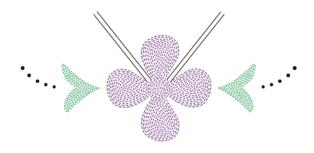
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1 Richmond, British Columbia 2 --- Upon commencing on Friday, April 6, 2018 at 4:45 p.m. 3 MS. KERRIE REAY: All right. So we are on 4 5 the record. This is Kerrie Reay, statement taker with the 6 National Inquiry into Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls, and we are here in Richmond, B.C. on April the 7 8 6th, 2018, and the time is now 4:45, and today I am with 9 [Woman E], who is from the [First Nation in Manitoba] --10 that's in Manitoba -- and currently is residing in [City 1 11 in British Columbial. 12 [Woman E] is here to tell her truth as a 13 survivor, and for the record, [Woman E], it's just you and 14 I in the room. You've chosen not to have any health 15 support here today. And that you understand that you are 16 here voluntarily, that you've come here voluntarily, and I 17 might add, you took a bus and transit. It took you over an 18 hour to get here from your home to be here at the Inquiry -19 20 WOMAN E: Yeah. 21 MS. KERRIE REAY: -- today. And you have 22 chosen not to be on video camera, but we do have the tape 23 recorder going. 24 If at any time you want to stop for a

break, just let me know, and we can pause the tape.

1 We have also spoken about the consent 2 form, about whether or not to disclose the information that could identify you for the Inquiry or to not disclose any 3 information that might identify you, and in that discussion 4 it is learned that your primary concern is that an 5 individual by the name of [B] was a problem for you, as he 6 7 stalked you for nearly a decade, for nearly ten years. 8 WOMAN E: Yeah. 9 MS. KERRIE REAY: And so you are wanting 10 to have any portion of your statement that relates to him 11 to have a publicity ban, and that it be in camera to 12 protect your safety as it relates. You don't want Mr. [B] 13 to know or anybody else to know that you were speaking 14 about him, other than if there is a need by the Inquiry, if 15 they look to subpoena the file, the police file, of the 16 complaints that you had made with the Vancouver Police 17 Department? 18 WOMAN E: Yeah. 19 MS. KERRIE REAY: So with that, we --WOMAN E: Well, I don't know if the police 20 21 have the file, because they didn't do anything. 22 what I'm --23 MS. KERRIE REAY: Right.

too, because --

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WOMAN E: -- that's what I'm concerned

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                      MS. KERRIE REAY: Okay.
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                      WOMAN E: -- they don't protect women.
    They -- at that point I found out the --
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                      MS. KERRIE REAY: Right.
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                      WOMAN E: -- whole -- the whole thing --
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                      MS. KERRIE REAY: But what I'll get you to
    do is initial that, and we can talk about that, you know,
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    you can talk about your experiences with policing in
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    Vancouver, or anywhere else that you've lived, so I'll just
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    get you to sign here that outside of the information that
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    you give regarding to [B], that the Inquiry may use your
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    information, okay? So if I can get you just to put your
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    initials there.
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                      WOMAN E:
                                Initial it?
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                      MS. KERRIE REAY: Yeah, just initial it,
    yes, because we went over all of that information --
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                      WOMAN E: Okay.
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                      MS. KERRIE REAY: -- at quite length to
    ensure that you were comfortable with what you were
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    deciding in terms of your consent, okay?
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                      WOMAN E: Okay.
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                      MS. KERRIE REAY: So [Woman E], this, as I
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    was saying to you earlier, this is your space and your
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    time, and so you can start wherever you want, you can start
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about being raised on [First Nation in Manitoba].

- 1 identified that child welfare became involved in your life,
- 2 and you've identified a few areas that you wanted to talk
- 3 about: Policing in Vancouver and the decade of being
- 4 stalked and the police didn't respond to your concerns.
- 5 So you can start wherever you like, and
- 6 I'll be taking some notes, because I don't like to
- 7 interrupt.
- 8 WOMAN E: Okay.
- 9 MS. KERRIE REAY: And -- but there may be
- 10 questions I need to ask, or if you pause I might slip those
- 11 questions in, so --
- 12 **WOMAN E:** Yeah.
- 13 MS. KERRIE REAY: All right. Whenever
- 14 you're ready, [Woman E].
- WOMAN E: Where do I -- where do I start?
- 16 MS. KERRIE REAY: Wherever you want.
- 17 Sometimes people find it easy to start with where they're
- 18 from and who their parents were, and one of the things too
- 19 that the Inquiry is very interested in is the systemic
- 20 issues that face indigenous people, often starting with
- 21 residential schools, and if you would like to share about
- 22 what it was like being raised on your reserve, whether your
- 23 parents went to residential school, whether you went to
- 24 residential school, and so sometimes it's easier to start
- 25 at the beginning and tell your story that way, if that

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    might help you.
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                      WOMAN E: Yeah, okay. I start now?
                      MS. KERRIE REAY: You bet.
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                      WOMAN E: Okay. Well, my name is [Woman
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    E], and I was -- we weren't born at all the same place. I
    was one of the ones that was born at [First Nation in
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    Manitoba], and we didn't always live there either.
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    travelled around a lot, and we had other -- we had cabins
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    and -- at a different part of the lake, and other areas,
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    and that, and we would spend time and holidays there, and
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    we were hardly ever in public, and we were always in
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    private -- private places, and it was a fun -- it was very
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    beautiful and fun growing up, and feeling very safe, but
    when we started going to school, the people wanted us to
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    move in the community, and so they could -- could get to
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    know us, and when we did that, then it's like -- it's like
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    running into a bunch of monsters. I hate to put it that
    way, but that's how it felt, like, and getting to know
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    other people, and then other men that were there, and they
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    were being -- well, I just felt unsafe in that, and
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    although we were protected a lot, but there was always
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    someone in the dark or something that was -- expect
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    something from the girls, and not --
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                      MS. KERRIE REAY: Were you --
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                      WOMAN E: -- just me --
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                      MS. KERRIE REAY: -- were you in
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    residential school?
                      WOMAN E: Well, yes --
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                      MS. KERRIE REAY: Was it a day school?
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                      WOMAN E: Pardon?
                      MS. KERRIE REAY: Was it a residential
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    school, like a day school, where you --
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                      WOMAN E: Not -- not at the time --
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                      MS. KERRIE REAY: Okay.
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                      WOMAN E: -- within the community --
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                      MS. KERRIE REAY: Mmm.
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                      WOMAN E: -- but because my parents
13
    travelled a lot, so they -- and then there was politicians
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    trying to get vote, and that kind of stuff that happened.
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                      MS. KERRIE REAY: Mmm.
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                      WOMAN E: They were trying to win my dad
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    and my mom's support, and build a nice picture of how good
18
    it would be for us to go to residential school --
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                      MS. KERRIE REAY: Okay. So --
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                      WOMAN E: -- so --
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                      MS. KERRIE REAY: -- just what I heard you
22
    say, your parents trapped, and this was in northern --
23
    northern Manitoba? Did they have a trap line? When you
24
    said they were out trapping? Is that what you said?
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                      WOMAN E: They travelled a lot. I don't
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- 1 know where they go sometimes --
- 2 MS. KERRIE REAY: Oh, travelled a lot.
- 3 Okay. I thought you were talking about, that they trapped
- 4 a lot, animals --
- 5 WOMAN E: Well, they did all kinds of
- 6 thing too, but they were going on a plane and go somewhere,
- 7 and -- but I don't -- half the time I didn't know where
- 8 they were going, because we were just kids, and --
- 9 MS. KERRIE REAY: Right.
- 10 **WOMAN E:** -- just --
- 11 MS. KERRIE REAY: And so for the record,
- 12 you were born in 1951?
- 13 WOMAN E: Yes.
- 14 MS. KERRIE REAY: And [First Nation in
- 15 Manitobal is actually only accessible by plane in the
- 16 summer.
- 17 WOMAN E: Yes.
- 18 MS. KERRIE REAY: And you can get there in
- 19 the winter by an ice road, but during the summer you can
- 20 only get in and out by plane.
- 21 WOMAN E: Yes.
- 22 MS. KERRIE REAY: Okay. Okay. Okay.
- 23 **WOMAN E:** Well, after they succeeded in
- 24 getting us into a residential school, that's when my
- 25 nightmare happened. I can't really talk about it, because

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that man is still alive, and I'm scared of him. If he
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    knows that I'm talking about it, and --
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                      MS. KERRIE REAY: Was he a --
                      WOMAN E: -- he might kill me.
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                      MS. KERRIE REAY: -- teacher? Was he a
 6
    teacher at the school?
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                      WOMAN E: Pardon?
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                      MS. KERRIE REAY: Was he a teacher at the
 9
    school?
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                      WOMAN E: He was supposed to be a
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    counsellor or a care --
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                      MS. KERRIE REAY: Oh.
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                      WOMAN E: -- caregiver, counsellor --
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                      MS. KERRIE REAY: Okay.
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                      WOMAN E: -- for the boys.
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                      MS. KERRIE REAY: Uh-huh.
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                      WOMAN E: But it just -- it's just a
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    nightmare --
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                      MS. KERRIE REAY: Okay.
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                      WOMAN E: -- it's a hell hole, and it was
    -- and I couldn't -- I couldn't say anything, because --
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                      MS. KERRIE REAY: Mm-hmm.
                      WOMAN E: -- out of fear --
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                      MS. KERRIE REAY: Right. Right.
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                      WOMAN E: -- and I was afraid -- I was
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1	afraid that my parents would hit the roof or my
2	MS. KERRIE REAY: Right.
3	WOMAN E: dad would kill him or
4	something like that, and
5	MS. KERRIE REAY: Right.
6	WOMAN E: and then he or he would
7	kill me if I said something
8	MS. KERRIE REAY: Right.
9	WOMAN E: and and the staff and the
10	government people would lie and cover it
11	MS. KERRIE REAY: Mm-hmm.
12	WOMAN E: cover up
13	MS. KERRIE REAY: And what residential
14	school was that?
15	WOMAN E: Assiniboine residential school
16	in
17	MS. KERRIE REAY: Assiboyin (sic)?
18	WOMAN E: Winnipeg.
19	MS. KERRIE REAY: A-s-b-o?
20	WOMAN E: Assiniboine.
21	MS. KERRIE REAY: Assiboine (sic). Okay.
22	I'll get the spelling of that
23	WOMAN E: In Winnipeg.
24	MS. KERRIE REAY: Okay. Okay.
25	WOMAN E: And

