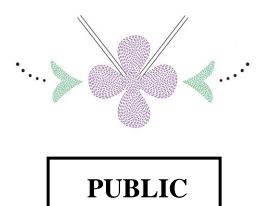
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| 8 | Upon commencing on Tuesday, September 26, 2017 at 4:10 |
| 9 | p.m. |
| 10 | MR. BREEN OUELLETTE: So what is your |
| 11 | relationship to Doreen? |
| 12 | MS. JOCELYN KOLLER: Doreen is my oldest |
| 13 | half sister. Katie Paul was my mum and she's but we |
| 14 | both have different fathers. |
| 15 | MR. BREEN OUELLETTE: Okay. And do you |
| 16 | share any other siblings with Doreen? |
| 17 | MS. JOCELYN KOLLER: Yes. I have a Loraine |
| 18 | Jack, and Marlene Jack, and that's the only ones I |
| 19 | remember. |
| 20 | MR. BREEN OUELLETTE: Okay. Thank you. Did |
| 21 | Doreen go missing or has it been confirmed that she was |
| 22 | murdered? |
| 23 | MS. JOCELYN KOLLER: It's unknown. She's |
| 24 | missing as far as I know. |
| 25 | MR. BREEN OUELLETTE: And you've already |

confirmed that she went missing with her family. 1 MS. JOCELYN KOLLER: Yes. She went missing 2 in August of 1989. It was her, and her husband, and their 3 two kids. 4 5 MR. BREEN OUELLETTE: And your common parent was Katie Paul Edmonds, you said? 6 MS. JOCELYN KOLLER: Yes. 7 8 MR. BREEN OUELLETTE: Is your mother alive today? 9 10 MS. JOCELYN KOLLER: No. Katie passed away in 2013, on September 1st. 11 MR. BREEN OUELLETTE: So she passed away 12 after Doreen went missing? 13 MS. JOCELYN KOLLER: Yes, she did. 14 MR. BREEN OUELLETTE: Did you know Doreen 15 very well? 16 17 MS. JOCELYN KOLLER: No. I was adopted off the Reserve at the age of two. And I just know of what 18 Katie has told. 19 MR. BREEN OUELLETTE: Okay. So I would like 20 to come back to Doreen after a time, but first I want to 21 22 put your adoption into a proper context and talk about your 23 experiences as a survivor of violence. What was your name before you were put up for adoption? 24 25 MS. JOCELYN KOLLER: My name was Joyce Marie

1 Paul.

MR. BREEN OUELLETTE: And do you know why 2 you were put up for adoption? 3 MS. JOCELYN KOLLER: Katie, my mum, had told 4 5 me that she was forced to, she had to do it. And my auntie 6 has said the same thing, Katie was forced to do it, but nobody told me why she was forced to do it. 7 8 MR. BREEN OUELLETTE: Do you know your birth father's name? 9 MS. JOCELYN KOLLER: It's James Douglas. 10 MR. BREEN OUELLETTE: Do you know if your 11 mother told James that she was giving you up for adoption? 12 MS. JOCELYN KOLLER: No. She didn't. She 13 just did it. I don't know why. 14 MR. BREEN OUELLETTE: Do you know if James 15 found out that you were put up for adoption? 16 17 MS. JOCELYN KOLLER: James found out that I was put up for adoption and when -- the day of him finding 18 out he started drinking and he started looking for me. 19 This is what my aunt has told me and he drank himself -- he 20 had two other kids with a new lady but was not a very good 21 father because all he talked about was his -- me, his angel 22 Joyce, and how he couldn't find her. 23 MR. BREEN OUELLETTE: So did you ever meet 24 25 your birth father?

MS. JOCELYN KOLLER: No. 1 MR. BREEN OUELLETTE: Who were you adopted 2 to? 3 MS. JOCELYN KOLLER: I was adopted out to 4 Larry and Cathy [Koller] who lived in Quesnel at the time, 5 but then we moved shortly afterwards to Tulameen, which is 6 outside Princeton. 7 8 MR. BREEN OUELLETTE: What kind of work did the [Kollers] do? 9 MS. JOCELYN KOLLER: They -- Larry was a 10 ranch hand to -- for Mr. and Mrs. West and so he was the 11 ranch hand and Cathy was just the stay at home person. 12 MR. BREEN OUELLETTE: 13 MR. BREEN OUELLETTE: Are the [Kollers] part 14 of your Indigenous community? 15 MS. JOCELYN KOLLER: No. They are far from 16 that. They are non-Natives, they're -- they had no, not 17 even a care about, like, anything Native. 18 MR. BREEN OUELLETTE: Do you know how your 19 adoption happened? 20 MS. JOCELYN KOLLER: When I finally found 21 out that I was adopted, which was like when I was in grade 22 -- almost grade 8. I didn't know I was adopted until then, 23 and when I found out they told me, of course. But that was 24 after I went to the welfare office to find out, because I 25

thought I was adopted, because I was different. 1 MR. BREEN OUELLETTE: So what were you told 2 about how you were adopted at the time? How did your 3 mother come to adopt you to the Kollers]? 4 MS. JOCELYN KOLLER: Cathy [Koller] was at 5 the courthouse in Quesnel and Katie, my birth mum, was at 6 the courthouse at the same time. They were in the elevator 7 8 and Cathy had said to Katie, "Oh, your daughter is so beautiful -- pretty. She has such lovely eyes." And 9 Katie's response to her was, "Oh, she's going up for 10 adoption. Did you want to adopt her?" And a few days --11 it took not very long. Cathy said it was a matter of a few 12 days and then I was adopted out. 13 MR. BREEN OUELLETTE: Do you think it was 14 fair to James that your adoption was allowed to proceed so 15 quickly? 16 17 MS. JOCELYN KOLLER: It wasn't fair to him because from what I've been told, if he had known, he would 18 have taken me before I got taken off the Reserve. 19 MR. BREEN OUELLETTE: Do you think it was 20 fair to you to be adopted outside of your Indigenous 21 community? 22 23 MS. JOCELYN KOLLER: No, it wasn't fair because I don't know anything, like, the simple things. I 24 was raised to not bring -- like, not brought up, like, to 25

know how to hunt, or how to fish properly, or how to speak 1 my own language, or know my relatives. And a lot of my 2 relatives are gone. My brother is gone and he looked for 3 4 me. 5 MR. BREEN OUELLETTE: Did you have any 6 adopted siblings? MS. JOCELYN KOLLER: Yes, I had younger than 7 8 It was Aaron [Koller] and younger than him was Charity me. [Koller], and they were all about two years apart. 9 MR. BREEN OUELLETTE: Do you remember having 10 difficulty adjusting to the adoption as a two-year-old and 11 moving on into early grade school? 12 MS. JOCELYN KOLLER: I know I failed 13 kindergarten because I wasn't speaking properly. I also 14 heard -- up to grade 3, I just cheated my way through 15 school so that I did what the teacher wanted. And then 16 17 they found out that I was cheating and I actually really didn't know what I was talking -- they were talking about. 18 So I had to do homeschooling for a whole summer. 19 MR. BREEN OUELLETTE: Have you heard 20 anything from your blood relatives, aunties, or sisters 21 about why you might have had trouble adapting to school at 22 23 a young age? MS. JOCELYN KOLLER: My auntie Monica said, 24 when I talked to her at my -- after my mum's funeral in 25

