different direction at the  
2 times and he said, "No, it's not the place." But the place  
3 where it's about a couple kilometers away towards Prince  
4 George and Fort Fraser, and that road is called Telegraph  
5 Road. That's turning off down towards down to the hill and  
6 across the track. And they've -- they said that's where  
7 the remains were found.

8 The remain were found, the dog had  
9 discovered. The dog had the bone and that's how they --  
10 they probably knew along, but nobody couldn't have come  
11 forward to speak out to or make a report. That's what I  
12 heard.

13 **MR. BREEN OUELLETTE:** Lucy, are you okay to  
14 answer some more questions? Okay. Lucy, do you remember  
15 the murder trial?

16 **MS. LUCY SMITH:** Yes, I do.

17 **MR. BREEN OUELLETTE:** Do you remember who  
18 the murder trial was for?

19 **MS. LUCY SMITH:** It was for Tom Cunningham.

20 **MR. BREEN OUELLETTE:** How old were you at  
21 the time of the trial?

22 **MS. LUCY SMITH:** I think I was about 19 or  
23 20.

24 **MR. BREEN OUELLETTE:** Did the Crown  
25 Prosecutor or anyone else explain the trial process to you

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1 or prepare you in any way?

2 **MS. LUCY SMITH:** No. Nobody -- nobody told  
3 me anything about what the trial -- what was happening. I  
4 wasn't allowed to be in the courthouse. I was just  
5 straight off the Res and I wasn't educated back then. I  
6 didn't know what a defence counsel was. I didn't know what  
7 a crown counsel was and I thought I was helping.

8 I thought I was helping my sister's case.  
9 Because that guy, he asked me to go with him. He asked my  
10 if I wanted to go see where my sister was murdered. So I  
11 went with him and we talked on the way there and he asked  
12 my about my sister and -- here I found it was the defence  
13 counsel that took me out to where my sister was murdered.

14 When the court was going on they said that  
15 he'd killed somebody else down south and I just had to stay  
16 outside the courtroom, it was Supreme Court. It's where  
17 the Friendship Centre is now in Prince George. I wasn't  
18 allowed to go in and I spoke on behalf of the defence  
19 counsel. They guy that murdered my sister had murdered  
20 somebody else and he only got like one year with the murder  
21 he did down south. He just did one year for my sister's  
22 death. He did the time together for the two murders that  
23 he did. He did 12 years for killing two people.

24 When we did this interview with the RCMP,  
25 when they said that they'd found my sisters skull, I

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1 assumed that they had found the rest of her body. To find  
2 out on Monday that my sister -- part of her is still out  
3 there. If I'd known that I would have kept looking. Made  
4 sure she was all together. They just let it go with just  
5 telling us that they found her skull. They didn't go back  
6 to look for the rest of her and we didn't know how to ask.  
7 We were scared of the RCMP. They intimidate us. We don't  
8 know what kind of questions to ask them. They never told  
9 us that they didn't find all of her body. They didn't find  
10 all of her skeleton.

11 **MR. BREEN OUELLETTE:** Lucy, can you tell my  
12 who Raymond Fortin is?

13 **MS. LUCY SMITH:** Raymond Fortin(Phonetic) is  
14 my ex-husband. I married him one year after we found Bev.  
15 He was there as my support in helping. I got together with  
16 him during the year the Bev was missing and we got married  
17 11 months after we met. So he was part of the search for a  
18 little while, like about two months before we found Bev.

19 **MR. BREEN OUELLETTE:** Can you tell me about  
20 the conversation you had with Raymond after the trial?

21 **MS. LUCY SMITH:** Raymond told me -- he went  
22 hunting. He went looking for Bev with Leo and he told me  
23 that Leo had dropped him off and he went -- in Fort Fraser  
24 he went to the same place where -- this was before Bev's  
25 body or Bev's skull was found. Raymond said that Leo had

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1 taken him to the same place and looked around that area and  
2 then he left with him. And there are times where Raymond  
3 said that there was a little cabin back there and the  
4 second time Leo took him out there that cabin was burnt  
5 down.

6 **MR. BREEN OUELLETTE:** Herbert, can you tell  
7 me what your father told you during the year that Beverly  
8 was missing?

9 **MR. HERBERT WILLIAM:** My dad, Willy  
10 Williams, would always drive around and he always tells me  
11 story. One of the stories that he has really talked to me  
12 about it is Mr. Perry(Phonetic), Leo, has picked him up in  
13 Burns Lake at 925 Laurence street. And apparently that  
14 they drove off to Fraser Lake. Fraser Lake at the Fraser  
15 Lake Inn lobby. He has asked him to wait there for an hour  
16 that he was gone and he came back, then he has picked him  
17 up again to drive -- pick him up at Fraser Lake Inn lobby.  
18 And he picked him up and brought him back to Burns Lake.  
19 He didn't tell him why or why he done that.

20 And yesterday apparently it was he was  
21 coming with my wife. Coming out of Burns Lake he said the  
22 same thing to my wife. He -- apparently, he drove to  
23 Fraser Lake and dropped him off at the Fraser Lake Inn and  
24 took him in about an hour he has picked him up and brought  
25 him back to Burns Lake.

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1                   **MR. BREEN OUELLETTE:** So what do these  
2 experiences of other people raise for you in your mind?

3                   **MR. HERBERT WILLIAM:** The experience, Monday  
4 morning 9:00 with investigators has made a report to the  
5 family. There is a lot of things that has been going on.  
6 The trip from Burns Lake to Houston, picking up two extra  
7 guys with my sister and Tom Cunningham was the driver.  
8 Apparently the were out coming from Burns Lake to  
9 Pauline(Phonetic). Mr. Leo Perry along that highway 16 had  
10 a house 50 feet off the road, Highway 16, towards Houston.

11                   Apparently, they went to Houston and visit  
12 with a friend and when they finish visit with the friend,  
13 with the two other, with Beverly and Tom Cunningham, came  
14 back from Houston to Burns Lake. I don't know if you need  
15 indication of stopping at 50 feet off the highway. And  
16 from there on he has gone from Burns Lake, picked up two  
17 hitchhikers, dropped them off at Fort Fraser, and there's  
18 no indication of no other movement.

19                   **MR. BREEN OUELLETTE:** So has all of this  
20 information left questions in your mind? Has all of this  
21 information left questions in your mind?

22                   **MR. HERBERT WILLIAM:** Well, the information  
23 that has been gathered, it's something new for the family.  
24 We have not had any reports like that the days that my  
25 sister went out missing until Monday morning with the



1 investigation report. That the first time the family has  
2 received those information and details of information.

3 And when I asked that question, all this  
4 information that's been gathered here, in front of us,  
5 regardless one of my point and concern, would we put it  
6 back on the table? Would we put it back why there was no  
7 proper consultation? The consultation is how come the  
8 father, the mother, the brothers and sisters, and the kids  
9 weren't notified?

10 And it's been forward into a better hand of  
11 the accuser. They more help the accuser than supporting  
12 the families. That's my biggest concern. What kind of law  
13 that has putting face reality of the family? The family  
14 did not even get consultation. The kids never got any help  
15 and social. The social is the kids has been brought up by  
16 themself. There's no plan or financial has been set aside  
17 for them and that's the reason why I'm really saying is how  
18 come there is no proper consultation for the family, for  
19 the parents, for the brothers and sisters, and the kids?

20 This time now, the kids have more need of  
21 support. They're the ones that are facing the reality.  
22 They're the ones that are suffering, mental, physical,  
23 emotional.

24 **MR. BREEN OUELLETTE:** I just want to  
25 clarify, when you say consultation, are you referring to

1 when the police investigation was ongoing?

2 MR. HERBERT WILLIAM: My word is  
3 consultation. How come the law did not bring out what is  
4 the crimes supposed to face? How is he going to face the  
5 reality of the charges? And that the family never found  
6 out what was Mr. Cunningham to face.

7 Just like my sister said, one year. And  
8 there is 25 years, 32 years left suffering in pain. If the  
9 law has better face in reality to meet the consultation on  
10 the matter of what kind of charges that Mr. Tom Cunningham  
11 has to face. We could have put our opinion. We could have  
12 say, focus on the kids. The kids are more important.  
13 That's what we should have put in.