- 1 MS. KERRIE REAY: And how long were you
- 2 there?
- WOMAN E: Pardon me?
- 4 MS. KERRIE REAY: How long were you there
- 5 at that school?
- 6 WOMAN E: Well, when I went the first
- 7 year, was -- it was okay the first year, but then after,
- 8 when we went back to school, things started happening.
- 9 That man was -- and I just get sick when I talk about it.
- 10 MS. KERRIE REAY: Right. Right. How old
- 11 were you?
- 12 **WOMAN E:** I think I was about 17, around
- 13 there.
- 14 MS. KERRIE REAY: Okay.
- 15 **WOMAN E:** But we were -- we were made to
- 16 understand that all those people would be looking after us
- 17 and be safe.
- 18 MS. KERRIE REAY: Mm-hmm.
- 19 **WOMAN E:** It didn't happen like that.
- 20 MS. KERRIE REAY: No.
- 21 WOMAN E: And it was horrible. Like, I
- 22 never, ever wanted to go to another place like that.
- 23 MS. KERRIE REAY: No.
- 24 **WOMAN E:** So after what happened I just
- 25 left. I just didn't want to go -- I didn't want to go back

- 1 there, and I was always afraid, and I couldn't say
- 2 anything. I couldn't talk to anybody. None of the kids --
- 3 I couldn't talk to the kids, out of fear, because I -- I
- 4 was afraid of my parents, that they would --
- 5 **MS. KERRIE REAY:** Mm-hmm.
- 6 **WOMAN E:** -- not believe me, and then
- 7 there was -- that they would punish me for something that I
- 8 did -- thought I -- I wasn't -- I didn't want that man to
- 9 touch me or anything like that.
- 10 MS. KERRIE REAY: Mm-hmm.
- 11 **WOMAN E:** But he did, and I -- I just -- I
- 12 just froze, like, I had no feelings, nothing, and just
- 13 stunned, like, you know, and I couldn't think, and --
- 14 MS. KERRIE REAY: It's very scary.
- 15 **WOMAN E:** -- I -- pardon?
- 16 MS. KERRIE REAY: Very scary.
- 17 **WOMAN E:** I know, and it's like, I
- 18 couldn't talk to anyone, and I didn't want to talk to
- 19 anyone, out of fear, like --
- MS. KERRIE REAY: Mm-hmm.
- 21 **WOMAN E:** -- being frozen in fear, and it
- 22 was horrible, and -- and then I had to drop out of school,
- 23 and -- because he used to -- he used to pick me up and then
- 24 take me, and -- and I had to follow him, because -- because
- 25 at that time the duty was -- he had authority, and if I

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    wanted to say something, they wouldn't believe me anyways -
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                      MS. KERRIE REAY: Mm-hmm.
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                      WOMAN E: -- so I couldn't -- I could not
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    believe what had happened, because it was supposed to -- we
    were supposed to be safe, guaranteed safety, and that
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    didn't happen, and -- and it's -- what happened after that,
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    it was, like, awful, and I -- it just totally wrecked my
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    life. I -- I didn't want to go back there. I just didn't
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    want to. And I didn't want to go home either. I didn't
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    want to stay with my parents any more, because I just -- I
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    just wanted to get away --
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                      MS. KERRIE REAY: Mm-hmm.
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                      WOMAN E: -- and I --
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                      MS. KERRIE REAY: So did you get away?
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                      WOMAN E: Pardon me?
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                      MS. KERRIE REAY: Did you get away?
                      WOMAN E: Well, I went -- I -- I went
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    different places and that, and I -- I just -- like, around,
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    around, around, and -- and trying to cope with it then, and
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    I -- I ended up really bad, really sick, and I ended up in
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    the psychiatry hospital -- at the hospital in -- the
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    psychiatric ward, because it was really that bad, and --
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and then family -- one of the --

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MS. KERRIE REAY: Can you share with the

- 1 Commission what happened that you ended up in the
- 2 psychiatric ward?
- 3 **WOMAN E:** Well, the only thing is, like,
- 4 I'm still scared. If he finds out about, that I'm speaking
- 5 about it, that he would come and find me and kill me,
- 6 because he already did look -- look us -- look us up when -
- 7 when the -- when the hearings to the residential school
- 8 stuff happened.
- 9 MS. KERRIE REAY: Mmm.
- 10 **WOMAN E:** He went to all those meetings,
- 11 and then -- trying to find out --
- 12 MS. KERRIE REAY: You don't have to say
- 13 his name, so, you know, there's lots of people out there,
- 14 so you don't have to worry, you don't have to say his name,
- 15 so you can stay safe that way.
- 16 **WOMAN E:** It's just that it's so hard for
- 17 me to trust anyone, especially within the government
- 18 structure or --
- MS. KERRIE REAY: Mm-hmm.
- 20 **WOMAN E:** -- it's like, they're under oath
- 21 -- they're under oath to protect kids, and people, and --
- 22 but they don't. I'm just finding all that out. And I have
- 23 to fight and struggle all my life, and when I got married I
- 24 had -- I had kids, and then my husband died, and I was all
- 25 on my own, and then the kids -- I raised my kids on my own,

1 and -- and then the social workers that were supposed to

- 2 look after children --
- 3 MS. KERRIE REAY: Mm-hmm.
- 4 **WOMAN E:** -- they -- we were living in St.
- 5 James at the time, Winnipeg, St. James, and -- and they --
- 6 they started bringing these kids home, and I asked them,
- 7 'Why are you bringing these kids home and feeding them, and
- 8 don't they have a place to go?' And then they said, 'No,'
- 9 and I asked, 'Where are they living?' And they told me
- 10 that they were living in hotel rooms, and I said, 'What?'
- 11 Nobody was supervising them. They were just running around
- 12 on the street.
- 13 So that -- they brought them home, and
- 14 it's -- I -- I told them, said, 'You can't do that,' you
- 15 know, and then they decided to take them away from that
- 16 area, and move out here, because I was afraid, like, there
- 17 was other -- other menacing factors that I wanted to
- 18 protect them from.
- MS. KERRIE REAY: Mm-hmm.
- 20 **WOMAN E:** These older -- older -- older
- 21 kids that came around the neighbourhood, and lured them,
- 22 and they started -- took them away, and had to look for my
- 23 daughter, and it was very scary, and everybody was looking
- 24 for her, and even the armed forces were looking for them,
- 25 and -- but she was with these kids. She felt sorry for

- 1 them. She thought she was helping them.
- 2 MS. KERRIE REAY: Mmm.
- 3 **WOMAN E:** And that just scared me into --
- 4 that's when I decided to bring them out here.
- 5 MS. KERRIE REAY: So when did you move out
- 6 to the -- when did you move out to Vancouver area?
- 7 WOMAN E: In -- I think it was -- I can't
- 8 remember --
- 9 MS. KERRIE REAY: How old was your
- 10 daughter?
- 11 **WOMAN E:** It was -- oh, I can't remember.
- 12 19 -- oh. It was -- it was -- too many things happened
- 13 after. Like, it's hard to keep --
- 14 MS. KERRIE REAY: Yes.
- 15 **WOMAN E:** -- keep the dates, and --
- 16 anyways --
- 17 MS. KERRIE REAY: So you moved out to
- 18 Vancouver.
- 19 **WOMAN E:** Pardon me?
- 20 MS. KERRIE REAY: You moved out to
- 21 Vancouver.
- 22 WOMAN E: Yes, and I -- I succeeded in
- 23 bringing them out here, and what happened was I had paid
- 24 for these -- for this couple, one of her classmates, to
- 25 stay with them until she finished their school year, and

1 that they were going to send -- I was going to come and

- 2 pick her up.
- 3 MS. KERRIE REAY: Uh-huh.
- 4 **WOMAN E:** And the night that they picked
- 5 her up, and I was -- we were all ready to go, and I had my
- 6 son, my little boy, with me, and so we were all packed up,
- 7 and --
- 8 MS. KERRIE REAY: Mm-hmm.
- 9 **WOMAN E:** -- apartment was empty and
- 10 clean, and so when we were -- left for the Greyhound, we --
- 11 we were getting on the Greyhound with my son, and someone
- 12 tapped me on the shoulder, and I looked and said -- she
- 13 knew my name, and I didn't know her. I didn't recognize
- 14 her. I never saw her before. And anyway, she said,
- 15 '[Woman E], can I talk to you?' And I said -- I told her,
- 16 I said, 'No, I don't have time. I can't afford to wait,
- 17 and -- because I'm taking -- I'm going to Vancouver and
- 18 moving there, ' and I thought it would be fine then, like, I
- 19 never expected what happened after. We were on the bus
- 20 with my son, and next thing I know there's sirens and
- 21 flashing -- police cars flashing red lights, and I was
- 22 wondering, I wonder if there's an accident and that's why
- 23 they're here, and I didn't realize it was -- was the
- 24 Greyhound bus they wanted to stop. They were chasing us.
- 25 And it was the social worker, the one that called the

1	police and stopped the bus and take us off, and
2	MS. KERRIE REAY: You and your son?
3	WOMAN E: Yes. And I didn't want we
4	didn't move. We didn't leave, and because they had I
5	told her, said, 'You had no right to do that, because you
6	didn't do your job with those kids. That's why you're
7	doing this,' and and the social worker came inside the
8	bus with a police officer behind her, and she kept kept
9	talking me into going outside and talking to her, and I
10	said, 'No, I'm not going outside. I'm not going anywhere,
11	because I have to I have to go take my son with me to
12	Vancouver,' and she wouldn't she didn't accept it, and
13	she didn't say why she was doing that, and what complaint,
14	and it was so disgusting, it was sickening, and
15	MS. KERRIE REAY: How old was your son?
16	WOMAN E: About ten.
17	MS. KERRIE REAY: About ten.
18	WOMAN E: Yeah.
19	MS. KERRIE REAY: And what's and what's
20	his birth date?
21	WOMAN E: [Son].
22	MS. KERRIE REAY: [Son]?
23	WOMAN E: My son?
24	MS. KERRIE REAY: Yeah, his
25	WOMAN E: [Son].

1 MS. KERRIE REAY: [Son]? And what date 2 was he born? 3 WOMAN E: Oh, I can't -- this is what I mean. Numbers and --4 5 MS. KERRIE REAY: Do you remember what 6 year? 7 WOMAN E: Well, when I get stressed out 8 and I think, I can't think --9 MS. KERRIE REAY: Okay. All right. We're 10 good, we're good. 11 WOMAN E: -- I can't say it. 12 MS. KERRIE REAY: Okay. So your son was 13 ten. 14 WOMAN E: Yes. 15 MS. KERRIE REAY: And his name is [Son]. 16 And your daughter, what's her name? 17 **WOMAN E:** Well, her name is [Daughter]. 18 MS. KERRIE REAY: [Daughter]. Very 19 pretty.