2013 she asked me if I knew any of my language. And I was 1 like, no, and she said, "You were so good at it when you 2 were young, it's surprising you don't remember any of it." 3 And I was like, "I don't know." 4 5 MR. BREEN OUELLETTE: Did you experience any 6 abuse in the [Koller] family? MS. JOCELYN KOLLER: When I was in -- I 7 8 finished grade 5 and in the summer before going into grade 6, Cathy had started working at the camp. B.C. Parks has a 9 camp attendant or whatever they do. And when that started 10 she'd leave early morning and she'd come home briefly in 11 the daytime and then she'd go back at night. 12 And Larry, like, we would be sitting 13 watching cartoons and Larry would say -- put his -- my hand 14 on his lap and I didn't know what I was doing. But 15 apparently it was his penis and he made rub it between --16 17 on his pajamas. He did that for quite a few times and I didn't know -- have any idea. And then he would get me to 18 sit on his lap and slide me up and down his leg, on his 19 penis, in his pajamas. 20 My sister Charity thought it was funny and 21 she wanted to sit on his lap, but he'd always put her on 22 23 the other side. He did it and then he would always say how much I liked it and I didn't know what he was talking 24 about. And I felt like -- I felt wrong but I didn't know -25

- I had to do what he said. 1 MR. BREEN OUELLETTE: And you were how old 2 at this time? 3 MS. JOCELYN KOLLER: I was 10 years old, 4 5 maybe 11, I can't -- I'm pretty sure I was only 10. MR. BREEN OUELLETTE: And did the abuse 6 escalate further? 7 8 MS. JOCELYN KOLLER: Yeah. He got bored of that, I quess. He'd send my brother and my sister, Aaron 9 and Charity, outside to play. Then he told me, like, we 10 were never allowed in my mum's room, never. And then the 11 one day he's like, "You can come in here." And I'm like, 12 "No, I'm not allowed." And he's like, "You are, come in. 13 Do you want to try on this shirt?" And I'm like, "No, 14 that's my mum's. No." And he said to try it on, so I 15 tried it one. 16

17 He said that I looked so beautiful in it and then he pushed -- took me to the bed. He pushed me onto 18 the bed and held me down by my throat and my chest and he 19 said I was enjoying this. This is what I've been asking 20 for. I don't remember asking for anything. As he pushed 21 his penis into me it hurt so much he -- after screaming he 22 covered me. He just -- it hurt. It felt like hours went 23 by and when he was done he'd say, "Get up. Go have a 24 shower, you don't want to get pregnant." I didn't even 25

1 know what he was talking about.

Like, he did it a number of times after 2 that. He came into my room in the middle of the night, 3 when everybody else was asleep, and he'd tell me to be 4 5 quiet. He'd put a hand over his mouth and tell me how much 6 I was enjoying it. I know I had my dog try and sleep with me, and my dog wouldn't let him in my room, then he kicked 7 8 my dog outside. A few days later my dog was no longer around. He said he ran off. But I don't know if he ran 9 off or if Larry helped him run away, because he wouldn't 10 let Larry near me. But then he was gone. 11

He proceeded to do it for the rest of the summer and the summer we started grade 6. And I was -then I just got mad and I told Cathy that Larry had hurt me and she's like, "That's it we're leaving." And she packed up our stuff. We got into Princetown, she was on the payphone for quite a long time.

It was raining really bad that night and 18 cold, and then she came out and all three of us kids were 19 in the phonebooth with her and she turned to me and she 20 said, "You sure this happened? Because if it did..." she 21 goes, "...or are you just making it up?" And I said, "It 22 23 happened." And she's like, well, she goes, "We can -- you can just forget this happened and we can go back home. We 24 can have the farm, your horse, your dog, your animals, or 25

| 1 | we can just leave. But you're going to tear Aaron and |
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| 2 | Charity away from the only father they know. You're going |
| 3 | to never see your animals again, they'll get they'll go |
| 4 | to the slaughterhouse. They'll get nobody is going to |
| 5 | feed them and look after them. Or did you just maybe |
| 6 | mistakenly, and you will just be quiet about this?" |
| 7 | And I said, "I'm not lying though." And she |
| 8 | said, "Well, make up your mind right now." And I said, "I |
| 9 | guess we'll go back home and I'll be quiet." And she we |
| 10 | did. We went back home and it wasn't it was a lot |
| 11 | worse. |
| 12 | I was turned into their bad kid because I |
| 13 | was the one that had to cook. I was the one who had to |
| 14 | clean. I everything that nobody else wanted to do, they |
| 15 | were like, "You go do that. How come this isn't done?" |
| 16 | Aaron and Charity would go to bed like 9:00 at night, I was |
| 17 | 11:00 at night still doing stuff. And then I'd get in |
| 18 | trouble for not having it done in time. I didn't know. It |
| 19 | was like, anything fun came up it would be like, "Well you |
| 20 | better get all this done before you go or you're not |
| 21 | going." |
| 22 | MR. BREEN OUELLETTE: So you have told me |
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23 previously the list of chores that you were forced to do,
24 basically any time that you weren't in school. Could you
25 tell me what those were?

MS. JOCELYN KOLLER: We had -- I had to be
up at 3:00 in the morning to get myself ready for school.
We had to leave for -- the bus left Tulameen at 7:00,
because school started like at 7:30 or 8:00. We had to
travel to Princetown, so it was like 45 minutes into
Tulameen and then another 45 minutes into Princetown.

I would be up at 3:00 in the morning. I'd 7 8 get myself ready for school, and getting myself ready meaning jumping clothes to go out. First, I had to milk 9 the cow. I had to go clean the chicken coop, make sure 10 everything was ready for them to have eggs today. I had to 11 chop the fire for Aaron to get stacked so that Cathy didn't 12 have to go outside to get firewood. I had to make sure the 13 water was on for oatmeal for breakfast, make sure the 14 dishes from breakfast were done before we walked out the 15 door for school. 16

17 As Charity would sit there in the mirror curling her hair, saying, "Boy, your hair is a mess. Is 18 that how you're going to school?" I'm like, "I don't have 19 time to do my hair. I don't have time to put makeup on." 20 And she was, "Well, sucks to be you." And that was her 21 common saying to me was, "It sucks to be you." And any 22 23 time they -- Charity would be told "You have to put the dished away tonight." If she said, "Tonight I don't want 24 to. I already did my chore." Cathy would always side with 25

her and Aaron, like, "Yeah, they already did their chore,
 so you do it."

At nights, after school, the first on home, 3 in -- I'd go in, I'd change. Because if I wore my school 4 5 clothes to do my chores, I got in trouble for wreaking my school clothes. If I wore my good clothes when I wasn't 6 supposed to, we were in trouble, like more than we were 7 8 before. But then I was also in trouble if I didn't change fast enough to get my chores done, because my chores were 9 supposed to be done by a certain time. 10

But my chores would be done, but then Aaron 11 would be like, "Well, I don't want to chop firewood today." 12 Or "I don't want to bring firewood in." And "You", it 13 wasn't Jocelyn, it was "you, go get the -- get this done. 14 Why isn't this done?" There was -- doing the dishes, 15 making the dinner, cleaning the table, setting the table, 16 17 clearing the table, redoing dishes, sweeping and mopping the kitchen floor, putting a load of laundry in, putting 18 the loads in the dryer, getting the laundry folded, out of 19 the dryer, getting the next load in. 20

There was firewood to be brought in, there was chickens to be fed, milk the cow. I had to milk my cow two times a day. It wasn't technically my cow, but it turned into my cow because it was my chore. And this was all before school and then right after school. I sometimes

wouldn't finish until like 11:00 at night and I'd go to sleep in time to wake up to do it all over again. If I slacked on every -- something, I had even more to do, like, later on.