14 MR. BREEN OUELLETTE: Do you believe that  
15 you should have been consulted on the parole of Tom  
16 Cunningham?

17 MR. HERBERT WILLIAM: Well, like myself I  
18 never -- I never found out how much years, how many  
19 probation or anything. You know, I never found out until  
20 we know we -- when we talk to each other. My niece had to  
21 follow up with me that he has talked to him and had coffee  
22 with Mr. Cunningham.

23 MR. BREEN OUELLETTE: Rita, who raised you  
24 after your mother disappeared?

25 MS. RITA MAKOWSKI: My stepsister that my

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1 dad had adopted before she was even born, I guess. His  
2 wife was pregnant when they had met.

3 **MR. BREEN OUELLETTE:** And were you ---

4 **MS. RITA MAKOWSKI:** First wife.

5 **MR. BREEN OUELLETTE:** Oh, sorry.

6 **MS. RITA MAKOWSKI:** Sorry, first wife, or  
7 first partner.

8 **MR. BREEN OUELLETTE:** Okay. And were you  
9 raised in your traditional culture?

10 **MS. RITA MAKOWSKI:** Not at all.

11 **MR. BREEN OUELLETTE:** Were you raised to  
12 respect your Indigenous roots and your people?

13 **MS. RITA MAKOWSKI:** Not at all. No. I was  
14 raised to believe that First Nations were devil  
15 worshippers. They just weren't worthy.

16 **MR. BREEN OUELLETTE:** How has that affected  
17 you?

18 **MS. RITA MAKOWSKI:** As a little girl you  
19 feel lost. I still do today. You know, I got taken out of  
20 my culture and it gets ingrained in you. You learn it like  
21 it's your manner and you grow up feeling guilty. This is  
22 my family, I shouldn't feel that way about them.

23 **MR. BREEN OUELLETTE:** How have your other  
24 siblings dealt with the murder of your mother?

25 **MS. RITA MAKOWSKI:** They took it a lot

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1 harder for sure. I was four. It wasn't talked about much  
2 with myself, but my brothers had a really close  
3 relationship with my mum and they wanted to be just like my  
4 mum. They took it hard and unfortunately, they followed in  
5 her footsteps as well with fighting and alcoholism.

6 **MR. BREEN OUELLETTE:** Herbert, could you  
7 tell us about the communication problem that your parents  
8 had throughout the police investigation and the trial?

9 **MR. HERBERT WILLIAM:** The communication it's  
10 -- they both understand a little way, a little English.  
11 Coming to law make it for a lot difficult. But they're  
12 only the one that really participate in the court case of  
13 Tom Cunningham.

14 **MR. BREEN OUELLETTE:** So your parents had  
15 difficulty communicating with the police because of a  
16 language barrier?

17 **MR. HERBERT WILLIAM:** No. They always had  
18 support from other community members, like our cousin, and  
19 they always filled in what the rules that should be and I  
20 don't think they have communication problem.

21 **MR. BREEN OUELLETTE:** Okay. I'm going to  
22 ask this of each of you in turn. I'll start with Herbert.  
23 Can you tell me the gifts and strengths of Beverly?

24 **MR. HERBERT WILLIAM:** Beverly, he's a happy  
25 squirrel. The happiest woman that can put a smile on your

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1 face. She has support, her culture, her tradition to the  
2 fish camp, bringing her kids down to the fish camp. And  
3 planning, serving of his ability, nothing would stop her  
4 because she face all the reality of work that she has front  
5 of her.

6 When she has fun, she does have fun. He --  
7 when she does go to softball tournament and looking at us  
8 playing throughout Hazelton, Moricetown, throughout  
9 Nautley(Phonetic), Stoney Creek, and some other  
10 communities. Sometimes down south. She always has fun  
11 part, brining hers -- her friends to the games, to the  
12 trips that they have.

13 And with the culture, that she served with  
14 the potlatch and ceremonies. She's very helpful. She's  
15 very organized, especially with my mum. She really helps  
16 her and support her when it comes to ceremonies and the  
17 potlatch in the communities that we have lost so many of  
18 our members -- our family members. And she dearly  
19 represent her well and ourself.

20 And I never seen Beverly got stuck, or had  
21 problem. She always handled herself very well, especially  
22 if he needs help, my dad was always there for her and you  
23 know, they -- I have seen Beverly was mostly attract by mum  
24 and dad, you know? They help, she helps them the most,  
25 take them out for drives, take them out for, you know,

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1 field trip and stuff like that. She always does that with  
2 her family and she present herself well.

3 Work, work like a man. She's a tie -- tie  
4 mill worker, love her sports, enjoy herself, you know?  
5 Especially -- but you know, this is one of the things that  
6 really I wonder, why did it happen? Why did this cause  
7 happen?

8 And I want to say this to the people out  
9 there, you see all the pains, all the hurts, all the stamp  
10 that was put on the family, especially the kids, the  
11 brothers and sisters, the father, and immediate family.  
12 And the bandage that's what pain are and some of them they  
13 get out so free and some of them probably laugh about it  
14 now, and how much pains that we're facing here.

15 There's so much people out there. Look at  
16 us, we've been sitting here from Rupert, right down to  
17 Vancouver to Prince George. We tell our story. I wish  
18 there would be a miracle today to fix all those pains.  
19 What is the best way that we're going to fix 32 years our  
20 loved one that we talk. When we talk with him, smile, open  
21 heart, that's how with talk with him now there's nothing to  
22 talk to. I want to put this one here.

23 (SHORT PAUSE)

24 MR. HERBERT WILLIAM: That's my sister. Now  
25 I feel a little better. My sister is sitting with us. I

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1 don't have to have sadness in my throat.

2 You know, I like to say myself is if we --  
3 there is one person I really like what she said when this  
4 was organized. They were trying to hold a committee.  
5 "If that committee is going to work, I'll sit on it. If  
6 that committee is not going to work, I'm not going to sit  
7 on it." That's the message that he brought it when these  
8 things were coming up in Prince George. You know, I like  
9 to see that chair, you know, for my sister.

10 **MR. BREEN OUELLETTE:** Thank you, Herbert.  
11 Would anyone else in the family like to speak to the gifts  
12 and the strengths of Beverly?

13 **MS. LUCY SMITH:** The strengths of my late  
14 sister is she was a very strong woman. Like Herbert said,  
15 she worked like a man but she was also a woman. She taught  
16 me how to be a good housekeeper. She taught me how to be a  
17 strong woman. She was like my second mother. There was  
18 lots of alcohol involved when I was a kid. My parents quit  
19 drinking when I turned 13, when I became a woman. Before  
20 then I was going back and forth with my sister and my mum -  
21 - my mum and dad's house and my sisters house.

22 Bev and Leo lived bottom of six-mile-hill  
23 out in the bush and that's where they had a mill and a hay  
24 farm. I worked out there with her. She taught me how to  
25 bale hay. How heavy those hay. I was like, 10, 11 years

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1 old, she taught me how to pack it. Easy way to pack it.

2 She was a loving, loving person. If you ask  
3 anybody in Burns Lake or any Reserve what kind of a person  
4 she was, they'll tell you that she was a loving person.  
5 She was strong in her culture. She loved her mum and dad.  
6 She loved mum and dad. She always dreaded the day that  
7 they were going to leave us. She never wanted to be  
8 without them. I never thought -- I never thought for a  
9 minute, for a million years, that I'd lose my sister like  
10 that, to another man's hand.

11 To me she was untouchable. And to have that  
12 happen to her is just still hard, hard to take today. It  
13 hurts the most because her two boys are still lost and they  
14 have kids, and their kids are lost too. Because they never  
15 resolved in their mind, in their heart, what happened to  
16 their mother, and that hurt is carried on down to my  
17 sister's grandkids. How far is it going to go? How far is  
18 it going to go before it stops?

19 And it all comes down to money. You need  
20 money to have a home. You need money to pay your bills,  
21 and my nephews don't have that. They're trying their best,  
22 but the -- their lost. They don't know how to come find  
23 themselves and we're wounded -- we're wounded too. It's  
24 hard to help somebody when you're wounded too.