- 20 **WOMAN E:** Yeah. She stayed back --
- MS. KERRIE REAY: Mm-hmm.
- 22 WOMAN E: -- she stayed back with that
- 23 couple, with her friend's --
- 24 MS. KERRIE REAY: Right.
- WOMAN E: -- parents.

- 3 the bus, the social worker ordered the police officer to

- 4 take me by --
- 5 MS. KERRIE REAY: By force?
- 6 **WOMAN E:** -- force, yes, and -- and then I
- 7 -- I didn't know there was a police officer at the door of
- 8 the bus.
- 9 MS. KERRIE REAY: Mm-hmm.
- 10 **WOMAN E:** I told my son, said -- because
- 11 the bus had stopped right at a corner from where my cousin
- 12 had a house in St. James, and I told him to run over there
- 13 and tell them what's happening, and -- and then when he
- 14 jumped off his seat and ran -- ran to the front door --
- MS. KERRIE REAY: Mm-hmm.
- 16 **WOMAN E:** -- while they were holding me,
- 17 the police officer grabbed him, and -- and the social
- 18 worker lied to me. She said, 'I want to talk -- I just
- 19 want to talk to you for a few minutes outside about the
- 20 kid.'
- 21 MS. KERRIE REAY: Mm-hmm.
- 22 **WOMAN E:** I didn't know they had my
- 23 daughter too. They had gone to those parents' house and
- 24 took her, and -- and of course the parents didn't have any
- 25 power to hold her back, and anyways, they took them just

- 1 like that. I didn't know they had her in the police car as
- 2 well, and I didn't know -- like, they just left me like
- 3 that, and the -- she told me, she said, 'Well, you can get
- 4 back on the bus and go to Vancouver, ' and I said -- like, I
- 5 just about threw up. It was so sickening.
- 6 MS. KERRIE REAY: Mm-hmm. Mm-hmm.
- 7 **WOMAN E:** So I started crying, and then
- 8 one of the police officer was trying -- trying to help me,
- 9 and I just -- I couldn't even think straight. I was just
- 10 so -- so -- like, like, my stomach would come up, and so
- 11 the police officer offered me a ride to my cousin's house,
- 12 so I -- so I did, and spent the night there, and I told --
- 13 I told my cousin and her husband everything. They could
- 14 not believe that. And then -- and then the next morning I
- 15 started calling the social worker's office where they are,
- 16 and they wouldn't answer, they wouldn't answer, and so I
- 17 was so -- so devastated. Like, I thought I would never see
- 18 my kids again, because I heard all these horror stories
- 19 where they have kids die in their care, and so finally a
- 20 friend of mine who was an MLA in the Legislature, and I
- 21 called her, and I told her what happened, and she told me
- 22 that she would call them, and then she said, 'I'll call you
- 23 back when I find anything out.'
- 24 So she called me about half an hour later.
- 25 She said, 'They won't talk to me. They won't answer my

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calls either, ' like, and then I -- I started crying. I was
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    just like -- and I couldn't eat. I was just so sick.
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                      Anyway, next thing -- next thing [C] --
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    there was, like, when they were sitting in the House in the
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    Legislature, she brought the whole thing up, and -- and the
    Conservatives were the governing party, and Gary Fillmore
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    was the Premier at the time, and right away everything
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    happened. They -- the news -- the news --
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    newspaper people and radio got a hold of it, and they
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    announced it on the news, and then the Premier went on --
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    said that, 'Oh, we don't have nothing to do -- we don't
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    have any quarrels with Mrs. [Woman E], ' and they told the
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    whole social whatever they were, whatever their offices,
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    get back to me, and -- and then the police -- the Winnipeg
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    Police went on air saying that they had nothing to do with
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    me, and that they had nothing against me, and that -- and
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    that they were just under orders from social --MS. KERRIE
    REAY: Social services --
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                      WOMAN E: -- workers --
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                      MS. KERRIE REAY: -- yes.
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                     WOMAN E: -- because they have authority
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    to do that, and --
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MS. KERRIE REAY: Yes.

called Sister [D] from the Catholic church, and she knew --

WOMAN E: -- and so it just -- they -- I

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- 1 well, I had talked to her, and she knew everything what
- 2 happened, and she couldn't believe it either, so --
- 3 MS. KERRIE REAY: Mmm. So --
- 4 WOMAN E: -- so --
- 5 MS. KERRIE REAY: -- so this [C] was quite
- 6 an advocate for you. [C].
- 7 **WOMAN E:** Pardon?
- 8 MS. KERRIE REAY: [C] was quite an
- 9 advocate for you. She went out of her way to help you.
- 10 [C]. The MLA?
- 11 WOMAN E: Well, well, she was a friend
- 12 too, and then I campaigned for her --
- 13 MS. KERRIE REAY: Oh. What was her last
- 14 name?
- 15 **WOMAN E:** [C].
- 16 MS. KERRIE REAY: [C].
- 17 **WOMAN E:** Yeah. [C]. [One line redacted
- 18 personal information], and they had approached me to help
- 19 her, and asked -- asked me to -- when the election call
- 20 happened, and I said, 'Okay. I guess I'll give it a try,'
- 21 so I went door to door and --
- 22 MS. KERRIE REAY: Hmm.
- 23 **WOMAN E:** -- then next thing I know, I
- 24 think there was about [One line redacted personal
- 25 information], but I couldn't believe it. It was like

- 1 (inaudible) have for re-elect. But anyways --
- 2 MS. KERRIE REAY: So you got your children
- 3 back?
- 4 **WOMAN E:** Pardon me?
- 5 MS. KERRIE REAY: You got your children
- 6 back?
- 7 **WOMAN E:** Well, we had to go and meet with
- 8 the supervisor at the social --
- 9 MS. KERRIE REAY: Okay.
- 10 **WOMAN E:** -- work office, and then what
- 11 they said was, want to make me puke, and I said, 'You have
- 12 no right to do that. You didn't investigate, you didn't
- 13 check anything, you didn't do anything. You didn't even do
- 14 your job.' I told them that, and I said, 'That was wrong.
- 15 That was illegally kidnapping.'
- 16 MS. KERRIE REAY: So can I ask, did they
- 17 get a complaint from somebody that you weren't taking care
- 18 of your children?
- 19 WOMAN E: No, it's just -- it was just
- 20 that they -- the kids discovered those kids running around
- 21 in the hotel that were staying in the hotel rooms.
- MS. KERRIE REAY: Oh.
- 23 **WOMAN E:** And they tried to put me in an
- 24 asylum, and I fought them, and they said, no, I don't have
- 25 anything wrong too, because you're not doing your job, and

- 1 they -- my daughter was going to a private -- all-girls
- 2 private school, Catholic school, and they went -- they --
- 3 they brought that up. I sued them after when I got back, I

- 4 turned around and sued them. I had to go back and forth,
- 5 and they lied so much.
- 6 MS. KERRIE REAY: So when you said you had
- 7 to go back and forth, did you and the children move out to
- 8 Vancouver after that?
- 9 WOMAN E: Yes, and only my son was with
- 10 me, because he was the one that testified, and my daughter
- 11 had been with -- had paid for people to look after her, but
- 12 until she finished school, but --
- 13 MS. KERRIE REAY: Right. Right.
- 14 **WOMAN E:** -- she told me everything
- 15 afterwards, how they picked her up from that house, and the
- 16 social worker got her away from there, and they had her in
- 17 the police car too --
- 18 MS. KERRIE REAY: Right. But I -- sorry,
- 19 I meant to ask that you got the children back.
- 20 WOMAN E: Yes.
- 21 MS. KERRIE REAY: Did you come out to
- 22 Vancouver then?
- 23 **WOMAN E:** Yes. After I got the kids back
- 24 the very next day, like, Sister [D] went with me, and they
- 25 were just shaking, like --

1	MS. KERRIE REAY: Mmm.
2	WOMAN E: and I don't like, they
3	were afraid that the whole world the whole city knew
4	now, but at the time now, because it was on the news, and I
5	I took a few days and got a lawyer a friend of mine
6	who had a law office, law firm
7	MS. KERRIE REAY: Mm-hmm.
8	WOMAN E: and I went to have a meeting
9	with him, and he said, 'Okay. We'll go ahead, we'll sue
10	them,' so a long battle. It took four years of
11	MS. KERRIE REAY: And what was the
12	outcome?
13	WOMAN E: Well, they paid me in the end.
14	MS. KERRIE REAY: Oh, did they?
15	WOMAN E: Yeah.
16	MS. KERRIE REAY: And
17	WOMAN E: Not very much, but
18	MS. KERRIE REAY: But you won. You
19	WOMAN E: Yeah.
20	MS. KERRIE REAY: won you won a case
21	against the child welfare system in Manitoba.
22	WOMAN E: Yes. And then the Premier
23	didn't want to get involved, and they got away, but because
24	I didn't want them to get away, but I had I had too much
25	on my hands already, and I just

1	MS. KERRIE REAY: Mm-hmm.
2	WOMAN E: and I just was like, they all
3	said, 'Oh, we have no enemies with [Woman E],' and I said -
4	- said I don't believe them, and this well, actually,
5	maybe, but because they have asked me to join their
6	party and to help them with their campaign, and I
7	MS. KERRIE REAY: The Conservatives.
8	WOMAN E: Yeah. And then
9	MS. KERRIE REAY: Okay. So you had
10	campaigned for your friend, who was a [One word redacted -
11	personal information]
12	WOMAN E: Yeah.
13	MS. KERRIE REAY: and then they asked
14	you okay.
15	WOMAN E: Yeah. Well, I did a lot of work
16	out there, voluntarily, and I did a lot of research,
17	because for people especially children that were dying
18	left and right because of the alcohol and drugs, and so we
19	all a lot of us got together, the RCMP, and communities,
20	and chiefs in councils, and we it took a long time
21	MS. KERRIE REAY: So was that part of your
22	employment? Like, were you working as well as
23	volunteering?
24	WOMAN E: Yeah, I was volunteering too.
25	MS. KERRIE REAY: Okay. Okay.

1	WOMAN E: But I was studying and working
2	at the same time. I was
3	MS. KERRIE REAY: Oh.
4	WOMAN E: I was going part-time studies
5	in university.
6	MS. KERRIE REAY: Ah. And what were you
7	taking?
8	WOMAN E: Well, I was I was going to do
9	I was taking labour law, and then I was going to take a
10	full lawyer lawyer thing.
11	MS. KERRIE REAY: Mmm.
12	WOMAN E: But I didn't get that far
13	because of because of the research and getting together
14	people and working on working on that whole
15	MS. KERRIE REAY: Right.
16	WOMAN E: problem of of the alcohol
17	problem, and drugs, so we got the we got all the
18	communities together, and worked with them, and explained
19	everything to them, and so to make it short, they all came
20	through for us except three two or three, I think, that
21	stayed wet, because someone went and complained about a dry
22	reserve, and a judge struck it down, so we had to fight
23	that, but we succeeded in getting all those places dry.
24	MS. KERRIE REAY: Hmm. Wow.