5 When it was haying season, it was my chore 6 to help get the hay off the field. Aaron was the boy, but 7 no, "You, get the hay off the field." If the horses 8 escaped, "You, the horses escaped." And it's either I go 9 get the horses or I could kill them. Like, we'll need 10 them. So I'd go get the horses. Like, I did whatever I 11 was told.

MR. BREEN OUELLETTE: Was it after the sexual abuse ended that you learned that you were adopted? MS. JOCELYN KOLLER: It wasn't until when I was almost in grade 8 that I learned that I was adopted. And my girlfriend said, "You have to be adopted, you're nothing like them." And Larry had said once, because I

18 dropped a bowl and food went everywhere -- I don't know why 19 it was such a big deal because I was the one who cleaned 20 anyways. But he said to me, he goes, "You dirty little 21 Indian." He goes "You can't even hold a bowl. What's wrong 22 with you?" And I thought, hey, what's an Indian? What's 23 he talking about?

And then I went -- my girlfriend told me to go to the welfare office and find out. They can tell you.

1 They won't -- and I'm like, "Do I have to tell them?" They 2 won't tell you -- they can't tell your parents. It's 3 confidential. So I went to the welfare office. I talked 4 to a gentleman whose name was Wayne. I had no clue that he 5 knew Larry and Cathy, like, whatsoever.

I asked him -- told him I don't want to live 6 where I'm living right now. I want to live with my birth 7 8 parents because I'm adopted. I know I am. And he said, "We'll look into it." And he said, "What's going on?" And 9 I said, "I can't live there." I didn't tell him why I 10 couldn't live there. I just told him I can't live there 11 anymore. And then he said he'll look into stuff, he'll get 12 back to me. I'm like, okay. 13

I got home off the bus and when everything 14 was fine at the bus stop. Got home inside the house and 15 Cathy started yelling. She goes, "Who do you think you are 16 17 going to the welfare office and talking to them? You have no right." And I was like, how did she know? Like, the 18 only person who had known was him. She spanked me with a 19 wooden spoon until the wooden spoon broke and yelled at me 20 for going -- stepping out of line. 21

And then later Larry came home from his farm work, whatever he was doing. He came home, they talked, and he took off his belt. I was in a long flannel nighty. He bent me over the little kids table we had and spanked

And if I moved he spanked -- he whipped me harder with 1 me. his belt. He whipped me until my nighty was shredded. My 2 brother and sister sat there and he was saying that "You 3 don't ever step out of line ever again." 4 5 And he whipped -- I was bleeding. He told me to go clean up my filthy mess. I went upstairs to 6 change and my bum was sore and swollen and bleeding. The 7 8 next night we had to sit down for dinner and I didn't want to sit down because my bum hurt and he was like, "Sit your 9 butt down right now." So I sat there lightly on my bum 10 because it hurt so much. I ate me food so fast that I got 11 in trouble for eating too fast, because I'm not 12 appreciating the meal that was put in front of me. I only 13 ate it for -- because my bum hurt a lot. 14 MR. BREEN OUELLETTE: Did you ever hear any 15 more from Wayne? 16 17 MS. JOCELYN KOLLER: Yeah. He called, I know like the next day or the day after. Asked me to come 18 into his office to talk to him and I said, "I can't." 19 And he said, "Well yeah, we'll make time. I'll let the 20 principal know that you're coming in to see me." And so I 21 went down. I had to walk from the high school down to his 22 23 office. So I walked down to the office, which was a 20 minute walk. And I spent my lunch hour, because we had an 24 hour, walking to the office and back. 25

So I walked to his office and I talked to 1 him and he said to me, he's like, "So I looked into it. 2 Yes, you're adopted. How are things?" And I just looked 3 at the floor and didn't say anything. He asked me if 4 5 everything was okay. I only answered yes, or simple, yes or no's and made everything seem like it was fine. I don't 6 want to talk -- I didn't want to talk to him. I didn't 7 8 want anything to -- because I'm already in his office which means I'm stepping out of line again. And I didn't want to 9 go through -- my bum was still sore from the whipping I got 10 for being there the first time. 11

I just answered everything very simple, straightforward, and left it like that. Because I didn't want to get in more trouble. And when I got home he hadn't phoned them or anything because I didn't get in trouble when I got home that night. But I didn't give him anything either.

18 MR. BREEN OUELLETTE: So as you sat there
19 and you just answered simple answers, how would you
20 describe what you felt in that moment?

MS. JOCELYN KOLLER: I was scared. I was scared that he was recording it so to tell Larry and Cathy, or I was scared that -- I didn't know how much harder they can spank me for being there. I wasn't supposed to be there. I was -- I just had to get out of there and leave

it the way it was. Just before -- like it was before I 1 even went there, just so that I didn't get in trouble. I 2 was scared. 3 MR. BREEN OUELLETTE: When did you finally 4 5 learn more about your adoption? 6 MS. JOCELYN KOLLER: It was -- we moved away for grade 8, my grade 8 year, and when we moved back it was 7 8 grade 9 year and Mr. and Mrs. West were still around. And Mrs. West had popped over and said -- it was a really good 9 mood. Mrs. West was laughing about something and Cathy was 10 like all happy and everybody was happy, and I was like --11 Mrs. West had said something, oh of adopting -- something, 12 like it think it was to do with the cattle. They had to 13

adopt a calf to a cow or something. 14 And I said, "Hey, am I adopted?" Because it 15 was brought up and I knew I was going to get in trouble, or 16 17 I wasn't -- because I was bringing it up in the subject. And Cathy turned to me, "Of course you're adopted. You 18 know that." And I was like, well, it wasn't verified. 19 Ι got the belt and spanking last time it was brought up, so I 20 didn't know if that meant yes or no. I just knew that it 21

was something.