25 For any changes I'd like, for children of



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1 murdered and missing women, for them to have a safe place  
2 they call home. Some place where the missing and murdered  
3 women's grandchildren can come home. Because this cycle of  
4 being lost has gone too far, it's gone too far. I'd like  
5 children of murdered and missing women to have a home, for  
6 their grandchildren to have a home. That is what I would  
7 like to happen for all missing and murdered women's  
8 children, their grandchildren. To have a place called  
9 home.

10 Maybe then their -- they'll deal with their  
11 addictions. You can try and send somebody to treatment  
12 centre and whatnot, they come out, they're still homeless.  
13 You still have that hurt and you can't go anywhere. You're  
14 stuck in a hole. But when you have a home you want to  
15 better yourself. You want to better yourself and you want  
16 to better for your children. When you have a home, it  
17 makes a big difference. When there's a home you can hand  
18 down to your grandkids, to your great grandkids. That is  
19 what my nephews need right now for their children and their  
20 future grandchildren, is a place they call home.

21 **MR. BREEN OUELLETTE:** Rita, do you want to  
22 say anything?

23 **MS. RITA MAKOWSKI:** To your question?

24 **MR. BREEN OUELLETTE:** The question is the  
25 gifts and strengths of Beverly.

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1                   **MS. RITA MAKOWSKI:** That my mum was the --  
2                   that my mum was a fighter. Everybody loved her. Anybody  
3                   that I meet they just kind of meltdown and so, "Oh, your  
4                   mum. Oh, she was loved. We loved your mum." It's great  
5                   to know. It's a good feeling. It's nice to hear. And  
6                   that she was the rock to our family. It's all I hear is  
7                   that my mum was the rock, everybody relied on her for  
8                   support, for finances, you name it. She was the rock.

9                   **MR. BREEN OUELLETTE:** Norman, would you like  
10                  to speak about the gifts and strengths of Beverly?

11                  **MR. NORMAN WILLIAMS:** Yeah, Beverly, my  
12                  sister had her name Ma'uld, she was a great, great mother,  
13                  great person. Loving care. She stay without her common  
14                  law husband sometimes I stay with my parents. She come  
15                  along to check on them. When she comes to town, always she  
16                  check on them. Kind of raised by mum's side grandparents,  
17                  because we stay in Burns Lake and grandparents are in  
18                  Pemilton(Phonetic) Bay. Mostly with grandparents and  
19                  that's how she pick up.

20                  My grandma gave her her name. Hereditary  
21                  name to be look after herself, look after the family, look  
22                  after other guy -- other people. You got to be really  
23                  respectful to be a -- to have a hereditary name. That's  
24                  why my grandmum gives that to her. And afterwards there  
25                  was three of us, my dad put us a name on us before he gonna

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1 die so we could be respectful and respectful for the other  
2 -- the other hereditary Chief. That's why who put this on  
3 today.

4 My sister was honour of Hereditary Chief and  
5 the other hereditary Chiefs. That's where she was taught  
6 by my grandma. She was a lovely lady, likes sports, build  
7 (inaudible), baseball, always prepare for the ball teams.  
8 She was kind, lovely kind lady. Strong too and I was  
9 thinking how -- how could the people do that to her? She's  
10 never been touched by nobody.

11 But that is true that these -- her kids are  
12 hurting and no help. We trying to talk to them, but just -  
13 - they're pretty hurt and I don't think they want to take  
14 our words. But they both have children. One of his  
15 granddaughter is staying with me and my other granddaughter  
16 staying with my, she invite her to in my house. She's  
17 house sitting right now in Burns Lake.

18 I was working off and around the whole year  
19 when mum and dad they are search everywhere, Rupert to  
20 Vancouver. And I was pretty hurting. I was on the booze  
21 that much and I was still on the booze when my sister was  
22 found. I live way out across the track. Somebody has pick  
23 me up and told me found your sister. You better go up to  
24 your own mum. It's pretty hurt.

25 Plus my daughter Oliva too went missing in

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1 1996 and while Beverly was missing I had two wives, both of  
2 them gone and my two daughters gone. I still and one  
3 of them went missing and I am kind of struggling with my  
4 life right now. I thank you.

5 **MR. BREEN OUELLETTE:** Thank you. We still  
6 need to talk about Oliva. But at this point I invite  
7 Commissioner Audette to ask any questions she has about  
8 Beverly's murder.

9 --- **QUESTIONS BY COMMISSIONER MICHÈLE AUDETTE:**

10 **COMMISSIONER MICHÈLE AUDETTE:** Merci  
11 beaucoup, Commission Counsel -- Commissioner or commission  
12 counsel on dis en Anglais, ou Maître Ouellette en Français.  
13 Merci beaucoup and Thank you, Herbert, Lucy, Rita, Norman,  
14 and Monsieur William. And can I take the picture when I'm  
15 -- there's a beautiful picture here. So merci beaucoup. \

16 We -- it is important for us Commissioners  
17 to read before you come here of what they will present, you  
18 know? Because for me it's very important that I can  
19 prepare my spirit to -- and open my heart, and my mind, and  
20 my spirit when you come. And I don't want to miss  
21 anything. But there's something I guess I missed. I was  
22 very shocked to learn and you did it here so it is public,  
23 and I'm not going to hide that I was shocked that 30  
24 something years later you get a call from the RCMP. Did  
25 you get calls before or it's the first time?

1 MS. LUCY SMITH: I had met Jessica, she's a  
2 -- she's going to write a book, and I wanted her to have  
3 the facts. So I went to the courthouse in Prince George  
4 and I got a form to get them, all the court documents.

5 COMMISSIONER MICHÈLE AUDETTE: When was  
6 that?

7 MS. LUCY SMITH: I did that this last  
8 summer. And then I think it was Freda that I gave the form  
9 to and I think it was her that had contacted the RCMP and  
10 set it up that this was done on Monday, this past Monday.

11 COMMISSIONER MICHÈLE AUDETTE: Do we have  
12 access to those documents, Commission counsel, Mr.  
13 Ouellette?

14 MR. BREEN OUELLETTE: I've just been handed  
15 a file number.

16 COMMISSIONER MICHÈLE AUDETTE: Okay. And so  
17 during all those years, the daughter, the sister and  
18 brothers, had no explanation on this situation? And I  
19 understood also, no support for the mental, spiritual,  
20 physical, health and all of that, nothing?

21 MS. LUCY SMITH: Nothing. Nothing. Nothing  
22 was -- nothing was ever offered to us or to the children.  
23 The only -- I think the only reason why I managed to be  
24 okay and not end up on the street is because of my  
25 brother's work. He was working at Babine Forest Products

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1 and there was a councillor, they have their own councillor  
2 that company and my brother directed me to his councillor.  
3 So I dealt with that lady for about five years, six years -  
4 --

5 **COMMISSIONER MICHÈLE AUDETTE:** Okay.

6 **MS. LUCY SMITH:** --- seven years after. So  
7 that is how I helped myself. But as far as Rita was still  
8 young and so she has gone through a lot of rough times,  
9 she's gotten into an accident where she almost died, and  
10 has come out of that. And the two boys, her three brothers  
11 are still having a rough time with alcohol and drugs. So  
12 there is still today nothing for them.

13 **COMMISSIONER MICHÈLE AUDETTE:** So ---

14 **MS. LUCY SMITH:** And even me right now, to  
15 find out the things that I found out on Monday, it just  
16 reopened all my heart. What am I going to do with it?

17 **COMMISSIONER MICHÈLE AUDETTE:** And I  
18 understood in your message to us, testimony to us, that it  
19 was done very fast, and did you have ---

20 **MS. LUCY SMITH:** They didn't even show us.

21 **COMMISSIONER MICHÈLE AUDETTE:** --- the  
22 report?

23 **MS. LUCY SMITH:** They didn't even show us --  
24 they didn't show me the evidence.

25 **COMMISSIONER MICHÈLE AUDETTE:** Okay.

1 MS. LUCY SMITH: Like, we just took their  
2 word.

3 COMMISSIONER MICHÈLE AUDETTE: I'm not a  
4 lawyer, but I would like to say that that's your expertise  
5 Monsieur -- Maître Ouellette, that if you can have again  
6 that meeting, that meeting with them and they take the time  
7 to explain to you this complex -- it's a system very  
8 complex, very cold, and making sure that the system provide  
9 you the proper person that you trust to go through this and  
10 that you're able to keep the information. Technology now,  
11 the sky is the limit. And I don't know if it's possible,  
12 but I think you deserve.