WOMAN E: And except for two or something

- 4 7'1 .1 .
- 1 like that, and so after that Brian Mulroney was the Prime

- 2 Minister at the time --
- 3 MS. KERRIE REAY: Okay.
- 4 **WOMAN E:** -- and the Attorney General was
- 5 an NDP, Roland Penner, and D. Fasten (ph) was a very good
- 6 person too that helped us too, supported us, and he was the
- 7 MLA for Thompson (inaudible) area, so he knew how -- how
- 8 bad were things.
- 9 MS. KERRIE REAY: Mm-hmm. Mm-hmm.
- 10 WOMAN E: And so -- so the Prime Minister
- 11 gave all the communities the power to set up their own by-
- 12 laws and vote, you know, whether they want a dry or wet
- 13 reserve, so all of them went dry back except for two of
- 14 them.
- 15 MS. KERRIE REAY: Mmm.
- 16 **WOMAN E:** So we were so happy about that,
- 17 and --
- 18 MS. KERRIE REAY: Oh, I bet, I bet.
- 19 **WOMAN E:** Well, my mother was in -- in --
- 20 was dying too of cancer, and she -- she heard all about
- 21 this, and she wanted me to do all that, and I said -- I
- 22 said, 'Mom, are you dying? You know, those people, you
- 23 know, you don't even hardly know them,' and I had to...
- 24 But she -- she turned around and says, 'I didn't raise you
- 25 like that.' So I felt like a little insik (ph).

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                      So -- and she was dying, and through that
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    night I spent all night writing, and then -- and then first
    thing in the morning when everybody was in the Legislature,
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    their offices, I went down there, and went to D. Fasten and
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    the Attorney General and handed them my -- my whatever --
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                      MS. KERRIE REAY: Your paper.
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                      WOMAN E: -- I had --
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                      MS. KERRIE REAY: Oh, the paper --
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                      WOMAN E: -- yeah --
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                      MS. KERRIE REAY: -- your research paper?
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                      WOMAN E: Yeah.
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                      MS. KERRIE REAY: Mm-hmm.
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                      WOMAN E: And they had that. They had the
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    ball rolling. So they talked with Ottawa, with the Prime
15
    Minister, and so within -- within -- within about two,
    three months, I think that they -- they decided to -- the
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    Prime Minister gave them the power to set up their own by-
    laws, but I -- before that happened, when the RCMP -- older
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    -- older RCMP officer, he said, 'Oh, I don't know why I'm
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    in this field. It's so discouraging.'
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                      MS. KERRIE REAY: Mmm.
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                      WOMAN E: So when -- when that happened
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    after that, they were so happy, and they're still enforcing
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    it.
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MS. KERRIE REAY: Oh, good, good.

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                      WOMAN E: Yeah, and that helped a lot.
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                      MS. KERRIE REAY: Right. Right.
                      WOMAN E: Yeah, and -- because I don't
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    know how -- how bad -- well, I don't know how it is now,
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 5
    because I haven't been back there, but some other -- some
    of the other communities kept asking us, 'We need to...'
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    For help, and wanted -- wanted to teach them things, and I
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 8
    said, 'I can't. I don't -- I've got too much on my plate
 9
    already, and I have to go -- I have to go back to Vancouver
10
    and start my life there and that, ' and -- but --
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                      MS. KERRIE REAY: So you came out to
12
    Vancouver in the '80s sometime.
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                      WOMAN E: Yeah. Well, my mother died in
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    1985, and I took -- she -- all that happened after she
15
    died, and I felt bad, because she would have been so happy
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    if she found out --
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                      MS. KERRIE REAY: Oh, yes.
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                      WOMAN E: -- what happened. Yeah.
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                      MS. KERRIE REAY: Yes, yes.
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                      WOMAN E: But --
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                      MS. KERRIE REAY:
                                       She'd be a proud mama.
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                      WOMAN E:
                               Pardon?
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                      MS. KERRIE REAY: She'd be a proud mama.
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                      WOMAN E: Yeah. Yeah, and -- and anyways,
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it's still -- it's still dry. They're all -- they didn't -

- 1 they didn't go back and --
- 2 MS. KERRIE REAY: Okay.
- 3 **WOMAN E:** -- but back to the social-worker
- 4 thing, well, they settled out of court, but --
- 5 **MS. KERRIE REAY:** Mm-hmm.
- 6 **WOMAN E:** -- I know they won't leave me
- 7 alone, so I wrote to the Premier, and --
- 8 MS. KERRIE REAY: Mm-hmm.
- 9 **WOMAN E:** -- the new Premier now, he's --
- 10 I wrote him a letter and told him that, what -- I'll never
- 11 forget -- I'm still, you know, keeping my mind open and --
- MS. KERRIE REAY: Mm-hmm.
- 13 **WOMAN E:** -- option. I have the letter
- 14 too that I --
- 15 MS. KERRIE REAY: You have the letter
- 16 here?
- 17 WOMAN E: Yes.
- 18 MS. KERRIE REAY: Do you want that letter
- 19 to be part of your truth that's submitted to the -- I can
- 20 take a photocopy of it.
- 21 WOMAN E: Yes, this is -- this is -- I
- 22 think that's everything there.
- MS. KERRIE REAY: Oh, this is -- they're
- 24 all the same. Oh, no, they're not all the same.
- 25 **WOMAN E:** Oh, well, like, these are --

1	these are what I wanted to give a copy of all that.
2	MS. KERRIE REAY: Oh, okay. Yes,
3	absolutely. Absolutely. Okay. So let me just take a
4	second here. And do you have your own copies? These are
5	all copies for the Commission?
6	WOMAN E: Yeah.
7	MS. KERRIE REAY: Okay. So because you've
8	handed them to me now, I'm just going to introduce them so
9	that when you're speaking about it then we know what you've
10	already given us, okay?
11	WOMAN E: Okay.
12	MS. KERRIE REAY: So you've started with a
13	letter dated today's date, just indicating that you're
14	providing information that's happened in the past, that
15	you've totally lost faith in the justice system,
16	specifically the police, as well as the Royal Canadian
17	Mounted Police:
18	"I have done my own research and
19	discovered a lot that relates to
20	missing and murdered, not only women,
21	but little children as well. I have
22	done this for the sake of defenceless
23	children right across the country.
24	This is very important to me."
25	And it's signed by yourself.

- 1 And then you've also provided a letter
- 2 that is dated November, it looks like the 23rd, 2000 that
- 3 you had written to the Vancouver Chief Constable.
- 4 **WOMAN E:** Yeah.
- 5 MS. KERRIE REAY: And it provides
- 6 information.
- 7 Then we have a letter dated November the
- 8 2nd, and this is to [Law Firm]. They are solicitors here
- 9 in Vancouver. And you're asking them to follow up with, I
- 10 gather, about an individual that you've identified in this
- 11 letter, Mr. [E], and then you've provided a letter from
- 12 April the 20th, 2016. This is to the Royal Canadian
- 13 Mounted Police to Chief Superintendent Drolet, and this is
- 14 about locating your son in 2001/2002.
- Then you have a letter here dated August
- 16 the 1st, 2017, and this is to the New Westminster Chief --
- 17 Minster -- Chief of Police, and this is about what appears
- 18 to be an event that occurred on the Sky Train with your
- 19 grandsons, and then you have some points here in a note of
- 20 August the 15th, outlining some -- and then a return letter
- 21 from Dave Jansen, the Deputy Chief of the New Westminster
- 22 Police, and that one is dated -- to you dated August the
- 23 11th, 2017, and then August the 28th, 2017 you've written a
- 24 letter to the Premier of Manitoba, and talking about the
- 25 events of what happened in Winnipeg, Manitoba in 2011.

- 1 Would that be right? 2011, when you lost your -- when you
- 2 had trouble with your son? Was that only eight years ago?
- 3 **WOMAN E:** 2011, was he?
- 4 MS. KERRIE REAY: 2011. It's 2011 here.
- 5 I thought it was -- I thought you had trouble with --
- 6 WOMAN E: Oh, yes, I --
- 7 MS. KERRIE REAY: I thought you had
- 8 trouble in the '80s with your son. Is that maybe a typing
- 9 error?
- 10 WOMAN E: Yeah, 2011. It doesn't -- it's
- 11 too many things happened, like --
- 12 MS. KERRIE REAY: Right. Okay.
- 13 **WOMAN E:** -- it --
- 14 MS. KERRIE REAY: Yeah, no worries.
- 15 **WOMAN E:** Oh, that -- that letter
- 16 with the -- to the law firm --
- 17 MS. KERRIE REAY: Uh-huh.
- 18 **WOMAN E:** -- they drive me to the Supreme
- 19 Court, because this man was -- I was afraid of this man.
- 20 He was a shuttle-bus driver, and he -- he refused me
- 21 -- he refused to get -- I was with a friend, and he
- 22 wouldn't let me in, and wouldn't let us in, and --
- MS. KERRIE REAY: Do you believe he
- 24 wouldn't let you on because you were indigenous?
- 25 **WOMAN E:** Pardon?