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And then Mrs. West, she thought -- she loved me and she was like, "We should make an anniversary of the date that you were adopted and we'll have a little party,

| 1 | and I'll make cake." "Oh, okay." And then she asked |
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| 2 | Cathy, "What day did you guys adopt her on?" And Cathy |
| 3 | goes, "Well, it was May 3^{rd} ." So every May 3^{rd} from then on |
| 4 | we had a little party and Mrs. West would come over with a |
| 5 | cake and she'd all decorate it. Sometimes it was a heart |
| 6 | cake, sometimes it was like a flower. But it was like the |
| 7 | only day that like, everybody was there together. We |
| 8 | celebrated. And that's how I knew I was adopted. |
| 9 | MR. BREEN OUELLETTE: Did you learn any |
| 10 | other details during that conversation with Mrs. West and |
| 11 | Cathy? |
| 12 | MS. JOCELYN KOLLER: I just learned the |
| 13 | date. I learned that I was adopted when I was two, which I |
| 14 | didn't I knew I was adopted before school. |
| 15 | MR. BREEN OUELLETTE: Do you remember how |
| 16 | you learned the name of your birth mother? |
| 17 | MS. JOCELYN KOLLER: I learned it I think |
| 18 | I was I phoned, I found out which Band I was from and I |
| 19 | phoned the Band Office and they had given me, I believe it |
| 20 | was Pius Jack's number because he knew where Katie was. |
| 21 | And then he got me in touch with Katie, and then I started |
| 22 | talking to Katie. |
| 23 | The first few times I talked to her she was |
| 24 | really drunk and didn't know anything, or maybe just what - |
| 25 | - acted, I'm not sure. But then it was about the third |

| 1 | time we talked she just was on the phone crying, and she's |
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| 2 | like, "I'm so, so sorry." And I'm like I asked her why |
| 3 | and she said, "I'm just so sorry. I had to. I was forced |
| 4 | to." And I was like and she asked me, she goes, "Does - |
| 5 | - were you brought up okay?" And I was like, "I was raised |
| 6 | on a farm." And she said I said, "I have a horse." And |
| 7 | she said, "Oh". She goes "How are you doing in school?" |
| 8 | And then she asked me if I was okay and I |
| 9 | always just told her yes, because it was she doesn't |
| 10 | need to know that I was not in a good place. I didn't want |
| 11 | her to feel even worse for giving me up. I could she |
| 12 | was already upset that she gave me up. So if I told her |
| 13 | what happened it would've just made her feel worse, so I |
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tell me that -- what happened to them. She didn't say anything actually. And I didn't find out until I met Marlene and Loraine about -- that they went -- what they -they went through residential school and stuff.

I heard about my brother and he was spent a lot of time looking for me and he ended up -- he ended up committing suicide because he couldn't find me. And he said the only thing he wanted was for -- to find me and meet me, because he didn't get a chance. He goes, "I always watching over you, but I didn't get a chance to meet you when you were older."

And I was like, I always knew I had a bigger 12 brother, but every time I said, "Where's my big brother?" 13 They were like, "You don't have a big brother." Because in 14 my adopted family I'm the oldest. But in my birth family, 15 I'm the baby. So I always had a big brother, but I just 16 17 didn't know where it -- like where the thought came from until he passed away and Pius told me and he said "You need 18 to come to his funeral right now." And I said, "What are 19 you talking about?" 20

MR. BREEN OUELLETTE: Did you have any other
 problems with the [Kollers] when you lived with them?
 MS. JOCELYN KOLLER: Other than being
 treated like their slave, is how I felt it was. I was in
 4H, I raised a steer. It was -- came in first prize. And

I walked that bull every day. I hand fed him and made sure
 he got the best of the best so that he could be big and
 strong. And when 4H was over he was sold to the highest
 person and of course, slaughtered, because that's what they
 do, because that's how 4H works I guess.

6 But all the money from that, I never seen. 7 It was considered their fee for the hay, or their fee for 8 the time that it took to drive me to 4H. I was also too 9 short in 4H, so I couldn't actually go in the ring with --10 my bull's name was John. So they sent in my -- another 11 lady from 4H to go in with John and I had to tell John not 12 to run her over or lick her while he was in there.

But it was just Mr. West would ask me to 13 watch his racehorse and make sure she wasn't hurt or 14 anything, because she was a dainty little thing and worth a 15 lot of money. So I'd watch her and then he'd give me tack. 16 17 We'd go to -- Cathy would drive us to the tack auctions and I'd sell the tack and I'd get a cheque, and Cathy's like, 18 "Oh, I'll hang onto that for you. You don't want to lose 19 it." 20

21 Mr. West asked my how much I made. I said, 22 "I don't know." And he'd say, "What do you mean you don't 23 know?" And I said, "Well because they gave me a cheque, a 24 piece of paper, and Cathy took it." And he goes, "So is it 25 going into your bank account?" I'm like, "I don't have a

bank account." Mr. West is like, "We're going to get you a
bank account." So we got a bank account and then Mr. West
-- because I always helped him out, Mrs. West or Mr. West,
like I shovel manure for Mrs. West's garden in the back of
her truck and when I did that Mr. West would give me some
tack or something to take to auction, because he didn't
have money but he had lots of extras.

8 So one time Mr. and Mrs. West took me to the auction it was like a super fun day. I was like in lots of 9 fun, got to eat hot dogs and drink pop, which you're not 10 allowed doing, normally. And Mr. West said, "Look at your 11 cheque." He goes, "Now, was that worth that, all that 12 work?" And I'm like, "Yes." And it was like a cheque for 13 40 bucks or something. It wasn't like a lot of money, but 14 at the time it was a lot of money to me, because I finally 15 got money. And he said, "Well, put it in your bank 16 17 account."

So I went to my bank account and the next 18 time we went he just gave me cash. He goes, "I'll take the 19 cheque. Here's the amount, here is the amount in cash." 20 He did it right in front of the other guy and the next day 21 we were at the store and I'm like, Oh I can buy everybody a 22 candy because -- so I bought everybody on the bus a candy 23 and -- well, that was a waste of money and I got in trouble 24 for it. 25

But a lot of my -- when I left the 1 [Kollers], I was to this big bank account, because I knew 2 John was like a \$1,400 bull, because Mr. West had told me 3 it was \$1,400. That's what his selling last bid was. When 4 I checked my bank account there was like \$900 in my bank 5 account. And I had done haying for years, and I was always 6 told, yeah, there's money in your account, there's money in 7 8 your account. There wasn't money in my account. MR. BREEN OUELLETTE: Do you also remember a 9 time when you were living with them and you had an incident 10 with the doctor? 11 MS. JOCELYN KOLLER: I was in grade 9. I 12 think I was going to -- end of grade 9. I was like, went 13 to the doctor. It's not that I needed birth control pills, 14 but I was trying to find out who I could trust, because you 15 can't trust the welfare office, because they tell. You 16 17 can't trust the lady at the store, because she'll tell. So I went to the doctor and you can't tell the dentist because 18 I got the name jaws because I broke his equipment and he 19 told. And I was told the doctor can't say nothing what you 20 talk about in there. 21

22 So I asked him, "If I come in here and talk 23 to you, can you tell anybody?" And he said, "No." And 24 then I said, "So can I get some birth control pills?" And 25 he asked me if I was sexually active. I'm like, "No, no.

but maybe I will be." And I left. He didn't give me birth control pills. He said that I'd have to come back in for another examination. I'm like, "Okay."

Well, I got home and he told. He told Cathy 4 because I got home and she was "What the hell do you need 5 6 birth control pills at such a young age? Who are you sleeping with?" And I was like, "I don't need them. I was 7 8 just seeing, just asking about them. I didn't know what they were." And she was mad. She was really mad. But 9 Larry never came in and gave me heck for it, just Cathy 10 did. So I quess she forgot to tell him, or she didn't want 11 to tell him. But I never ended up getting birth control 12 pill, or never ended up trusting a doctor either. So if I 13 went in there it was just for anything that Cathy knew that 14 I was going there for. 15

16 MR. BREEN OUELLETTE: Do you remember the17 name of the doctor?

18 MS. JOCELYN KOLLER: No. He was a family
19 doctor there for years, but I don't know his name.

20 MR. BREEN OUELLETTE: When did you leave the
21 [Koller] home?

MS. JOCELYN KOLLER: I stayed and in grade
11, or grade 10, Cathy would -- I'd walk in the door and
she'd start yelling, I'd start yelling back. Grade 11, it
just turned out to be a worse year than the year before.