13 Because when we -- I think you mentioned  
14 when you presented this that we need to fix now. You have  
15 the wish to fix this all. What's there, that pain. And  
16 for the closure, I'm not sure we ever have a closure when  
17 we lose somebody we love, a loved one. But at least for  
18 the healing process I recommend, or I hope, that they give  
19 you the time you deserve, the respect, and the proper tool  
20 to make sure that you're not alone -- or you are not alone  
21 in that.

22 And of course, it is something that we heard  
23 and the truth collect -- truth gathering -- sorry, my  
24 English -- and this something that will help us in our  
25 discussion, so I commend you for that. I thank -- I say

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1           thank you. And for the healing process also in your  
2           testimony when we lost or somebody or the system took our  
3           cultural identity, it's a triple or even harder to heal.  
4           So we heard and learned many, many things in your truth.  
5           Merci beaucoup.

6                         **MR. HERBERT WILLIAM:** You know, one of the  
7           support I have with myself that two years, '84, '85, '86, I  
8           just about drank myself to death.

9                         **COMMISSIONER MICHÈLE AUDETTE:** Just what?

10                        **MR. HERBERT WILLIAM:** Just about drank  
11           myself to death. And somehow great support from my mum and  
12           dad. One time my mum said, "Herbert, if you quit drinking,  
13           I'll quit drinking." So at that time I was quitting  
14           anyways. One of the things that I got into myself was the  
15           12-step program. Today it's been 25 and a half years, I  
16           haven't had a drink or, you know, been part of the  
17           wonderful Alcoholics Anonymous that I worked to.

18                        It gave me some opportunity to look at  
19           myself on the step four and five, you know? That's a  
20           recommended job that I ever did with myself. Today I feel  
21           okay, and look and I'm okay because I really done the work  
22           in myself, you know? What it takes, one day at a time.

23                        **COMMISSIONER MICHÈLE AUDETTE:** I'm glad,  
24           Herbert, you made a contract for life to yourself and for  
25           yourself and now today you're here making history, making



1 and honouring the life of -- and the spirit of your sister.  
2 And before we go to your Maître Ouellette, it's -- I need  
3 to ask that question.

4 Knowing that this is happening, knowing that  
5 you agreed to come and share your truth to us, to  
6 indigenous people across Canada, but also to Canadians who  
7 are listening and I'm sure most of them, lots of them,  
8 their heart is very there with you. You heard about E-PANA  
9 before the E-PANA? No? Okay. Did you -- do you think  
10 because of this testimony the phone rang, or it's a  
11 coincidence, or it's natural, or it was supposed to?

12 **MR. HERBERT WILLIAM:** We heard about it  
13 about a month ago when the team were visiting at the Burns  
14 Lake Key-oh Motel, and that's probably the first time we  
15 heard about it, then with the interview with ---

16 **COMMISSIONER MICHÈLE AUDETTE:** The inquiry?

17 **MR. BREEN OUELLETTE:** Yeah, the national  
18 inquire. Yeah, that's when we heard about it.

19 **COMMISSIONER MICHÈLE AUDETTE:** Okay. Yeah,  
20 we call it the Community Visit. So we're blessed you came.  
21 So okay, you answered my question. And I'm sure will have  
22 more and merci beaucoup. And now it's Oliva, you said?

23 **MR. BREEN OUELLETTE:** They would speak about  
24 Oliva next. But I know there are some medical things, so  
25 maybe we should take a short break.

1 COMMISSIONER MICHELE AUDETTE: Sure. Okay  
2 for you? Merci.

3 --- Upon recessing at 3:38 p.m./

4 L'audience est suspendue à 15h38

5 --- Upon resuming at 3:58 p.m./

6 L'audience est reprise à 15h58

7 ELDER DORIS ROSSO: (Speaking in Native  
8 language)

9 MR. BREEN OUELLETTE: Thank you,  
10 Commissioner Audette.

11 Norman, we are not going to talk about your  
12 second family member. Would you please tell Commissioner  
13 Audette her name?

14 --- SUBMISSIONS ON OLIVIA WILLIAMS:

15 --- QUESTIONS BY MR. BREEN OUELLETTE:

16 MR. NORMAN WILLIAMS: Oliva Williams.

17 MR. BREEN OUELLETTE: And is Oliva missing,  
18 or has she been found murdered.

19 MR. NORMAN WILLIAMS: Missing.

20 MR. BREEN OUELLETTE: What is your  
21 relationship to Oliva?

22 MR. NORMAN WILLIAMS: My daughter.

23 MR. BREEN OUELLETTE: Herbert, do you know  
24 how many children Oliva had at the time she went missing?

25 MR. HERBERT WILLIAM: Apparently, one boy

1 and one daughter. Two.

2 MR. BREEN OUELLETTE: Two children?

3 MR. HERBERT WILLIAM: Yes.

4 MR. BREEN OUELLETTE: What has happened to  
5 these children since they went missing?

6 MR. HERBERT WILLIAM: Apparently, the foster  
7 sister in Fort Babine, Violet Zemky(Phonetic).

8 MR. BREEN OUELLETTE: She's raising them?

9 MR. HERBERT WILLIAM: Yeah.

10 MR. BREEN OUELLETTE: Can you tell us the  
11 time when Oliva went missing?

12 MR. HERBERT WILLIAM: The time I've heard  
13 about my niece, Olivia Williams, was missing. And the last  
14 time that I saw here was in the ceremony at the Burns Lake,  
15 Woyenne, Margaret Patrick Hall. She was intoxicated, he  
16 was very violent and she's is gone out and that's the last  
17 time I have seen Oliva.

18 MR. BREEN OUELLETTE: Do you remember what  
19 year and season that was?

20 MR. HERBERT WILLIAM: Was in fall of '96.

21 MR. BREEN OUELLETTE: And was that the time  
22 that she went missing?

23 MR. HERBERT WILLIAM: Apparently, that's  
24 about the time. I know one of our cousin that lived in  
25 Vancouver and has visit with her and she mentioned the date

1 of that '96 was the time.

2 MR. BREEN OUELLETTE: And the name of that  
3 cousin?

4 MR. HERBERT WILLIAM: She's sitting behind  
5 at the first chair, is Anne Tom.

6 MR. BREEN OUELLETTE: And did I tell you  
7 earlier that she has given evidence to the Commission as  
8 well?

9 MR. HERBERT WILLIAM: She had interview.

10 MR. BREEN OUELLETTE: Okay. So where was  
11 Oliva living at the time she went missing?

12 MR. HERBERT WILLIAM: She has moved from  
13 Fort Babine community and on her way she was stopped in  
14 Burns Lake. I think that's the last time that I seen her,  
15 at the ceremony. And at that time, I was taking a trip  
16 down to Vancouver. I was a political councillor at that  
17 time and I heard that she was missing and my cousin, Ann  
18 Tom, was living in Vancouver at the same time.

19 And I get to Vancouver and start dealing  
20 with the missing task -- missing women on East Hasting and  
21 that's where I got really involved of the -- the girl that  
22 I work with at the mean and Hasting, the police station.  
23 That's where I visit with her and update me what's going on  
24 at that time when she was missing.

25 MR. BREEN OUELLETTE: Okay. So she went

1 missing in the downtown east side of Vancouver?

2 MR. HERBERT WILLIAM: Well, you know, like  
3 occasionally like this time around, when we're all living  
4 in Burns Lake and some people move to Vancouver and, you  
5 know, we don't expect what they're doing or what's has  
6 happened. But apparently, it's been too long and haven't  
7 been seen that in occasion that's been missing. That's how  
8 we got the information and details.

9 MR. BREEN OUELLETTE: When did you learn  
10 that Olivia was missing? Who told you?

11 MR. HERBERT WILLIAM: Well there is quite a  
12 numbers of people in the community that has been arise and  
13 when I have heard about it, I gone to Vancouver and rent a  
14 car, or go into East Hasting and start looking for her, and  
15 you know, I couldn't locate her, or you know, can't find  
16 where she is.

17 MR. BREEN OUELLETTE: So you made a trip, it  
18 was a political trip. You mentioned -- did you go to the  
19 police station?