WOMAN E: And --

1	MS. KERRIE REAY: So so I've actually
2	taken you off the story taken you out of sequence, so
3	with the putting the letters on the record. So we were
4	talking about you coming out to Vancouver now
5	WOMAN E: Yes.
б	MS. KERRIE REAY: with did both your
7	son and daughter come with you when you actually moved to
8	Vancouver?
9	WOMAN E: Yes, they
10	MS. KERRIE REAY: Okay.
11	WOMAN E: they did, and we settled
12	quietly here, and it was it was good, like, we settled
13	in [City 1 in British Columbia], and they went to school in
14	[City 1 in British Columbia], and well, not right away,
15	because
16	MS. KERRIE REAY: Mm-hmm.
17	WOMAN E: we had those kids that had
18	that had lured my daughter and I couldn't find her, when
19	everybody was looking in Winnipeg
20	MS. KERRIE REAY: Mm-hmm.
21	WOMAN E: they followed they
22	hitchhiked over here.
23	MS. KERRIE REAY: Oh.
24	WOMAN E: And I
25	MS. KERRIE REAY: That's

- 1 **WOMAN E:** -- don't know how they found us,
- 2 but -- and I can't believe that they did that, because they
- 3 -- they tried to take my kids away from me, she, my
- 4 daughter and my son, and they were -- they stayed at a
- 5 little motel there close by --
- 6 MS. KERRIE REAY: What do you -- do you
- 7 have any idea what you thought they wanted your children
- 8 for?
- 9 **WOMAN E:** I imagine -- I'm just -- to lure
- 10 -- to lure money, like, prostitution and stuff like --
- 11 MS. KERRIE REAY: For the sex trade.
- 12 **WOMAN E:** -- drugs -- yeah, and drugs, and
- 13 I called -- I couldn't get anywhere with the police out
- 14 here, the RCMP, and --
- 15 MS. KERRIE REAY: And that would have been
- 16 [City 1 in British Columbia] RCMP.
- 17 **WOMAN E:** Yeah.
- 18 MS. KERRIE REAY: Or was that another
- 19 detachment?
- 20 **WOMAN E:** [City 1 in British Columbia].
- 21 MS. KERRIE REAY: Okay. So you were
- 22 living in [City 1 in British Columbia] then when you
- 23 called. Okay.
- 24 WOMAN E: Yes, and so I called Winnipeg
- 25 RCMP headquarters, and I knew some of them there, so --

1 MS. KERRIE REAY: Mm-hmm. 2 WOMAN E: -- I told Sergeant McPherson, talked to him, and I explained everything to him, and so 3 right away they... 4 5 --- Cell-phone alarm going off. WOMAN E: So it's not on? 6 7 MS. KERRIE REAY: Oh, it's on, yeah. 8 WOMAN E: Oh, that's -- that's the alarm. 9 MS. KERRIE REAY: Oh, that's the alarm. 10 WOMAN E: Anyway, they took action right 11 away. 12 MS. KERRIE REAY: Mm-hmm. 13 WOMAN E: Like, the kids were afraid to go 14 to school after that. They --15 MS. KERRIE REAY: Oh. WOMAN E: -- would -- they didn't want to 16 17 go to school --MS. KERRIE REAY: Yeah, I bet. I bet. 18 19 WOMAN E: So after that, we had a -- we 20 had a meeting -- we set up a parent advisory --21 MS. KERRIE REAY: Mm-hmm. 22 WOMAN E: -- with the school, and then --

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MS. KERRIE REAY: Okay.

and that, so we all settled things, and the kids all felt

WOMAN E: -- had meetings with the police

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- 1 better and safer, so -- but those people, like, they left,
- 2 and I forget what happened to them, but after I told them
- 3 that, they were trying to get -- they took the kids, and I
- 4 wanted to -- had to go and get them --
- 5 **MS. KERRIE REAY:** Mm-hmm.
- 6 **WOMAN E:** -- from them, and that's --
- 7 that's why they took action right away, as I called
- 8 Winnipeg headquarters and talked to them, and -- because I
- 9 -- I dealt with them a lot when we were working together
- 10 with getting the reserves dry again.
- 11 MS. KERRIE REAY: Okay.
- 12 **WOMAN E:** And we had certain information,
- 13 cooperation, all that --
- 14 MS. KERRIE REAY: Right. Yeah.
- 15 **WOMAN E:** -- so that's what -- that -- we
- 16 got to know each other that way.
- 17 **MS. KERRIE REAY:** Okay.
- 18 **WOMAN E:** So I -- they knew what happened
- 19 too with the kids on the bus, and -- because it was all
- 20 over the news, and so --
- 21 MS. KERRIE REAY: We haven't talked about
- 22 the kids on the -- oh, you're talking about when -- in
- 23 Winnipeg, when the bus was stopped --
- 24 WOMAN E: Yes.
- 25 **MS. KERRIE REAY:** -- right? Okay. Okay.

1	WOMAN E: Anyways, got to be close friends
2	too, and some of them anyway, when I called, they would
3	answer right away, and then they would do something right
4	away, and and that's what they did over here.
5	MS. KERRIE REAY: So that was good. That
6	was good.
7	WOMAN E: Yeah.
8	MS. KERRIE REAY: Right?
9	WOMAN E: Yeah.
10	MS. KERRIE REAY: That was a good
11	experience with the police.
12	WOMAN E: Yeah. I was so relieved
13	MS. KERRIE REAY: And and so do your
14	son and your daughter does [Son] and [Daughter] still
15	live in Vancouver?
16	WOMAN E: Well, when when she finished
17	school, she went to odd jobs and stuff, well, we call them
18	McJobs, like McDonald's.
19	MS. KERRIE REAY: Yeah.
20	WOMAN E: McJobs. But now she's got a
21	really successful job, like, she's a [occupation] now.
22	MS. KERRIE REAY: Oh, good.
23	WOMAN E: Yeah.

MS. KERRIE REAY: Good, good.

WOMAN E: And she's doing so good, and --

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1 MS. KERRIE REAY: Excellent. 2 WOMAN E: -- she bought a house, and --MS. KERRIE REAY: 3 Ah. WOMAN E: -- and then she bought another 4 5 one on the Island, and --MS. KERRIE REAY: Oh, good for her. 6 7 WOMAN E: Yeah, and she's renting it out, 8 and --9 MS. KERRIE REAY: Mm-hmm. 10 WOMAN E: -- then she's going to the lower 11 level for -- weekly for tours in the summer --12 MS. KERRIE REAY: Oh, like the Air BnB? 13 Like Air BnB? 14 **WOMAN E:** Something like that. 15 MS. KERRIE REAY: Like a vacation rental. 16 WOMAN E: Yeah. 17 MS. KERRIE REAY: Okay. And your son is 18 in Vancouver area? WOMAN E: Yes, he had one -- one -- he was 19 20 doing good in school and everything, but when -- when the 21 transit -- B.C.-wide transit strike happened I was -- I was 22 out there in Manitoba, working as a guidance counsellor, 23 and then that happened when I was out there, and he went 24 through so much trouble, and you couldn't -- he had a -- he

had a job after high school, and -- but he was -- the

1 transportation was awful -- a lot of people had trouble and

- 2 lost their jobs --
- MS. KERRIE REAY: Jobs. Right. And just 3
- for the record -- and we spoke about it briefly before we 4
- 5 went on the record -- was, is that you moved out to
- Vancouver, but you did go back to Manitoba to be a 6
- counsellor for a little while, and then you came back to 7
- 8 Vancouver.
- 9 WOMAN E: Yes, after --
- 10 MS. KERRIE REAY: So --
- 11 WOMAN E: -- after -- after a while, and
- 12 they're grown up and --
- 13 MS. KERRIE REAY: Mm-hmm.
- 14 WOMAN E: -- have their own jobs and stuff
- 15 like that, but that happened, and the B.C.-wide transit
- 16 strike, and he was so depressed, like --
- 17 MS. KERRIE REAY: Mm-hmm.
- 18 WOMAN E: -- and he was struggling, and I
- was sending him money, and paying his rent, and giving some 19
- 20 spending money until things settled.
- 21 MS. KERRIE REAY: Okay.
- 22 WOMAN E: But -- but he got -- he got
- 23 pulled into drugs.
- 24 MS. KERRIE REAY: Oh . . .
- 25 WOMAN E: And I -- I was so upset, and I

- 1 was talking to somebody -- oh, this guy came on the phone
- 2 and said, 'Oh, Mrs. [Woman E], I'm looking after your son.
- 3 I'm taking care of him, 'and I told him, I said, 'I don't
- 4 believe you. I want you to get away from him and stop
- 5 luring him anywhere, ' and I said, 'I'll call the police,
- 6 and I call the police if you don't -- and talk to you, and
- 7 if you don't leave him alone.'
- 8 MS. KERRIE REAY: Mm-hmm. Mm-hmm.
- 9 **WOMAN E:** So that worked. He left him
- 10 alone, and didn't bother him, because they knew that I was
- 11 giving him money, and that's what --
- 12 MS. KERRIE REAY: They do. That's what
- 13 they do, right? They want to get more money.
- 14 **WOMAN E:** Yeah, they --
- 15 MS. KERRIE REAY: So one of the things
- 16 that I wanted to bring you back to, because it was
- 17 important for you to talk about, was the problems that you
- 18 had with the fellow who was stalking you. So I want to
- 19 make sure that we have time for you to talk about the man
- 20 that was stalking you for ten years, because your intake
- 21 says that that's really important for you to make sure that
- 22 you speak about, because of the lack of response from the
- 23 police services, so I'm just mindful of where we are, so
- 24 did you want to talk a bit about that, and keeping in mind
- 25 that you have requested that if you use his name, when

- 1 you're speaking, that that will be -- that will be held as
- 2 a ban on publication, right, because you don't want his
- 3 name made public, so --
- 4 WOMAN E: Yes, because --
- 5 MS. KERRIE REAY: Now, did you bring a
- 6 newspaper in?
- 7 **WOMAN E:** Pardon me?
- 8 MS. KERRIE REAY: Did you have a newspaper
- 9 article that you wanted to show me? A newspaper article.
- 10 WOMAN E: Oh, no, not -- I was just
- 11 looking at today's paper.
- MS. KERRIE REAY: Oh, sorry. Because we
- 13 were talking about that, and you had it in your hands, so I
- 14 wasn't sure if it was connected --
- 15 **WOMAN E:** Oh, no. I just picked it up
- 16 when I was --
- 17 **MS. KERRIE REAY:** Okay.
- 18 **WOMAN E:** -- looking around.
- 19 MS. KERRIE REAY: Okay.
- 20 **WOMAN E:** Sorry.
- 21 MS. KERRIE REAY: No problem.
- 22 So [Woman E], tell us about your -- the
- 23 events around this man that was stalking you for ten years
- 24 and...
- 25 **WOMAN E:** Well, this all came down when I

- 1 came back from -- well, when I found out that the transit -2 MS. KERRIE REAY: You don't remember what 3 year that was, though, do you, the transit? 4 5 WOMAN E: I think it's about 2004, 5, or 6 6, or something --7 MS. KERRIE REAY: Okay. 8 WOMAN E: -- like that. 9 MS. KERRIE REAY: Okay. 10 WOMAN E: Something around there. 11 MS. KERRIE REAY: Okay. All right. this started around 2000 -- between 2003 and 2006? 12 13 **WOMAN E:** Between there. 14 MS. KERRIE REAY: Okay. Yeah. Okay. 15 WOMAN E: Anyway, I came out to check on my son, see how he was doing, and -- but he hasn't started 16 17 anything at the time, so when I went back, okay, went back to work in the school, he -- he called me, and then he --18 he sounded -- he sounded troubled, and I knew there was 19 20 something wrong, and then I found out that he had been --21 he had been using drugs --
- MS. KERRIE REAY: Mm-hmm.
- 23 **WOMAN E:** -- and I was so upset. I went
- 24 ballistic on him. I said, 'I'm not giving you any money,'
- 25 I said to him. So he was, like, struggling with it.