1 The summer times we spent two weeks at my grandparents, so we got a two-week break. 2 And when I would come back, I'd take off at 3 3:00 in the morning and go ride the fence for my -- like, 4 5 for our ranch at the time, it wasn't Mr. West's it was our ranch now. And I'd ride the fence line until dinner time, 6 then I'd get home and make dinner and do my chores, and put 7 8 on a map of which fence line I rode that day. I didn't get 9 paid to do it, I was just doing it apparently. I'm sorry. My cedar is falling out. 10 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Do you want some 11 12 water? 13 MS. JOCELYN KOLLER: Yes, please. I just drew a blank. 14 MR. BREEN OUELLETTE: Can we take a five-15 minute break? 16 17 COMMISSIONER MARION BULLER: Let's do that, 18 sure. Okay. --- Upon recessing 19 --- Upon resuming 20 COMMISSIONER MARION BULLER: Jocelyn, are 21 22 you okay to start? 23 MS. JOCELYN KOLLER: Yes, I am. COMMISSIONER MARION BULLER: Go ahead. 24 25 MR. BREEN OUELLETTE: Thank you, Chief

1 Commissioner.

Before we took a break, we started listening to how you left the [Koller] home. Just before we start to talk about that stage of your life, I want to ask one last question about the [Kollers]. Has anything happened since to hold Larry [Koller] responsible for what he's done to you?

8 MS. JOCELYN KOLLER: I have actually just 9 recently went and filed charges. I went and -- I was in 10 counselling before and they told me I could file charges, 11 but I never did. And now this year I went to the police 12 station and sat down and told my story and gave it to them 13 for charges to be pressed against him.

MR. BREEN OUELLETTE: Okay. Thank you.
So returning to how you left, can you tell
us how that happened?

MS. JOCELYN KOLLER: It was in 1988, in
December. Right before -- I believe it was even before
Christmas. It was around, I believe, December 9th. Cathy
and I had another argument and I secretly packed up my
chest of my clothes and didn't tell anybody. And then I
just moved out and when I told Larry and Cathy that I'm
done, I'm moving out.

24 They said, "You'll never amount to anything.25 You won't even graduate because you won't be able to handle

| 1 | it." And I said, "I will graduate." And Cathy said, |
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| 2 | "Yeah, well we're not buying your grad ring." And I said, |
| 3 | "That's fine." She said that they couldn't afford it. I |
| 4 | said, "That's fine." I said and I turned with my |
| 5 | smartness, I said, "It's not like I'm going to graduate |
| 6 | anyways, right?" But I graduated. |
| 7 | I went I walked to school. When the one |
| 8 | place we lived I had to walk 45 minutes to school. I |
| 9 | walked to school, I attended school. I missed the odd day, |
| 10 | but I attended pretty much every day. I graduated, |
| 11 | certainly not top of my class, but I did get scholarships. |
| 12 | I ended up with three scholarships that I never used |
| 13 | because the guy I was living with, well, he wasn't really |
| 14 | working. So somebody had to work, so I went straight in |
| 15 | from graduating to working. |
| 16 | So I kind of threw it back in their face and |
| 17 | said, "I graduated, now what?" Well, they kind of stopped |
| 18 | talking because I proved them wrong and I kept quiet like |
| 19 | they asked, but I proved them wrong. I still graduated, by |
| 20 | myself. |
| 21 | MR. BREEN OUELLETTE: And so you mention the |
| 22 | guy you were living with. So can you tell us more about |
| 23 | him? |
| 24 | MS. JOCELYN KOLLER: His name was Raymond |
| 25 | Patry. Through school he was like, so supportive. He was |

| 1 | just like, "You got this. You're doing so well." He |
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| 2 | didn't attend as much school as I did. He dropped out |
| 3 | before finishing. He was like a rock, he was just like |
| 4 | this magnificent person and I was just like he lived on |
| 5 | his own so it was like a whole new lifestyle. There wasn't |
| 6 | fighting, it was like he appraised me for everything. |
| 7 | And then when high school was over, so was |
| 8 | that. He started getting mean. Not like just verbally |
| 9 | mean. I thought, what changed? And then one night we were |
| 10 | at the we lived in the top of a hotel, and somebody was |
| 11 | knocking at the door and I was like, got up to go answer |
| 12 | it. And his buddy Lemont(Phonetic) was there and I sensed |
| 13 | something was going on because they were like, "No, sit |
| 14 | down." And Raymond pulled me by my shirt to sit back down. |

15 "You, shh." So I was quiet.

So he's still knocking at the door and I'm 16 17 like -- and they're like, to be quiet. And so I stayed quiet and then the knocking went away, footsteps went away. 18 19 And I'm like "What the heck's going on here, you guys?" 20 Like, that's my door too. I can answer it. And I went to go -- I said, "I'm done, I'm leaving. I don't know what 21 you guys are doing, but I'm leaving." And I went to go 22 23 march myself out the door. I didn't know where I was going to go because I was not going back to the farm. 24

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And when I went to go grab the door handle

Lamont grabbed me by my throat and held me against the 1 wall. He said, "What should we do with her? Is this going 2 to be a problem?" Ans I was like, scared. I just froze 3 because I didn't know what was happening now. Raymond 4 5 said, "No, we'll deal with her. I'll deal with her." He told me to sit my butt down and I better start listening. 6 Things are going to be his way and that's how it is. And I 7 8 was like, "Hmm?"

9 And he goes, "You think you're going to just leave?" He goes, "What about your cat?" And I had a 10 kitten that was only a few months old. He picked the cat 11 up, wrung its neck, threw it at me. He goes, if your --12 "Take your dead cat with you too." And I was like -- he 13 goes, "But you're not leaving." And I sat there trembling, 14 holding my cat as it bled all over me, looking at Lamont, 15 looking at Raymond, like, "What did I do?" 16

17 From there it was -- Raymond was very controlling. Anything -- it just got worse and then also 18 one night he said, "We're moving." And I'm like, "Moving?" 19 And we moved to Squamish and that's where his mum was. 20 Even under his mum's roof everything was his way. If he 21 didn't have -- like, we're new to Squamish, and didn't know 22 23 nobody, but he was out of weed and he smoked it very heavily. If he was out, you knew it was going to be a bad 24 day. And it was a bad day, he started just yelling and 25

1 screaming.