20 MR. HERBERT WILLIAM: I have set in contact  
21 with this girl that she is looking after the task woman --  
22 missing womans from the East -- east side.

23 MR. BREEN OUELLETTE: Was this at 222 Main  
24 Street?

25 MR. HERBERT WILLIAM: I can't recall the

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1 house -- office number. I know it's on Hasting, going up  
2 Hasting it's on your left side with the main. It used to  
3 be RCMP station.

4 **MR. BREEN OUELLETTE:** And it was the Missing  
5 Women's Task Force you called it?

6 **MR. HERBERT WILLIAM:** Yeah.

7 **MR. BREEN OUELLETTE:** And do you remember  
8 the name of the person you talked to there?

9 **MR. HERBERT WILLIAM:** I think it's Sandy.  
10 Sandy was the one that used to work and she showed me all  
11 over the room, what this RCMP detachment was for. There's  
12 a homicide squad and everything that was organized on the  
13 table, on the T.V., on the computers, and all the et  
14 cetera.

15 **MR. BREEN OUELLETTE:** Were you asked to  
16 bring anything to them to help them look for Oliva?

17 **MR. HERBERT WILLIAM:** Well, when I contact  
18 with them they inform me to bring a picture of her. So  
19 which I came back home to Burns Lake and got in contact  
20 with the family member that they -- I asked for a picture  
21 and they have gave me a picture and I have send it down to  
22 the -- where they were asking for it, for the to the  
23 (inaudible) on the task woman, missing woman.

24 **MR. BREEN OUELLETTE:** And you mentioned Ann  
25 Tom, your cousin who is sitting behind you in support. Did

1 you speak to Ann about -- about this?

2 **MR. HERBERT WILLIAM:** Yes, I have did. And  
3 I at that time, when there was a presentation of review and  
4 materials, clothing, or items, or shoes and cetera, and I  
5 brought Norman with me at that time. Him and I we both got  
6 in and reviewed all the items were on the wall. And before  
7 we leave to Vancouver I have contact with Ann Tom that he  
8 describe what she has seen Olivia wearing and what kind of  
9 colours and stuff like that. So when we review the items  
10 on the wall that we couldn't see or recognize.

11 We were both living in Burns Lake and you  
12 know, it's hard to defined what material or colours that  
13 Olivia had weared.

14 **MR. BREEN OUELLETTE:** So Ann had been living  
15 on the downtown east side, but at the time you spoke to her  
16 she had since moved back to Burns Lake?

17 **MR. HERBERT WILLIAM:** Yes. That's what she  
18 did.

19 **MR. BREEN OUELLETTE:** Okay. And Ann told  
20 you about the last time she saw Olivia?

21 **MR. HERBERT WILLIAM:** Well, Ann described  
22 that Olivia came back or visit at the house with them.  
23 Asked that she could move in with them and when she visit  
24 with them she had a lot of money of cash that she had. And  
25 as Ann has requested to her that she could hang on some of

1 the money for her and that Olivia never did.

2 MR. BREEN OUELLETTE: And did Ann tell you  
3 anything about Olivia being followed?

4 MR. HERBERT WILLIAM: Ann had described that  
5 Olivia told her that Olivia was followed by a green and  
6 yellow mix colour truck to Ann's place. And she -- at that  
7 time she asked them if she could move in and live with  
8 them. But Ann told Olivia that she could get her stuff and  
9 values where she can go and then she was afraid to go to  
10 walk because this pickup with two people in there that  
11 followed her and she was grandly scared.

12 MR. BREEN OUELLETTE: And did Ann offer to  
13 go with her?

14 MR. HERBERT WILLIAM: Ann has offered his  
15 boyfriend to go Oliva could pick up her stuff and then  
16 indicted his boyfriend to go with her to pick up his stuff,  
17 but Oliva didn't do that.

18 MR. BREEN OUELLETTE: And so Olivia left, is  
19 that right?

20 MR. HERBERT WILLIAM: Yes. Olivia has and  
21 that's the last time Ann have seen Olivia leaving the  
22 house.

23 MR. BREEN OUELLETTE: So Oliva said she  
24 would come back, but she never came back?

25 MR. HERBERT WILLIAM: No. That's about the



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1 times that she was miss -- start indicate the missing.

2 **MR. BREEN OUELLETTE:** Okay. Has Ann told  
3 you anything about Olivia's lifestyle at the time she went  
4 missing in Vancouver?

5 **MR. HERBERT WILLIAM:** Ann, that day have  
6 search the Vancouver east side with his boyfriend, they ask  
7 -- they could -- Ann located her, but they couldn't located  
8 her.

9 **MR. BREEN OUELLETTE:** Okay. And you  
10 mentioned that after you spoke with Ann in Burns Lake you  
11 went with Norman to Vancouver and you looked at some items.  
12 Can you explain that a little bit further?

13 **MR. HERBERT WILLIAM:** Yes. Norman and I  
14 went -- my brother Norman and I went down to Vancouver to  
15 look at the material as other family member, foster parent,  
16 sister, Violet Zemky was attended as well with her mum.  
17 And you know at that time there is no solution or no answer  
18 at that point because, you know, what to expect.

19 **MR. BREEN OUELLETTE:** So if I understand you  
20 right, was this the police that were showing these items?

21 **MR. HERBERT WILLIAM:** It's more like a  
22 forensic and private investigators.

23 **MR. BREEN OUELLETTE:** Okay. And the items,  
24 were they items related to an investigation?

25 **MR. HERBERT WILLIAM:** Well, the items were

1 collected out of the pig farm in Port Coquitlam.

2 MR. BREEN OUELLETTE: And when you say the  
3 pig farm, you mean Pickton pig farm?

4 MR. HERBERT WILLIAM: Yeah.

5 MR. BREEN OUELLETTE: And so you spoke to  
6 Ann to find out what Olivia was wearing to see if any of  
7 those items were at this -- this meeting?

8 MR. BREEN OUELLETTE: Well she -- Ann has  
9 described the items that what she was wearing but we could  
10 not have the, you know, couldn't see the identical.

11 MR. BREEN OUELLETTE: So you didn't see  
12 anything that matched the items?

13 MR. HERBERT WILLIAM: Yeah.

14 MR. BREEN OUELLETTE: Are you aware of any  
15 progress that has been made in the investigation of  
16 Olivia's disappearance?

17 MR. HERBERT WILLIAM: Well, there is the  
18 times that we -- I had the private investigators came to  
19 Burns Lake to seek more information or to give us  
20 information or update. And that has been organized.

21 MR. BREEN OUELLETTE: How often have the  
22 police been in contact with you and the family about the  
23 status of the investigation?

24 MR. HERBERT WILLIAM: Well there's quite  
25 often that communication has happened with my brother,

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1 Cindy Weep (Phonetic) is the missing liaison worker out of  
2 Burns Lake detachment of RCMP. So my hands were mostly  
3 came out when Norman start communicating with Freda and  
4 they were the workers at -- out of the Robert Pickton's  
5 farm.

6 **MR. BREEN OUELLETTE:** So I understand that  
7 many families gave DNA samples if there was suspension  
8 about the Pickton farm. Did you give DNA samples to the  
9 police, anyone in your family?

10 **MR. HERBERT WILLIAM:** We were talking about  
11 it, but that never happened.

12 **MR. BREEN OUELLETTE:** Not that you're aware  
13 of?

14 **MR. HERBERT WILLIAM:** No.

15 **MR. BREEN OUELLETTE:** Lucy, do you have  
16 anything to say about DNA samples?

17 **MS. LUCY SMITH:** I was just asking Norman  
18 and he said no, there was no DNA sample taken from any of  
19 us. Oh, there was.

20 **MR. NORMAN WILLIAMS:** Chris.

21 **MS. LUCY SMITH:** Oh, he said there was.

22 **MR. BREEN OUELLETTE:** Norman, could you  
23 answer the question?

24 **MR. NORMAN WILLIAMS:** Yes. Me and my son  
25 Chris Joseph.

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1                   **MR. BREEN OUELLETTE:** The police came and  
2                   asked you to provide DNA for the investigation?

3                   **MR. NORMAN WILLIAMS:** Yes.

4                   **MR. BREEN OUELLETTE:** Okay. When they came  
5                   did they explain how the DNA would be used, or if it would  
6                   have a limited purpose?