1	MS. KERRIE REAY: Mm-hmm.
2	WOMAN E: And and I went I when
3	that man talked to me on the phone, I don't even know that
4	man, but he was around my son, and I told him, I said, 'I
5	don't want you around my son,' and I said I knew I
6	helped him. I gave him money too if that (inaudible)
7	being around him and taking his money so he can give him
8	lure him into drugs, and then I said to him, I said, 'I'm
9	going to call up that whole police, or the RCMP over there,
10	and send them and deal with you.' Well, he disappeared
11	after that from him, and but my son was, like,
12	struggling with it, so I came out, back out here, and to
13	deal with him, and and then I I knew that he was
14	going with the problem, so we we couldn't we couldn't
15	let him live with us either. His sister couldn't
16	couldn't let to try and teach him what it would be like.
17	We would feed him, go take him lunch or dinner or what
18	but that's it. We wouldn't allow him to stay at our
19	houses, because it was he would steal
20	MS. KERRIE REAY: Okay.
21	WOMAN E: for
22	MS. KERRIE REAY: Yeah, yeah.
23	WOMAN E: for stuff to buy stuff
24	MS. KERRIE REAY: Yeah, yeah, yeah.
25	WOMAN E: and that, so and I took

- 1 him out one day and -- for dinner, and talked to him, said,
- 2 'You can't do it alone,' I said. 'You have to get help.'
- 3 So when -- when -- when I came back from there, and then he
- 4 -- he decided that he needed help --
- 5 **MS. KERRIE REAY:** Mmm.
- 6 **WOMAN E:** -- so he checked himself into a
- 7 recovery place, and he stayed there for a while, and -- and
- 8 then I was like, 'Uh...' That's where he met someone, and
- 9 things happened, and then she was in a recovery too. He --
- 10 things happened, and she got pregnant, and then I told him
- 11 that -- because I came out of here -- came out and said,
- 12 'What are you going to do?' I said, 'You can't get
- 13 married, [Son].' You know, I said -- but things happened
- 14 so fast, and they did -- they quit, though. They didn't --
- 15 they came clean.
- 16 MS. KERRIE REAY: Oh, good, good.
- 17 **WOMAN E:** And next thing I know they had a
- 18 son, and -- and we worked around it and trying to build
- 19 something, so -- so -- but he -- he didn't -- he didn't
- 20 want to get involved with her and -- because it was too
- 21 problematic and -- with the drugs and stuff, and he was --
- MS. KERRIE REAY: Mm-hmm.
- 23 **WOMAN E:** -- afraid that he would go back
- 24 if he was around her.
- MS. KERRIE REAY: Mm-hmm.

1 WOMAN E: So -- but she wouldn't give up 2 on him, so she kept after him, and then finally he went -he moved to where her parents were in [City 2 in British 3 Columbia], and -- and then he went -- he went out to work 4 5 out there, and then next thing I know they were getting married, and he didn't tell me anything, so I just found 6 out, and so they got married and had -- and had a little 7 8 girl, and then -- and then they had twins. 9 MS. KERRIE REAY: Mmm. 10 WOMAN E: So it was fine for a while, and 11 no drugs, no nothing, so it was okay, but -- but it kind of 12 fizzled out. Okay. 13 MS. KERRIE REAY: Mm-hmm. Okay. 14 WOMAN E: So he left, because I think the 15 stress of his job, he worked hard, and then coming home and 16 doing all the dishes and looking after the kids, and his 17 wife wasn't doing anything, so it was like --18 MS. KERRIE REAY: Mmm. Making it hard. 19 **WOMAN E:** -- and she -- yeah --20 MS. KERRIE REAY: Makes it very hard. 21 WOMAN E: Yes. So, like, he couldn't take 22 that much any more. 23 MS. KERRIE REAY: Mm-hmm.

eventually they -- well, I don't know if the divorce is

WOMAN E: So he left, and -- and

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- 2 in -- with -- with the Child and Family Services -- oh,
- 3 everybody was just, 'No,' and, you know, I -- I told him, I
- 4 said, 'I'm not going to allow that. I want to take all
- 5 those kids. I will look after them, ' and -- but they
- 6 settled things.
- 7 MS. KERRIE REAY: Okay.
- 8 WOMAN E: She -- her mom wouldn't allow --
- 9 fought it too, like, so they decided she would keep the two
- 10 older ones, and then he would take the twins.
- 11 MS. KERRIE REAY: Okay.
- 12 **WOMAN E:** So now we have the twins.
- 13 MS. KERRIE REAY: Okay. All right. And
- 14 are you helping to raise the twins?
- 15 **WOMAN E:** Yeah, while he's working --
- 16 MS. KERRIE REAY: Right.
- 17 **WOMAN E:** -- and --
- 18 MS. KERRIE REAY: And is he -- has he --
- 19 has he been able to stay -- stay the course and stay off
- 20 the drugs?
- WOMAN E: Oh, yeah, they --
- 22 MS. KERRIE REAY: That's awesome.
- WOMAN E: -- he hasn't done --
- 24 MS. KERRIE REAY: That's awesome.
- 25 **WOMAN E:** He's been clean for years.

1	MS. KERRIE REAY: Okay. That's good.
2	WOMAN E: Like, about 15 year 15
3	MS. KERRIE REAY: Oh.
4	WOMAN E: 16, yeah
5	MS. KERRIE REAY: Oh, okay. Okay.
6	WOMAN E: Yeah, so I was happy about that.
7	MS. KERRIE REAY: Yeah. Okay. I just, I
8	wasn't sure I didn't realize it had been that long,
9	right, so
10	WOMAN E: Yeah.
11	MS. KERRIE REAY: but I am mindful of
12	the time, because you were also wanting to make sure that
13	you could get dinner here tonight, and we're at six
14	o'clock, so and I know it was important for you to talk
15	about the man who was stalking you and the policing, so did
16	you want to still talk about that or not?
17	WOMAN E: About the man who was stalking
18	me?
19	MS. KERRIE REAY: The man that was
20	stalking you, yes, because on your intake that was that
21	was one of the primary concerns that you had, was about the
22	man that was was stalking you for ten years, and the
23	police didn't do anything, and I wondered if you still
24	wanted to talk about that here today.
25	WOMAN E: Yes, well, something happened

- 1 that triggered the police to do -- well, chief of police,
- 2 triggered him into doing something.
- 3 MS. KERRIE REAY: Okay. But can you tell
- 4 the Commissioners how the stalking started? How did the --
- 5 how did the man start to stalk you? How did you meet him,
- 6 or did you know --
- 7 WOMAN E: Well --
- 8 MS. KERRIE REAY: -- you were being
- 9 stalked initially?
- 10 **WOMAN E:** When -- when all the transit --
- 11 when the transit -- B.C.-wide transit strike happened --
- MS. KERRIE REAY: Mm-hmm.
- 13 **WOMAN E:** -- and then we were -- we were -
- 14 I was helping with the homeless people there too, and --
- MS. KERRIE REAY: Mm-hmm.
- 16 **WOMAN E:** -- that's how I met them there.
- 17 He was homeless.
- 18 MS. KERRIE REAY: Oh, okay.
- 19 WOMAN E: And they started -- they started
- 20 being close and -- and I don't know what I did, like, they
- 21 didn't care, like, about themselves, it was like, they just
- 22 -- they just -- they just latched on and hung on and asking
- 23 me for money, and then I -- I gave them a place to stay,
- 24 but I -- that was the wrong thing to do. I shouldn't have
- 25 done that, but I just wanted to get them away from my --

- 1 from me, and --
- 2 MS. KERRIE REAY: Mm-hmm.
- 3 **WOMAN E:** -- but they didn't go away, so -
- 4 -
- 5 MS. KERRIE REAY: And that was -- and
- 6 that's how it started, was that you had tried to be kind
- 7 and helpful, and this man didn't understand that there were
- 8 boundaries.
- 9 WOMAN E: Yeah.
- 10 MS. KERRIE REAY: And -- and so he stalked
- 11 you, you said, for about ten years? And --
- 12 **WOMAN E:** I had to move out of the
- 13 province because of that, and -- and I -- when I moved out
- 14 there, and I didn't -- I shouldn't have had my number
- 15 listed.
- 16 MS. KERRIE REAY: Right.
- 17 **WOMAN E:** That's how he found me.
- 18 MS. KERRIE REAY: And what would he ask
- 19 for? Like, what would he say to you when he talked to you?
- 20 What did he want?
- 21 WOMAN E: Oh, nothing. I just -- I wasn't
- 22 -- just conversational, and just not to give him anything,
- 23 not do --
- 24 MS. KERRIE REAY: No, no, not you, but
- 25 what was he wanting? Like, if he phoned you, was he asking

1 you for money? Was he asking you if he could stay with

- 2 you? What sort of things was he asking of you when he
- 3 contacted you?
- 4 WOMAN E: Well, he was -- he was in
- 5 Vancouver, and I was way out in Manitoba.
- 6 MS. KERRIE REAY: Okay. But initially the
- 7 stalking started in Vancouver.
- 8 WOMAN E: Yes.
- 9 MS. KERRIE REAY: Okay. So how did you
- 10 know -- like, what was happening for you that you realized
- 11 that this man was stalking you?
- 12 WOMAN E: Well, when I came back, just
- 13 when I came back here, I thought it was just like a
- 14 friendly thing --
- 15 MS. KERRIE REAY: Right. Right.
- 16 **WOMAN E:** -- at first, and then when --
- 17 when -- when I came out here, I checked into a hotel for a
- 18 while until I found a place.
- MS. KERRIE REAY: Mm-hmm.
- 20 **WOMAN E:** So that he started coming there,
- 21 and -- and he used to give the hotel clerk a hard time, and
- 22 he would lie down, and he drank a lot too, and then I would
- 23 find him passing out on my door --
- MS. KERRIE REAY: Okay.
- 25 **WOMAN E:** -- when I'd come home, and --

- 1 MS. KERRIE REAY: And is that when you
- 2 called the police?
- WOMAN E: Well, yeah, yeah, because the
- 4 hotel clerks were concerned for me, and just -- it was
- 5 horrible.
- 6 MS. KERRIE REAY: Mm-hmm. Mm-hmm.
- 7 **WOMAN E:** He was so, like, threatening --
- 8 MS. KERRIE REAY: Was he -- was he
- 9 aggressive with you?
- 10 **WOMAN E:** Oh, yeah, he was aggressive, and
- 11 he tried to make me believe that he owned everything that I
- 12 had, and he said, 'I've bought...' And I said, 'Who are
- 13 you -- you don't even have any money. You drink all your
- 14 money, whatever, 'and, you know --
- MS. KERRIE REAY: Mm-hmm. Do you think he
- 16 had some mental-health issues, some mental-health problems?
- 17 That he thought he owned your stuff, like?
- 18 **WOMAN E:** I've thought about that, and
- 19 that's when I started thinking he's got a mental-health
- 20 problem, and nobody -- and the police are not doing
- 21 anything. I got scared.
- 22 MS. KERRIE REAY: Okay. So let's go back
- 23 to your comment that the police aren't doing anything. So
- 24 did you make a report by the phone? Did the police come?
- 25 **WOMAN E:** Yeah, I went --

1	MS. KERRIE REAY: Mm-hmm.
2	WOMAN E: I had to stay in shelters to
3	get away from him so I wouldn't at least if people were
4	around me
5	MS. KERRIE REAY: Right.
6	WOMAN E: and the police wouldn't do
7	anything. Like, I told them, I said, 'I don't want to stay
8	in shelters all the time. I have to have a nice a place
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10	MS. KERRIE REAY: Mm-hmm.
11	WOMAN E: that nobody will come barging
12	or follow me there, ' and
13	MS. KERRIE REAY: Mm-hmm.
14	WOMAN E: but they didn't do anything.
15	MS. KERRIE REAY: And what police
16	department was that?
17	WOMAN E: Vancouver.
18	MS. KERRIE REAY: Vancouver.
19	WOMAN E: They made said, 'Oh, [makes
20	mumbling sounds].' Typical excuses that they don't have
21	any help. But he that man was like, he would he's a
22	smooth talker, like
23	MS. KERRIE REAY: Mmm. Okay.

and then turn around and say another thing.