He'd take me in the van -- we had a van at 2 the time and he'd just be yelling and screaming and then 3 when we'd walk in his mum's house, it's like, life is 4 5 grand. "Hey, how's it going mum?" And I was just like, who is this person? Like, he's just so different. It was 6 okay, like, things seemed like, hey it's going to smooth 7 8 out. As long as I have him with weed we were good. 9 Like, we moved out of his mum's place because she couldn't handle having everybody there. We 10 moved away to Alberta because Raymond had work up there. 11 For the first 10 years that Raymond and I were together he 12 never worked. He played Xbox or Playstation. I worked 13 every day, paid all the bills. My paycheques went to him. 14 He hung onto all the money, he said what got spent on what. 15 I had a time limit of how much -- like, you 16 17 have an hour to get the groceries done. Don't come home with more or less. You only have a budget of this. 18 Sometimes it was like, well, I don't have enough to get 19 everything on the list. But if I didn't come home with 20 something on the list then I was in trouble. But I didn't 21 have the money for that extra item either. I remember 22 23 being in Save On parking lot going around grabbing all the buggies so I could get all the quarters so I could get that 24 one last thing. But I had to also watch my time, because 25

if I didn't come home with it he was mad. 1 And when -- he never hit me, he would just 2 yell to the point that it would scare me so bad that I 3 would just sit in the corner trembling. He always like 4 5 belittled me, he's favorite one was -- like, "You're a fat slob. Useless. No other guy would ever put up with you." 6 He said that I was a tramp. He knew what Larry did to me 7 so he used that. He said I must have egged it on. 8 He goes, "You probably wiggled your butt. You deserved it." 9 I said, "I was a kid." He didn't see it that way. He just 10 used it, like, for his advantages. 11 His and I, like -- he's very -- our sex 12 wasn't normal. He was very abusive, even with that. It 13 was like when he wanted, how he wanted, and if for some 14 reason it didn't work out on his end, it was my fault. I 15 wasn't good enough. I wasn't -- but then if I mentioned 16 17 trying to leave it was a big -- more of a fight. He threatened to kill me. He threatened to have me put in a 18 box and disappear and nobody would ever find me. 19 MR. BREEN OUELLETTE: How long did you live 20 with Raymond? 21 MS. JOCELYN KOLLER: I stayed there for 22 22

years. I stuck by him and I don't even know why. But I think it was just -- I was dumb and when things went smooth, it went smooth. It wasn't -- it was like, "Oh you

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guys are so in love." It's like the only time he showed 1 that he might actually care is in public eye. But behind 2 closed doors he disowned me. I was just put into where he 3 needed. If he needed laundry done, I was there. He needed 4 5 dinners cooked, I was there. 6 But if we went over to his mum's he was just always praising, "She's so beautiful, isn't she?" I just 7 8 wanted to always stay around people so that I felt pretty, or felt something. But as soon as -- it would just go 9 10 back. MR. BREEN OUELLETTE: Were you married to 11 Raymond? 12 MS. JOCELYN KOLLER: Yeah. In 1994, I 13 believe it was. He tried to commit suicide because I said 14 I was leaving. I said, "I met somebody. I'm going to 15 leave." And we were living in Grand Prairie at the time. 16 17 So I was packing up my suitcase to leave. He picked up my cat and killed it and I was like, "Well, you killed the 18 cat." I said, "No surprise there. That's my fourth cat." 19 And he took a whole bunch of pills and tried cutting -- I 20 think he tried cutting his wrist or something, but he was 21 bleeding and he wasn't himself. 22 23 So I quickly raced him to the hospital because I was like, "Oh my God. He's like dying." I don't 24

know why I raced to the hospital, but I did. And got to

the hospital and the doctors did a bunch of stuff and I had 1 to wait there. Wasn't allowed to phone his brother or 2 anybody, just wait. And then the doctor came out and said 3 -- well he told me that he's on suicide watch. And I was 4 5 like, "So?" And he said you'll have to stay with him. And I'm like, "I was trying to leave, that's why he did this". 6 And the doctor was like, "You need to watch over him 7 8 because he will die if you don't take care of him." Okay. 9 So I was back home, and he's like, "Do you love me?" And I was like. "Of course, I love you." 10 Because I have to do what the doctor said to keep him 11 alive. Do whatever it takes to make him happy so that he 12 doesn't do this. So then he said, "If you love me so 13 much," he goes, "we'll go to the SPCA, we'll get you a cat. 14 Whatever one you want." I'm like, "I don't want another 15 cat. I don't want any animals." We went and got a cat. I 16 17 didn't want the cat near me. I didn't want anything to do with it because it was just going to die. I let it out and 18 it came back. 19

20 Went to Justice of Peace and he's like, 21 "You're going to marry me." I'm like, "Okay." Because 22 there's issues in fighting with him about making him 23 suicidal. So it was the Justice of the Peace, his wife, 24 Raymond and I, and at the time I thought it was just not 25 real. I thought it was just a joke, that it wasn't

actually happening and the guy, he said, through goodness and bad, which is we had -- sorry, when I started laughing, and I'm like, "Sure." I'm like, "If I must, right." And well that got Ray -- the look from Raymond.

And he said through sickness and health. 5 And I said "Through sickness?" and I said, "Health?" I 6 said, "He's already sick and I'm here." Not the best thing 7 8 for Raymond. Well, we got married, that was that. And it was not what I expected and I didn't even realize that we 9 had gotten married until a piece of paper showed up in the 10 mail saying Mrs. Jocelyn Patry. And I was like whoa, look 11 at that, I'm married now. Did that really happen? 12

Like, Raymond got better, things seemed like 13 they were going smooth. He quit his job in Alberta. 14 We moved back to Squamish. We were living in a place of our 15 own that sold, so we had to go live back with his mum. I 16 17 got pregnant, which is like the best part of Raymond and I. I had a baby girl, her name was Christina. From the day 18 she was born he's held her five times. The rest of the 19 time it was like, your kid. "You wanted it, you take care 20 of it." 21

22 She's now 21. I took her away from Raymond 23 in 2010 and I've raised her since then solely as my own. 24 But even when him and I were together she was raised pretty 25 much solely as mine. The only time he looked after her is

when she was in kindergarten. He started looking after her because I started working night shifts at Burger King. So I'd have her almost ready for bed and all he had to do is make sure she slept. So I don't know how much work that is. But he never changed her. He never changed her diaper.

If I said anything wrong he said he would kill her, he'd kill me. He said you know I see -- he goes, "Yeah, I usually just kill a cat, right?" He goes "It's just as easy to kill a human because the kid's head is just a bit bigger than I cat's head. Did you know that?" And I did whatever he wanted because I didn't want any harm to my daughter. I didn't want any harm to me.

When we fought he would break things of 14 mine, like everything. Like, great, great, grandma left me 15 these oil lanterns, like they were like crystal she had 16 17 brought from Ireland. So they were really old. He smashed every one of them. He smashed the phone because I spoke to 18 quietly on the phone. Killed my fish and would leave them 19 in the tank because I did something wrong. But outside 20 he'd be like a different person, everybody'd be like, "Oh, 21 he's not like that." They're not living behind my doors. 22

23 MR. BREEN OUELLETTE: Jocelyn, I just want
24 to go back again to the hospital when he attempted suicide.
25 Did the doctor ask you any questions about your situation

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and whether or not you were safe? 1 MS. JOCELYN KOLLER: No. He just said to 2 make sure that I took care of Raymond. And I told him, "I 3 was trying to leave, that's why he's here." And he said, 4 5 "You need to take care of him or he's going to die." And 6 he asked me if I wanted that and I just looked at him. Ι was like, "You do not hear me." But it was very much about 7 8 -- the doctor was very much concerned about Raymond's health. They didn't care that I just told him I was trying 9 to leave. He didn't care that this is all -- like, he did 10 it to himself. I didn't do it. He did it to himself. 11 Like, doesn't that say something? But I was told to look 12 after him, just look after him. 13 MR. BREEN OUELLETTE: Do you believe that 14 the doctor should have asked you to ensure that you were 15 safe? 16 17 MS. JOCELYN KOLLER: I think if the doctor was actually listening and actually cared, and when he 18 said, "You have to look after him." And I said, "This is 19 what happened when I was trying to leave." Like, he should 20 have said -- stopped it right there and not made me take 21

him home. He should have let -- found out more and then I

out earlier. I would have been safe maybe. But he didn't

ask nothing. He didn't care about me. He only cared about

wouldn't have been in the position. I would have gotten

1 the life of Raymond.