7                   **MR. NORMAN WILLIAMS:** Put looks like a wood,  
8                   big -- big Q-Tips, put it in our mouths.

9                   **MR. BREEN OUELLETTE:** Did they say if they  
10                  would only use your DNA to search for Olivia?

11                  **MR. NORMAN WILLIAMS:** Yes.

12                  **MR. BREEN OUELLETTE:** Okay. Norman, what do  
13                  you hope will be the outcome as a result of your testimony  
14                  today? What do you hope will happen because you're  
15                  testifying?

16                  **MR. NORMAN WILLIAMS:** Well, when I was at  
17                  work Burns Lake and came back from work at my wife has  
18                  left. He gave Olivia to family, (inaudible) family from  
19                  Babine and left Winnie, somebody has brought Winnie to my  
20                  place where I was staying and I know she was born in  
21                  Vancouver or Chilliwack. I went to get -- pick them up  
22                  two, three times, but my late wife has all the family down  
23                  there. Olivia's mother was Suzie and she was raised by  
24                  foster parents.

25                  Since she know I was the father, after that

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1 she was contact me all the time. And last time I seen her  
2 -- well, she live in Burns Lake for a little while, maybe  
3 less than an year. Had a baby girl and moved back to  
4 Babine again and then one time she came to my house and she  
5 said she's going to Vancouver. She said -- the last words  
6 she said to me the day that "I don't want to go Vancouver  
7 but my foster parents, they want me to go." So I just  
8 said, "My little girl wherever you are just take care of  
9 yourself." That's the last time I seen her.

10 Then all of a sudden I heard she went  
11 missing. And my community when there is a body found or  
12 somebody passed on they ring the bell. I hope when I hear  
13 that, I hope I found Olivia. That's what I say when I hear  
14 the bell.

15 **MR. BREEN OUELLETTE:** Herbert, what do you  
16 hope will be the outcome as a result of your testimony  
17 today?

18 **MR. HERBERT WILLIAM:** Well, my hope is I  
19 tried everything. With Vancouver, with the Pickton farm  
20 that my brother and I went, and sometimes I go to the  
21 detective presentation, I go to their meeting and looking  
22 for solution, looking for an answer or information. This  
23 time, you know, it's been so long and could not tolerate  
24 with it.

25 Healing is not good enough. So much

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1 pressure with all the days that I face. In the community  
2 we have things happen, day after day, and we're still up in  
3 the air with our sister missing out of Vancouver, and our  
4 sister's been murdered, you know? And you know, especially  
5 sickness in the community, cancer and stuff.

6 But today if there is one thing that we  
7 could do to make this a lot better, where could we find the  
8 answer? Where would the national inquirer could fit in?  
9 Where could the private investigator detective could fit  
10 in? And we can dig the ground to find the 10 cents that we  
11 lost, so much pressure. And there is only one thing that  
12 really can provide our daughter is faith, live through the  
13 day.

14 You know, just like I said today, thank God  
15 we have our dad. What happened what if lost our dad?  
16 Where are we going to look into? You know, that's the --  
17 we have our supported dad with us and majority of this  
18 could make better young people, younger generation. Love  
19 your parents, love your siblings, love your family. Don't  
20 get into this, it hurts so much.

21 There is no answer that we could identify,  
22 that there is no answer that we could live is being  
23 ourselves. I like to talk about my brother. Just like he  
24 lost two of his wife, one in Chilliwack and one he was  
25 sleeping with, and the daughters that are still missing out

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1 of Vancouver East Hasting, and the daughter that he lost in  
2 addition of alcohol, and the parent that he love, he lost  
3 his mum last two years ago. And we're the only brothers,  
4 one brother and one sister in Denise that we live here  
5 through.

6 Like, I was trying to invite most of our  
7 drummers, nobody is inquired about coming, making and  
8 effort to come to Smithers to face our reality. And we're  
9 -- thank God that we're here, that you guys are here, that  
10 the Witsuwit'en of Moricetown are here to support, you  
11 know, to make this believe turn everything around to the  
12 family, to the relative.

13 It's not worth searching for nothing out  
14 there with addiction, with alcohol. How many alcohol that  
15 we face last three days that we were sitting here that were  
16 sitting on the chairs? How many drugs did our family  
17 member that made them crazy, that we were sitting filling  
18 the chairs to support on another. You know and my sister  
19 is the prime example why she was missing, part of the  
20 addiction of alcohol that she loves the alcohol. That she  
21 -- I did it.

22 I did it myself too, you know, I'm not going  
23 to hide it and one of the things that we should come  
24 together as the chair that we look at, you know, the chair  
25 that give us support. And I like to think the inquires,

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1 national, that our missing woman.

2 **MR. BREEN OUELLETTE:** Herbert, can I ask you  
3 one last question? Do you think that there needs to be  
4 more available for people to overcome their addictions,  
5 more options, more counselling?

6 **MR. HERBERT WILLIAM:** I'm glad you asked  
7 that question. Back in 1960s, '50s, there is a people in  
8 the community develop their own support, have one church  
9 Chief. People couldn't talk in church, the church Chief  
10 represent to talk to the community members and the  
11 community. Why? Because his design to talk to the members  
12 and they have limited times at night.

13 They go to bed at 9:00, the last people that  
14 goes around 9:00. But when they had their own jurisdiction  
15 is if they got caught after 9:00 they'll be standing in  
16 church facing the members in the community, because where  
17 they found them, you know, where he's not supposed to be  
18 at. That's the consequence that they use penalty for the  
19 community. And I've heard my dad always talks about it  
20 Nilunglee(Phonetic) means the support workers that support  
21 workers in the community.

22 And the addiction, just like I said, is what  
23 do we celebrate? What do we celebrate on? There is  
24 nothing to celebrate. Do we celebrate to have crisis?  
25 That's all we develop. Same with this new orientation is



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1 the drugs. We're already crazy enough, why do we take this  
2 more? Back in '60s when I was growing up I never seen  
3 those. I never seen those things in our community.

4 I've seen alcohol. I seen them on my  
5 younger age. I learn good example of it. I hide in the  
6 corners, I hide underneath the tables and stuff like that.  
7 But when I had time to drink myself I forgot all those. I  
8 throw everything away. One of the message I like to say,  
9 education is important and your life is important. What's  
10 not important is drug and alcohol. Make one choice and  
11 make one effort.

12 **MR. BREEN OUELLETTE:** Thank you. Lucy, what  
13 do you hope will be the outcome of -- as a result of your  
14 testimony today?

15 **MS. LUCY SMITH:** The outcome I'd like is  
16 more transparency with the RCMP and the victims as to what  
17 is going on with the case. Have someone there that  
18 understands the language of the RCMP and the forensic  
19 reports and stuff like that. Have somebody there to  
20 explain in layman's term what they're talking about.

21 When you're going through such a rough time  
22 like that you don't really think about the wording of what  
23 the cops are saying to you. You just want to know the  
24 facts. And they use a lot of words that we don't  
25 understand and then they walk away and said, "Oh yeah, we

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1 explained it to them." And it's still left in -- left in a  
2 big black hole as to what is really going on.

3 We need transparency when they're  
4 investigating. We still don't know what's going on with  
5 Olivia. We just found out on Monday what really happened  
6 with my sister. There was no transparency back in 1985,  
7 '86 when she was missing. They didn't tell us that they  
8 didn't find the rest of my sister's body, that they just  
9 found her skull. And they expected us just to accept that  
10 and we did. We just accepted the fact that the rest of my  
11 sister's body is still out there today.

12 There needs to be a follow up done to  
13 families, for families. Nobody had ever come up to me and  
14 asked me how I felt. Nobody has ever come up to me and  
15 offered any help for the mental -- it's mental abuse when  
16 you don't know what's going on. It's mental abuse, you're  
17 abusing my soul, you've abused my soul by not telling me  
18 the truth about my sister. She is my only sister. I don't  
19 have anybody now. When I see women walking around with  
20 their sisters I wish I had my sister. I wish I could be  
21 holding her hands and joking around with her, and doing  
22 sisterly things. I never got that.