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WOMAN E: -- he'll -- he'll say something

1	MS. KERRIE REAY: Right. Right.
2	WOMAN E: And so the police they're
3	supposed to be trained to know these things too. That's
4	why I was so
5	MS. KERRIE REAY: Mm-hmm.
6	WOMAN E: disgusted with them, because
7	it was sloppy work of investigative
8	MS. KERRIE REAY: Mm-hmm.
9	WOMAN E: believing they didn't want
10	to believe me. They believed him.
11	MS. KERRIE REAY: And for the record, this
12	man was a homeless, non-indigenous person. He was white.
13	WOMAN E: Yeah. And he was homeless until
14	he's never had a home of his own.
15	MS. KERRIE REAY: Mmm.
16	WOMAN E: And
17	MS. KERRIE REAY: Are you aware of his
18	whereabouts now? No.
19	WOMAN E: No.
20	MS. KERRIE REAY: And you're shaking "no".
21	WOMAN E: After after I spoke with Tim
22	(ph) too, like, when he was chief of police
23	MS. KERRIE REAY: Uh-huh.

just disappeared.

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WOMAN E: -- about everything, and I -- he

1	MS. KERRIE REAY: Mmm. Okay.
2	WOMAN E: Like, I haven't seen him since
3	then, like, three or four years now.
4	MS. KERRIE REAY: Okay. So
5	WOMAN E: So
6	MS. KERRIE REAY: about about 2014
7	you haven't seen him. That would be about three-and-a-half
8	years, so since about 2013, 2014 you haven't seen him?
9	WOMAN E: Well, I have I've been
10	recording stuff, but they're all in my files at home
11	MS. KERRIE REAY: Okay. Okay. All right.
12	WOMAN E: because
13	MS. KERRIE REAY: But you weren't happy
14	you weren't happy with the fact that the police didn't
15	WOMAN E: Totally
16	MS. KERRIE REAY: take you seriously.
17	WOMAN E: unhappy.
18	MS. KERRIE REAY: Yeah.
19	WOMAN E: It was just so disgusting,
20	because
21	MS. KERRIE REAY: You're mm-hmm.
22	WOMAN E: a lot of other women were
23	saying that, why the police used to pick up hookers
24	downtown east side and then take them somewhere, and then
25	they'd end up at Pickton's farm, because they approached me

- 1 to investigate, but I couldn't do it because I had other
- 2 things that I couldn't just let go.
- 3 MS. KERRIE REAY: Right.
- 4 WOMAN E: So I told them -- I told them
- 5 that, and said, 'Well, maybe when I have free time, maybe
- 6 I'll work on it, but I can't promise you anything.'
- 7 MS. KERRIE REAY: Right.
- 8 WOMAN E: And so they told me these
- 9 things, like, that's why they were afraid, and they were
- 10 afraid of the police, and I -- I could not believe what I
- 11 heard.
- 12 MS. KERRIE REAY: Mmm.
- 13 **WOMAN E:** And after -- I didn't even know
- 14 about Pickton's farm until he was -- he was coming downtown
- 15 here, picking up women, and he had an accomplice.
- 16 MS. KERRIE REAY: Oh.
- 17 **WOMAN E:** And he had women that -- that
- 18 were trusted down there, and lured other women.
- 19 MS. KERRIE REAY: To his farm. So --
- 20 WOMAN E: Yeah.
- 21 MS. KERRIE REAY: -- if I understand you
- 22 correctly, there were women on the downtown east side were
- 23 luring other women to the Pickton farm for Robert Pickton.
- 24 **WOMAN E:** Yeah.
- 25 MS. KERRIE REAY: Okay. Now, just to go

- 1 back to make sure I've covered, when you were complaining
- 2 about this man that was stalking you, did you ever get a
- 3 police file number?
- 4 WOMAN E: Yes, I did.
- 5 MS. KERRIE REAY: Okay.
- 6 **WOMAN E:** It's somewhere in my files.
- 7 MS. KERRIE REAY: Okay. No, that's okay.
- 8 That's --
- 9 WOMAN E: I remember I made sure that I
- 10 had that number.
- 11 MS. KERRIE REAY: Okay. All right. If
- 12 there's -- and your files are at home, right?
- 13 **WOMAN E:** What?
- 14 MS. KERRIE REAY: Your files are at home?
- 15 **WOMAN E:** Yes.
- 16 MS. KERRIE REAY: Did -- would it be okay
- 17 if I call you at home to get the police file number?
- MS. ANITA CHUBB-KENNEDY: One of my
- 19 friends wants to come here tomorrow too.
- 20 MS. KERRIE REAY: Okay. Okay.
- 21 MS. ANITA CHUBB-KENNEDY: So I told her I
- 22 would come with her --
- MS. KERRIE REAY: Okay. Why don't you
- 24 bring your number.
- MS. ANITA CHUBB-KENNEDY: -- so I'll bring

them, and --

- 2 MS. KERRIE REAY: Okay.
- 3 MS. ANITA CHUBB-KENNEDY: -- and tonight
- 4 I'll go through --
- 5 **MS. KERRIE REAY:** Okay.
- 6 MS. ANITA CHUBB-KENNEDY: -- everything.
- 7 MS. KERRIE REAY: Yeah, yeah, and just,
- 8 you know where I met you today at the family registration
- 9 table.
- 10 MS. ANITA CHUBB-KENNEDY: Yes.
- 11 MS. KERRIE REAY: You can leave that
- 12 number there for me if I'm -- because I'm working tomorrow,
- 13 taking statements.
- 14 MS. ANITA CHUBB-KENNEDY: Yes.
- MS. KERRIE REAY: And so if I'm not at the
- 16 table there, then you can leave -- and just say it's for
- 17 Kerrie, and make sure that Kerrie gets this police file
- 18 number, and I'll know One of my friends wants to come
- 19 here tomorrow too.
- MS. KERRIE REAY: Okay, okay.
- 21 WOMAN E: So I told her I would come with
- 22 her -
- 23 MS. KERRIE REAY: Okay. Why don't you bring
- 24 your number WOMAN E: -- so I'll bring them, and -
- 25 **MS. KERRIE REAY:** Okay.

back --MS. KERRIE REAY: Okay.

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WOMAN E: I'd better -- oh, I will come

1	WOMAN E: can you can I get a copy
2	of my stuff there and and you can keep it?
3	MS. KERRIE REAY: Oh, okay. So you did
4	need me to photocopy your letters.
5	WOMAN E: Yes, because
6	MS. KERRIE REAY: Okay.
7	WOMAN E: I do you want to know the
8	reason why I'm asking? Because I forgot to
9	MS. KERRIE REAY: No, I don't
10	WOMAN E: mark I have copies, but I
11	don't know what I have.
12	MS. KERRIE REAY: Yeah, that's not a
13	problem. I can photocopy
14	WOMAN E: Okay.
15	MS. KERRIE REAY: this for you.
16	WOMAN E: So
17	MS. KERRIE REAY: Okay?
18	WOMAN E: Okay. Thanks.
19	MS. KERRIE REAY: And and then what
20	I'll do is, is when I give you this back, how about see,
21	this is your this is your letter to the Inquiry.
22	WOMAN E: Yes.
23	MS. KERRIE REAY: I'll photocopy it, but
24	I'll put my name on the back.

WOMAN E: Okay.

1 MS. KERRIE REAY: So you've got it when 2 you come tomorrow --3 **WOMAN E:** Okay. MS. KERRIE REAY: -- with the file number 4 5 6 **WOMAN E:** Okay. 7 MS. KERRIE REAY: -- okay? Just... Okay. 8 And I just -- I just noticed that it's getting late for 9 you, so we still have some time if there's other stuff that 10 you want to talk about, but I know you wanted to get 11 dinner, and you've got [a period of time] trip to go back 12 to [City 1 in British Columbia], so I want to make sure 13 that you're travelling in the light and that it's safe for 14 you to go, okay? 15 WOMAN E: Okay. 16 MS. KERRIE REAY: Okay. And I want to get 17 this photocopied for you before you leave tonight, so --18 WOMAN E: Okay. 19 MS. KERRIE REAY: -- so was there anything 20 else that you wanted to -- you were talking about just 21 providing some information about what you were aware about 22 the women in the Pickton farm? 23 WOMAN E: Yes. Because other women 24 approached when I was volunteering at the downtown east

side a lot, and they were telling me that some of the

- 1 Vancouver police were picking up girls and -- working
- 2 girls, that is --
- 3 MS. KERRIE REAY: Uh-huh.
- 4 **WOMAN E:** -- and taking them to a hotel or
- 5 somewhere, and then didn't come back, and then one of them
- 6 said that it was the Pickton farm.
- 7 MS. KERRIE REAY: Mm-hmm.
- 8 WOMAN E: But I didn't even know about the
- 9 Pickton farm.
- 10 MS. KERRIE REAY: Okay.
- 11 **WOMAN E:** I thought, oh, they were going
- 12 out for the country, you know, I thought, I don't --
- 13 MS. KERRIE REAY: Yeah.
- 14 WOMAN E: -- I didn't even know until it
- 15 blew up, and the media was all over it, and I said --
- 16 MS. KERRIE REAY: Mm-hmm.
- 17 **WOMAN E:** -- it was like -- and then I
- 18 regretted not investigating more about --
- 19 MS. KERRIE REAY: Right.
- 20 **WOMAN E:** -- what --
- 21 MS. KERRIE REAY: Right. Right. Right.
- 22 WOMAN E: And it -- that being said, I was
- 23 -- when he bragged about killing 49, and he had said that,
- 24 'I was sloppy, and I would have had one more, would have
- 25 been 50,' and he was bragging in his cell, and that -- this