MR. BREEN OUELLETTE: You mentioned that you 2 married in 1994 and this happened just before your 3 marriage. Was it also 1994 when he attempted suicide? 4 5 MS. JOCELYN KOLLER: Yeah. It was two weeks 6 before. MR. BREEN OUELLETTE: Okay. 7 8 MS. JOCELYN KOLLER: He was still on suicide 9 medicine. He was drugged right out when we were standing in front of the Justice of the Peace and his wife. And he 10 could -- he was barely standing he was so drugged out on 11 this medicine. And not even the Justice of the Peace -- I 12 didn't think it was real. I thought it was like, he 13 already had the paperwork from the courthouse. He had 14 everything and then it just happened. 15 MR. BREEN OUELLETTE: You mentioned your 16 17 daughter. Could you tell us her name and her birthday? MS. JOCELYN KOLLER: My daughter is 18 Christina Patry. She carries my middle name, Marie. 19 She was born on January 11th, 1996. We were living at his mum's 20 when she was conceived. Things were normal there and 21 that's probably the only reason why she was conceived. 22 23 Because we were living a normal life. He couldn't be like he was when it was just him and I living together. 24 MR. BREEN OUELLETTE: So you've said that 25

Raymond was an angry man. Was he also a jealous man? 1 MS. JOCELYN KOLLER: He was very jealous. 2 In Squamish there was gas attendant -- jockeys that would 3 fill your car. If I, like, they'd come and collect your 4 5 money. I want \$20. They'd put \$20 in and when they came to grab the \$20 I'd be like, "Thank you very much, have a 6 nice day." Sometimes I didn't even look at them, I just 7 8 said it and gave them the money. And Raymond's like, "Who is he? And how do you know him?" I'm like, "I don't. I'm 9 just saying have a nice day to be polite." And it was very 10 -- her was very jealous. 11 If I was sitting at a stop light and looking 12 around, and the guy would -- or if there was a guy in the 13 vehicle and he'd wave me to go before him, he's like, "Oh, 14 why'd he let you go? It was his right of way." I'm like, 15

I don't know. Like it was very -- every -- he assumed -he would say, "Oh you want to hook up with him. You like that type, don't you?" And it was like, I don't even know who that dude was. I didn't even see him. I was just -like, I didn't argue it because arguing got me in more trouble.

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 MR. BREEN OUELLETTE:
 Was he a controlling

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 man?

24 MS. JOCELYN KOLLER: Yeah. Very
 25 controlling. He was controlling about the money that I

earned. He was controlling about the money he earned, when
 he worked. He was controlling about how much gas went in
 the car. He was controlling about how much groceries we
 bought.

5 He was controlling about his weed. Like, he 6 had to have so much weed. If he ran out of weed he'd punch 7 walls, he'd yell, he'd scream, he'd break stuff. And then 8 when he had weed he'd be mad because his -- this is broken. 9 You did it, you caused that, you shouldn't have caused 10 that.

He never laid a hand on me but everything around me. I've had things thrown past my head and break, but they never hit me and I always wonder, like, I should just move in the front of it so that I have proof that he's being mean. But he scared me. He scared everything about me. Like ---

17 MR. BREEN OUELLETTE: So did he get his own
18 marijuana or did he make you get it for him?

MS. JOCELYN KOLLER: He never go this own marijuana because -- I'm not sure why. I just know that when we moved to Squamish, he ran out of weed shortly after we got there and he started getting mad. Even though we were living at his mum's, as soon as we got in the van he was mad. And I went down to the local bar and I'm like, how hard can it be to get weed. And I went in the bar,

like, all by myself and said, "How to I get weed?" And so
 they be like, "Oh go talk to this person, go talk to that
 person." I'd get him weed.

When we moved to Grande Prairie, Alberta he 4 5 had no weed, and I walked into a bathroom in a gas station and I said -- there was a lady in there, she was Native. 6 She was like, Oh, and we were started talking and then I 7 said, "Okay. I really need to get my boyfriend some weed 8 before he flips." She said, "Go to the park." And I'm 9 like, "What park?" She goes the Park Hotel, go to Park 10 Hotel. So she goes, "I'll meet you there in half hour." 11 So I went to the Park Hotel, waited, she never showed up. 12

So I asked another lady in there and she's 13 like, "Oh, come here I'll show you where to -- who to talk 14 to." And she took me into the stage area, it was a 15 stripper bar, and she made me sit at this table with a 16 17 whole bunch of guys and she told me just wait there, somebody will come and talk to you. So two -- it's like 18 almost closing time and people are starting to leave and 19 I'm like, if I leave the bar without weed I'm in more 20 trouble than I was for sitting here this long. 21

And then she came back and she's like, "What are you still doing here?" And I'm like, "You told me to wait for you. I need this bag of weed, like, really bad. You don't understand. Like, he is going to be livid and

you made me wait here already this long and now he's going to more livid than he was before." And she's like, "I'll get it for you." And then she went. She's said, "I'm not even going to charge you, just go." And she goes, "You need anymore," she goes, "I'll tell you who to talk to." Okay.

But it was always like that every time we 7 8 moved. "Find somebody. I don't care where you go. I don't care what you have to do, you get me that bag." We 9 went -- I remember going, like, our grocery money was 10 supposed to be spent on groceries or bills and his weed had 11 to be first and foremost. And then it was my fault we 12 didn't have groceries. One time we were like, probably two 13 weeks out without groceries, without food, and but he had 14 his weed. Like, and he wasn't mad. He was mad there was 15 no food to eat, but I'm like it's weed or food. 16

17 I was always -- he never had -- he never knew anybody. He always sent me to do it. And if it was a 18 guy that I was talking to about it, well then I was 19 sleeping with him to get it. "What did you do with the 20 money?" "I bought you your bag of weed." "No, you didn't, 21 you slept with him." "No, I didn't." "You were gone long 22 23 enough to sleep with him." "No, I didn't." I said, "I met him at the bridge." "Oh, so you slept in the back of my 24 car with him." "I went and got you your weed. That's all 25

1 I did."

I got to the point where the people I got 2 weed from were all girls. He never knew, so it was just 3 easier than fighting with him that I slept with him. No, I 4 5 didn't. I was faithful to him, 100 percent faithful. I 6 don't even know why, because I was scared. I gave him everything and the more I gave the more he wanted and he 7 8 outright -- I wasn't allowed to talk to my family anymore. The [Kollers], and I rarely talked to them, rarely talked 9 to my aunts. I used to always talk to them and now I 10 wasn't allowed. I was all cut off. 11

On a spur chance, it was after Christina was 12 born, she was about two, I was able to take -- well, the 13 [Kollers], Cathy and Larry came to visit her. They bought 14 me a pot set for Mother's Day. And that's the first time 15 they seen her. She was born in January, they finally seen 16 17 her in May and he said he allowed them to come. But I don't know if he allowed them or what. I just know she 18 showed up. 19

20 But it was always like that, it was his way, 21 and everything had to be to the T. The car was his choice. 22 I said, "Oh this vehicle's on sale. We need a vehicle." 23 Didn't matter. "I want this one, put in some overtime. 24 Get some extra money. Let's get this one." "We don't need 25 that one." "We need new tires for this Jeep." And I'm

1 like, "Tires on it are fine." "No, they're not." "Okay, 2 we'll get new tires."