23 And as far as the children, I'm so  
24 heartbroken over my nephews. They're just forgotten.  
25 They're forgotten by the Ministry, they're forgotten by

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1 society. When my sister was missing it was, "Oh, poor  
2 Edmond. Oh, poor Edward. Oh, poor Rita." Now it's, "Oh,  
3 Edmond's a drunk. Edward's a drunk. Rita's doing okay.  
4 She's married, she'd got kids, she's got her shit  
5 together." But there's the boys. They're forgotten.

6 They have kids, their kids are forgotten in  
7 the system. They've been taken away. Edmond's kids have  
8 been taken away and they were brought to a white man's  
9 home. And now they don't have any heart towards -- towards  
10 us because they have white man thinking. We don't think  
11 the same. We don't have the same spirit as a white man, us  
12 native people. We're resilient. We've had to deal with a  
13 lot, a lot of things over the generations. One generation  
14 to another we all feel it. The residential school that  
15 happened, I feel it. I feel what happened.

16 Need to have a safe home, a safe home,  
17 someone you can -- something you can call your own. If  
18 children are taken away from their families, they're going  
19 to grow up and have their own families and they have no  
20 home. Everybody needs to belong somewhere and all these  
21 kids of missing women and murdered women, they're all lost.  
22 They have no home. When you go through that you feel like  
23 everybody doesn't love you. So then they go and do what  
24 makes them feel good. You send them to treatment, you  
25 bring them back out, they still have no home.

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1                   They need a home, a safe place to raise  
2                   their children. A safe place for grandchildren to come see  
3                   their grandparents. It's generation after generation of  
4                   homelessness. It has to stop. Thank you.

5                   **MR. BREEN OUELLETTE:** Lucy, you've mentioned  
6                   several times the meeting on Monday, and I want to  
7                   understand what it was about the meeting that -- I don't  
8                   want to put words in your mouth. Was there anything about  
9                   the meeting that you did not like?

10                  **MS. LUCY SMITH:** The meeting -- the meeting  
11                  on Monday was long overdue, 30 years overdue. Why weren't  
12                  they like that with us 30 years ago when Beverly was  
13                  missing for one whole year? One whole year. Not once did  
14                  the RCMP come up to me or to anybody that I know of and  
15                  said, this is the process we're going. This is what we  
16                  got. You know, we were never a part of it and as Native  
17                  people we're scared of the RCMP. They've done wrong to us  
18                  too.

19                  You hear about them leaving drunks in the  
20                  middle of nowhere with no coat, no shoes. We hear that  
21                  back home too. Back then you heard it lots. When I was  
22                  growing up I thought of the policemen as like, scary  
23                  people. I never grew up knowing them as for someone you go  
24                  to for help. You stay away from them. That's how I  
25                  remember RCMP when I was growing up, and the Ministry.

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1 I've had so much run in with the Ministry.  
2 You wouldn't believe what -- Norman has lost his daughter,  
3 Winnie Joseph, they took her kids away. They gave her kids  
4 to me. But before that happened, she -- if she wanted to  
5 go out drinking she left her kids with a babysitter and the  
6 kids went out playing around and the little boy got burnt  
7 with the babysitter. And when the little boy was in the  
8 hospital Winnie came to see her son and because she had  
9 booze smell from the night before they apprehended the  
10 burnt boy right there in the hospital. There was no  
11 questions asked or nothing. They just took away her kids  
12 right there.

13 That's another thing that has gone wrong  
14 with the system. I've been dealing with the Ministry for  
15 the last 15, 20 years trying to keep my family together.  
16 Because I made a mistake in not keeping these kids together  
17 because I had my own life and my own addictions, and my own  
18 things I had to deal with. I couldn't take on these kids.  
19 But now I have -- I'm a grandma and my daughter is on the  
20 streets in Vancouver right now and I'm raising her  
21 children. I got four grandkids, it's the fifth  
22 grandchildren, grandchild I'm raising.

23 I'm trying to break the cycle. My grandkids  
24 has never seen me drunk in 14 years that my granddaughter  
25 has been alive. I'm not saying I don't drink, but my

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1 grandchildren has never seen me drunk. I make that a  
2 point. I have other addictions, but it's nothing that --  
3 where my grandchildren are suffering. Because I have a  
4 home. I value my home. I value myself. And I value my  
5 grandchildren. My grandchildren are always going to come  
6 home to the home that I made for them and that is what I  
7 want for all grandchildren, all children of missing and  
8 murdered women, to have a home to come home to.

9 When you feel like you don't belong it's  
10 hard to try and belong somewhere. It takes a lot of work.  
11 It takes a lot of work to accept yourself and to accept  
12 love from other people.

13 **MR. BREEN OUELLETTE:** Lucy, I'm trying to  
14 understand -- to me it sounds like you wanted the meeting  
15 with the RCMP, but it sounds like it didn't go the way you  
16 wanted. How could it have been done better for you in a  
17 way that would have felt respectful and safe?

18 **MS. LUCY SMITH:** They way they did it, they  
19 -- I asked to look at the paper that they had and I can  
20 understand English, I can read English. I understand high  
21 words, I can read high words. And I was reading it and I  
22 finally got to the part where what was really -- what  
23 really happened to my sister and I started crying and they  
24 asked for the paper back and they just summarized it. I  
25 never got to finish reading the whole thing.

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1                   It wasn't -- like I -- the worst words I  
2                   hate is "I don't know". When somebody works in a position  
3                   like that, you should make it a priority to know what  
4                   you're doing. They're private investigators, they dealt  
5                   with the Pickton farm and they don't know where Olivia is.  
6                   They don't know where the rest of my sister's body is.  
7                   They didn't even bother to try and find where the rest of  
8                   her body is. And we just accepted that. That makes me  
9                   angry that we just accepted that. Why? Why did we just  
10                  accept what they said to us? Why didn't we ask questions  
11                  back then? We didn't really ask, we just accepted what was  
12                  said to us. I feel very angry about that.

13                  **MR. BREEN OUELLETTE:** Thank you for sharing  
14                  that, Lucy. Rita, what do you hope the outcome will be as  
15                  a result of your testimony here today?

16                  **MS. RITA MAKOWSKI:** For the process not to  
17                  take so long. It's been 32 years and I've just finally  
18                  found a little information out about my mum and what  
19                  happened. The details are so vague though it's ridiculous.  
20                  For us to be a priority. For us to be treated with dignity  
21                  and respect. For us to be -- for the matters to be treated  
22                  like if it was their own mother, or daughter, or wife.  
23                  It's really hard to get any closure without answers.

24                  **MR. BREEN OUELLETTE:** One other question.  
25                  Because of your experience after the death of your mother,

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1 do you have any recommendations about how children should  
2 be cared for? If they should remain in their Indigenous  
3 community, if they should remain together as siblings,  
4 anything like that?

5 **MS. RITA MAKOWSKI:** I think that they should  
6 stay in their culture for sure. You've already had a  
7 loose, losing your culture is just as bad. To keep the  
8 families together for sure. You know, I didn't realize how  
9 important I was to my grandparents, and they already lost a  
10 daughter and then I got ripped from them. It's  
11 traumatizing and I didn't get to see them my whole life,  
12 and we lived in the same town. It's not okay.

13 It's very important for families to stay  
14 together. Feeling alone is the worst. You need that bond,  
15 you need that connection with people, with your family.

16 **MR. BREEN OUELLETTE:** Thank you. I will now  
17 ask if Commissioner Audette has any questions for you.

18 --- **QUESTIONS BY COMMISSIONER MICHÈLE AUDETTE :**

19 **COMMISSIONER MICHÈLE AUDETTE:** Merci, Maître  
20 Ouellette. Your question -- my question you were done by  
21 you when you came back about the meeting and it's going to  
22 be more a comment, that I still believe that I hope that  
23 you have that meeting again where you have the time to ask  
24 the question and have explanation.

25 And across Canada we all have FEELU -- FILU,



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1 and I hope they're walking with you through this process.  
2 Some province does and I met some Indigenous women here  
3 that work with this organization. That it was created for  
4 the beside this inquiry, but to support families through  
5 this process. So I encourage you to contact them if it's  
6 not done already. And children left behind for me it's  
7 something that will transparent -- how do we say, transpire  
8 (inaudible) will be in the report, has to be, we'll find a  
9 way, a beautiful way. Because your -- what you said was  
10 very powerful and it resonate not only in my heart, but I'm  
11 sure everywhere. Merci beaucoup. Thank you so much.