1 last year I think was another -- they only charged him

- 2 with, I forget how many, 25 or something like that.
- 3 MS. KERRIE REAY: Mm-hmm. Mm-hmm.
- 4 WOMAN E: And -- and we were, like,
- 5 because -- said, 'He killed all those women, and, like,
- 6 he's getting away with murder with all those other ones,
- 7 and --
- 8 MS. KERRIE REAY: Right.
- 9 **WOMAN E:** -- and then he's going to be
- 10 paroled in 25 years. That's not justice.'
- MS. KERRIE REAY: Mm-hmm.
- 12 **WOMAN E:** That's another thing I want to
- 13 talk about.
- 14 MS. KERRIE REAY: But that only means that
- 15 he can apply for parole in 25 years. It doesn't mean he
- 16 gets it. He has to apply for it.
- 17 **WOMAN E:** Yes, but we've seen something
- 18 that happened in --
- 19 MS. KERRIE REAY: Yes.
- 20 **WOMAN E:** -- other areas.
- MS. KERRIE REAY: Yes, yes.
- 22 **WOMAN E:** So -- and it just -- so I'm just
- 23 -- and what shocked me was, like --
- MS. KERRIE REAY: Mm-hmm.
- 25 **WOMAN E:** -- Christy Clark was the

- 1 Premier, and she let -- like, she okayed it, and it's like,
- 2 she -- she had Wally Oppal doing the work, because Wally
- 3 Oppal lost his seat when -- when the election happened,
- 4 and, like, we went campaigning against him, because -- it's
- 5 so horrible --
- 6 **MS. KERRIE REAY:** Mm-hmm.
- 7 **WOMAN E:** -- people that are supposed to
- 8 be in power to protect people and working --
- 9 MS. KERRIE REAY: Right.
- 10 **WOMAN E:** -- for people --
- 11 MS. KERRIE REAY: Yeah.
- 12 **WOMAN E:** -- they're not. And so we went,
- 13 campaigned against Wally Oppal, and he lost his seat, and
- 14 then Christy Clark appointed him to do the --
- 15 MS. KERRIE REAY: The Oppal Inquiry?
- 16 **WOMAN E:** Yeah, for the (inaudible) and I
- 17 was like, 'Oh...' And then Christy Clark okayed the thing
- 18 about cutting those charges in half, like, only charge for
- 19 23 women instead of the 49. So it's -- that's another
- 20 thing.
- 21 MS. KERRIE REAY: Mm-hmm. Mm-hmm.
- 22 **WOMAN E:** And, well, I went campaigning
- 23 against Christy Clark, and she lost her seat in Point Grey,
- 24 and -- and David Eby got in.
- MS. KERRIE REAY: Mm-hmm.

- 1 **WOMAN E:** Well, we -- we had to have 2 someone... [Laughter]
- 3 MS. KERRIE REAY: Okay. So [Woman E], I'm
- 4 just going to ask you, is there anything else that you
- 5 would like the Inquiry to know? Because I think we've
- 6 covered what you were wanting to speak about, but I just
- 7 want to make sure if there's anything else, because it is
- 8 starting to get late.
- 9 **WOMAN E:** Yeah. Well, I'm just -- my most
- 10 important thing too --
- 11 MS. KERRIE REAY: Mm-hmm.
- 12 **WOMAN E:** -- right now is, like, the fact
- 13 that that man hit my little grandson. He's only five years
- 14 old. Well, he just turned six now.
- 15 MS. KERRIE REAY: Uh-huh.
- 16 **WOMAN E:** But that -- that is the most
- 17 important thing that I want to -- I want to do --
- 18 MS. KERRIE REAY: Okay.
- 19 **WOMAN E:** -- work on it. I want that man
- 20 charged, and [Police Officer 8] lies, and he didn't -- he
- 21 didn't give me anything. He didn't -- he said he would
- 22 give me a copy of what we were saying, he said he was
- 23 recording it, and he never did. And he --
- MS. KERRIE REAY: Okay.
- 25 **WOMAN E:** -- just said, 'Just shut it

- 1 off.'
- 2 MS. KERRIE REAY: So if you're wanting
- 3 that kind of information, FELU (ph) downstairs -- I'll take
- 4 you by their office. They can help you get a copy of your
- 5 statement that you gave to the police if you want that
- 6 сору.
- 7 **WOMAN E:** Oh, with the --
- 8 MS. KERRIE REAY: That's --
- 9 **WOMAN E:** -- little -- with my little
- 10 grandson?
- 11 MS. KERRIE REAY: Yes.
- 12 WOMAN E: Oh.
- 13 MS. KERRIE REAY: If you want that for
- 14 your records --
- 15 **WOMAN E:** They didn't give me anything.
- 16 They --
- 17 MS. KERRIE REAY: Yeah, we can --
- 18 **WOMAN E:** -- didn't --
- MS. KERRIE REAY: -- we can get -- we can
- 20 -- FELU will help you get that for you. So I can take you
- 21 down there when we're finished here --
- 22 WOMAN E: Okay.
- MS. KERRIE REAY: -- and introduce you to
- 24 them, and then if -- then you can get that for your
- 25 records. Would that help?

- 6 MS. KERRIE REAY: Mm-hmm.
- 7 **WOMAN E:** -- I don't have a problem

8 looking after them.

and I know --

- 9 MS. KERRIE REAY: Right.
- 10 **WOMAN E:** They're in kindergarten now.
- 11 MS. KERRIE REAY: And they're twins.
- 12 **WOMAN E:** Yeah.
- 13 MS. KERRIE REAY: Okay. Okay. What are
- 14 their names?
- 15 **WOMAN E:** [Grandson 1] and [Grandson 2].
- 16 MS. KERRIE REAY: Oh, nice, nice. Nice.
- 17 **WOMAN E:** They don't look like twins,
- 18 though. One is taller than the other one.
- 19 MS. KERRIE REAY: Shorter, is it? Okay,
- 20 [Woman E].
- 21 Any last comments for the Inquiry before
- 22 we close?
- 23 WOMAN E: Well, I would like real change -
- 24 -
- MS. KERRIE REAY: Mm-hmm.

- 1 **WOMAN E:** -- like, to listen to people,
- 2 not just what to do and with profession, but some of those
- 3 women don't have any power. They don't have any money.
- 4 And that's who I'm concerned with.
- 5 MS. KERRIE REAY: Right. Right.
- 6 WOMAN E: And I was lucky, because of all
- 7 the -- all the people I know and my parents and --
- 8 MS. KERRIE REAY: Mm-hmm.
- 9 **WOMAN E:** -- everything that I grew up
- 10 around, except the residential school. That was a
- 11 nightmare --
- 12 MS. KERRIE REAY: That must -- yes, yes.
- 13 **WOMAN E:** I'm still scared of that man.
- 14 MS. KERRIE REAY: I bet. I bet.
- 15 **WOMAN E:** I didn't -- I didn't want to say
- 16 anything about that, because it's still lurking around,
- 17 like --
- 18 MS. KERRIE REAY: Right. Okay.
- 19 **WOMAN E:** -- because he told me that he
- 20 went to meetings with all those people and those kids, and
- 21 I was -- and I'm sure he did that to more than one.
- 22 MS. KERRIE REAY: Yes. More than likely.
- 23 More than likely.
- 24 **WOMAN E:** Yeah.
- MS. KERRIE REAY: Yeah, yeah.

1	WOMAN E: So anyway, I don't know
2	MS. KERRIE REAY: So what I hear you
3	saying is, is you want to make sure that the women such as
4	the women on the downtown east side have a voice. That's
5	what I'm hearing you say, is that it's
6	WOMAN E: Yes.
7	MS. KERRIE REAY: important that
8	WOMAN E: Not just downtown east side, but
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10	MS. KERRIE REAY: But
11	WOMAN E: any city area
12	MS. KERRIE REAY: Right.
13	WOMAN E: but they don't have any money
14	to vulnerable and
15	MS. KERRIE REAY: Right.
16	WOMAN E: they don't have anybody to
17	no families, sometimes, most of them
18	MS. KERRIE REAY: Mm-hmm.
19	WOMAN E: don't have any families, and
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21	MS. KERRIE REAY: Yeah. No advocacy, so -
22	- good.
23	WOMAN E: Yeah.
24	MS. KERRIE REAY: Good.
25	WOMAN E: Because I've been across the

1 country, and it's the same thing. Like, the same 2 situation, and my -- my cousin was -- she's a retired nurse, and she knows all of this too, because she works --3 4 MS. KERRIE REAY: Mmm. 5 WOMAN E: -- in the hospital, and with 6 other -- and she volunteers too. 7 MS. KERRIE REAY: Mm-hmm. 8 WOMAN E: So we share information --9 MS. KERRIE REAY: Right. 10 WOMAN E: -- and --11 MS. KERRIE REAY: Right. 12 WOMAN E: -- talk about things, and how --13 what we can do, and --14 MS. KERRIE REAY: Mm-hmm. 15 WOMAN E: But sometimes the people that 16 are supposed to be helping are not. 17 MS. KERRIE REAY: Right. Right. Okay. WOMAN E: Yeah. 18 19 MS. KERRIE REAY: All right. Well, I'd 20 like to thank you so much for coming all this way to share your truth, and appreciate you making the time to --21 22 WOMAN E: Well, at first --MS. KERRIE REAY: -- do that. 23

said, 'Oh, nothing's going to happen,' and I thought, well,

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WOMAN E: -- at first I was sceptical, and

- 1 I'll push things. I'll make them so...
- 2 MS. KERRIE REAY: Yeah. Well, I've taken
- 3 a lot of notes, and we'll go and photocopy this. It's --
- 4 we'll close off now. It's quarter after 6:00. It's 6:15 -
- 5 –
- 6 **WOMAN E:** It's already quarter after 6:00?
- 7 MS. KERRIE REAY: It's quarter after 6:00.
- 8 No worries. But I do want to make sure that you have a
- 9 chance to eat and get a coffee and be able to travel back
- 10 while it's light, and get this photocopied, so we'll go off
- 11 the record. It's 6:15.
- 12 WOMAN E: Okay.
- 13 MS. KERRIE REAY: So thank you.
- 14 --- Whereupon the statement concluded at 6:15 p.m.

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