12 **MR. BREEN OUELLETTE:** Do any of you have any  
13 final things to say to Commissioner Audette?

14 **MS. RITA MAKOWSKI:** I would like to say  
15 think you for the National inquiry because we wouldn't have  
16 been able to get the answers that we did today, or on  
17 Monday. You know, it was very vague, but we'll keep  
18 plugging away and we feel like we have some people that  
19 have our back now and that want us to get answers, and  
20 thank you.

21 **MR. BREEN OUELLETTE:** Do you want us to  
22 continue to follow up with you and collect evidence as to  
23 how your progress continues on your search for answers?

24 **MS. RITA MAKOWSKI:** Absolutely.

25 **MS. LUCY SMITH:** I too would like to say

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1           thank you. I really hope that you send a message to the  
2           government that homes are needed for victims and families.  
3           A home that they can call their own. It can be on the  
4           reserve, it could be off reserve, just as long as they have  
5           a home and the grandkids have a home, great grandkids.  
6           Somewhere they can go to, that's really something that I  
7           really want to push for is no more homelessness. They're  
8           homeless because they're hurting. No more homelessness.

9                           **MR. BREEN OUELLETTE:** Herbert, do you want  
10           to say anything?

11                           **MR. HERBERT WILLIAM:** (Speaking in Native  
12           language) I just like to thank you, my brothers and  
13           sisters, you know, the process of report, I like to thank  
14           and the staff that work really hard to be with us,  
15           especially interview process. And you know, I like to  
16           thank my family, especially my dad, and my brothers, and my  
17           sisters, my cousin, and my wife, that are with us today.  
18           You know, without myself standing here, how would I face  
19           the reality. The great support that we have, you know?

20                           One of the things that, you know, the job.  
21           I like to say is the job, where is it going to end? It's  
22           not going to end prior to make it better, as this is way to  
23           make it better. Solution, I don't know if we're going to  
24           run into solution. There will be no solution but to be  
25           with on another. That's what I'd like to thank you about

1 it.

2 And you know, being here last three days, I  
3 like sitting down, I like listening especially. What kind  
4 of effort would I put in? What effort would be the  
5 strength to meet with the families that are suffering with  
6 pain? You know, myself, I done the most healing that I  
7 represent myself, alone, in the corner, in the morning,  
8 that I do have my space, especially. Looking over myself  
9 in thought and mind, that's what really makes me well. And  
10 coming to the -- to make amends is I have to make amends to  
11 myself.

12 One of the greatest news that I ever heard  
13 about the hospital, my cousin was suffering with pain.  
14 First time I visit with her, July 4<sup>th</sup>, the last time that I  
15 have heard about her is she was unconscious, July 18. She  
16 was on life support and the nurse that works with her, in  
17 the morning I get there at 8:00 in the morning. "Herbert,  
18 I want to sit down with you. I like when you guys come in  
19 singing, talking to her and praying."

20 One of the decisions that's going to happen,  
21 it's not with the hospital, it's not with the doctors, it's  
22 not with the high doctors, or nurses, or et cetera. It's  
23 not going to be the husband, or the kids, or the  
24 grandchildren, or the immediate family, or friends and  
25 relative. That split second that she wants to go home, she

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1 can make that choice. If she is not, she is still going to  
2 be with you. But she makes up her mind she wants to go  
3 home, she makes that choice, that's when she goes home.

4 You know, I told that nurse, "you want to  
5 get up. I want to hug you." I never thought of this kind  
6 of information. I'm going to use this information to my  
7 people. I want to share with my people. And that's what  
8 really helps me today. I'm not battling, I'm not weary,  
9 but you know, that split second that's all I have to  
10 remember. Is to be with myself, you know? And you know,  
11 what the greatest information that I had. You know, with  
12 this I'd like to thank each and everyone of you, especially  
13 the workers, telecast that puts my face on the picture  
14 there.

15 (LAUGHTER)

16 MR. HERBERT WILLIAM: Thank you.

17 MR. BREEN OUELLETTE: Thank you, Herbert,  
18 and thank you for sharing the words in your language. I  
19 love the sound of your language as you know and I love to  
20 hear you speak it. Herbert, in closing, wants to sing  
21 another song, But I understand there are some gifts before  
22 that.

23 MR. NORMAN WILLIAMS: Like to thank Freda  
24 Inns(Phonetic), the boss.

25 (SHORT PAUSE)

1 MR. HERBERT WILLIAM: We got to stand?

2 MR. BREEN OUELLETTE: Mic, I'll just hold it  
3 for you. Or do you want me to hold it.

4 MR. HERBERT WILLIAM: I can't ---

5 MR. BREEN OUELLETTE: Do you want me to hold  
6 it to your mouth?

7 MR. HERBERT WILLIAM: Yeah. I think that's  
8 good. I just wanted to sing this song, a sad song, a  
9 healing song, a crying song. It's for our niece, Norman's  
10 daughter, Olivia Williams; and for our sister, Beverly  
11 Williams.

12 --- DRUM SONG

13 (SHORT PAUSE)

14 MR. BREEN OUELLETTE: This completes the  
15 hearing.

16 MS. TERRELLYN FEARN: Hello. Hi everyone.  
17 I would like everyone to breath in through your nose. Out  
18 through your mouth. One more time.

19 I want to remind everyone that we have the  
20 medicines and the sacred fire out in front. And the  
21 keepers out there and the women, have asked that if anyone  
22 wants to be brushed off that they can go out to the front  
23 and be brushed off to brush away the load that we may be  
24 carrying from the past three days. So I would also welcome  
25 our television folks, our A.V. folks in the back, as well

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1 as our translators, merci, thank you. You are also invited  
2 to participate in the brushing off so that you too can  
3 brush away the load that you have been carrying over the  
4 past three days as well. So please.

5 I want to acknowledge everyone here today  
6 and everyone that's been here for the past three days. Our  
7 families, our courageous families and survivors. Thank you  
8 for sharing your story, your personal survivor story, or  
9 the story of your lost loved one. You have inspired many  
10 to build the courage to come forward to share as well, and  
11 I want to thank you from the bottom of my heart for that  
12 bravery.

13 I want to thank those in the community that  
14 have come forward to witness and to hear those stories and  
15 those that will carry those stories and understand their  
16 role in making change. And that we all have a  
17 responsibility to keep our loved ones safe, our Indigenous  
18 women and girls, but our brothers and sisters of other  
19 nations, our men as well. So I want to acknowledge you all  
20 for that.

21 And for our changemakers, our leaders, our  
22 young leaders, the young people that have been here for the  
23 past three days, I want to honour and acknowledge you as  
24 well. You are a role model for all of us and a reminder to  
25 all of us of the responsibilities that we have to carry

1 forward.

2 I want to acknowledge the Hereditary Chiefs,  
3 the Wet'suwet'en People, for being beautiful, gracious,  
4 wonderful, kind, compassionate hosts. To the families, to  
5 the survivors, hosting them as well as all of us that have  
6 participated. I would like to also acknowledge those that  
7 prepared the food for us. Amazing, wonderful food. That  
8 healing food to heal our soul and nourish our bodies so  
9 that we can be present here to listen in a good mind and  
10 good heart. So thank you.

11 There is a feast tonight. We've --it's  
12 about 5:00 now, we've moved the feast to 5:30 and it's over  
13 in the Community College, in the family room there. So  
14 please engage in that wonderful traditional food before you  
15 depart. I remind you all once again, the responsibility  
16 that we have to care for ourselves and on another.

17 I would like to call Mabel Forsyth at this  
18 time, who is going to do a closing prayer for us to  
19 acknowledge us and to send us off in a good way. And Mabel  
20 is going to provide the prayer and Doris is going to -- do  
21 you want to come up as well? She's going to translate in  
22 Wet'suwet'en. So do we have another mic?

23 **ELDER DORIS ROSSO:** No, I'm going to  
24 overview what we say.

25 **MS. TERRELLYN FEARN:** Oh, she's going to

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1 provide an overview of -- In Wet'suwet'en. Do you want to

2 go first or shall we have Mabel?

3 --- CLOSING PRAYER


4 --- Upon adjourning at 5:08 p.m.

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