I had really good credit and I went and got 3 a credit card because we were needing too much stuff plus 4 5 groceries, and weed, and like Christina was born so we had to get baby -- I breastfed her just so I didn't have to buy 6 formula. I used cloth diapers so I didn't have to buy 7 8 diapers to give us extra money. And then it seemed like the more money I had, the more it went to weed, or it would 9 be to the truck -- the Jeep tires. I wasn't allowed to 10 drive the Jeep. Wasn't allowed to drive his vehicles, but 11 I had to pay for the stuff to go on them. The canopy for 12 the Ranchero, he needed -- he never used the canopy. I 13 remember he used the box and the thing, but he needed a 14 canopy for that now. It was just simple. Everything was 15 like orderly. 16

17 MR. BREEN OUELLETTE: So you said earlier
18 that you were with him for a total of 22 years. That means
19 that you left him?

20 MS. JOCELYN KOLLER: Yes. I left him 21 October 9th, 2009. We went -- I had nothing left he could 22 break. He had my daughter that has -- he had control of 23 that, of her and things she did. But I figured if I can 24 get out safe then she can, I can take her at a later date. 25 The only way I got out was we always -- I

always went to Fred Hinchliffe's Automotive for car 1 repairs, and one day I went there to pay the bill, pick up 2 the car. And Fred had bent over to get a PO from 3 underneath the counter. He was bent over behind the desk 4 5 getting it and Raymond walked in, he goes, "What are you 6 doing giving him head? What the hell are you taking so long?" And I'm like, "He has to go get paperwork to do --7 8 fill it out to pay my bill. I don't even know how much it is yet." He goes, "Get your sloppy ass in the vehicle, 9 let's get this done. Do you think I got all day for you?" 10 He goes, "Maybe I should just come back for you and let you 11 finish giving him head." And I'm like, "It's not even like 12 that." 13

I said, "I'm trying to get -- waiting for 14 him to get the shop stuff on the paperwork and I don't know 15 how much my bill is. I know it's around ... " He says, "Oh 16 17 yeah," he goes, "I don't think that's what your doing." He goes, "Were you making out with him?" Like, no. The whole 18 time he didn't know Fred was right there listening. 19 Ιt made me feel like really bad. I'm like, "Let's go 20 outside." "No." He goes, "Why? You don't want Fred to..." 21 he goes, "You're waiting for Fred anyways." 22

And I was like, "Okay, well why don't you
run home and do what you have to do and then come back and
pick me up?" And then he was like, "Just hurry your slobby

1 ass up." He goes, "If you have to give him head..." you
2 goes, "you better get a good discount for that." And I was
3 just like super embarrassed because Fred is right there and
4 I knew that, and I was just like standing there like a
5 mouse. I couldn't -- I couldn't do anything. I just had
6 to stare. And then he went outside.

Fred stood up and his eye were all red and 7 8 he looked at me and he goes, "You do not deserve that." He goes, "How long has that been going on?" I'm like, 9 "Twenty-two years." And he goes you don't -- he goes, 10 "Why?" He goes, "Why do you put up with it?" "Because he 11 smashed my stuff, he breaks things, he threatens to kill 12 me, I don't know." And he goes, "Don't take another ounce 13 of it." He goes, "You need to walk away." I'm like, "I 14 do. I do need to walk away." 15

He goes you have my -- he goes, "I have your 16 17 back 100 percent. Raymond will not touch you. He will not hurt you, but you need to get to safety and you need to 18 take that daughter out of there. You do not want her 19 raised by him anymore." He goes, "Is this how it is when 20 you're at home?" "Yeah." And he was the first person that 21 knew. And then I told Marilyn, my best friend, and she's 22 23 like, "You need to leave." She goes, "Come on." She goes "Don't worry about Christina. We'll go to the courts, she 24 goes, I'll show you. We'll fight. We'll get Christine for 25

you."

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So middle of the night on October 9th we had 2 a big, huge fight. I know it was because I did -- left the 3 spoon I think it was on the counter, or I didn't -- he 4 5 actually made dinner. Well, I had everything pulled out, he heated it up, so therefore he made dinner. And he said 6 -- after we finished eating he's like, "Aren't you going to 7 8 say thank you?" And I started laughing and I'm like, "Thank you for what?" And he's like, "What do you mean for 9 what? He goes, "I made you dinner." I'm like, oh wow, 10 you've heated up what I've already taken out and prepared. 11 I said, "That's not making dinner." 12

Well, that was not the right thing for 13 Jocelyn to say, because we end up in a full on screaming 14 match and it was 3:00 in the morning and we were still 15 fighting. And I said, "You know what? I'm done fighting 16 17 with you. I don't need to put up with this anymore. I'm leaving." He goes, "You want to leave? You want to 18 leave?" I'm like, "I want to leave. I'm done." He goes, 19 "Pack your stuff, be out before 7:00." And I'm like, wow. 20 The cat's still alive. Get out before 7:00. Done. 21

I just grabbed my clothes, the stuff I needed for work, threw them in the back of the Explorer. I had no place to go but I did it. I walked out. By 4:00 in the afternoon I'm like, what do I do now? I'm used to

going home. I was supposed to be making dinner by this
 time. I was supposed to be doing this. I'm not doing
 anything and I was driving around. I was lost. I didn't
 even know what to do.

5 My phone starts ringing. I answer it and it was Fred. Where are you? I'm like, "I don't know." He 6 goes "Look around and see where you are." I told him and 7 8 he said, "I'll be right there." And Fred's married, he has kids and stuff. He came there, he sat in the truck. 9 He just talked and talked. We talked for like an hour. 10 Не took like time out of the shop and everything to sit there 11 and make me realize I'm doing the right thing. 12

He gave me a job at the shop to clean up just so that -- my Explorer that Raymond told me I could have that was broken, because he took the newer one. It needed like a lot of repairs and Raymond knew that. He also said, like I wouldn't -- he goes, "You're going to break down on the side on the highway. Your vehicle's going to blow up on you." It didn't.

20 But I just everyday was a little bit easier 21 to stay away. A year later I found out that his best 22 friend Keith was telling a bunch of people at Walmart that 23 he has a girlfriend and, oh yeah, who's your girlfriend? 24 Yeah, sure you do because he's a 43-year-old guy, a 42-25 year-old man. Oh yeah, who's your girlfriend? And Keith

said, "It's Raymond's daughter." And they didn't go to
 Raymond they came -- they phoned me.

I'm on my way to Vancouver because on 3 Mondays Christina comes to me and after school she goes to 4 5 her girlfriends for an hour and then she comes home. So I 6 was off work so I went to Vancouver to pick up her cousin because he was -- he's older and he was able to buy 7 Christina all the things I couldn't because he was single 8 and he would put money aside just for her. I'd pay the 9 bills, he'd do all the fun stuff. He'd do the Burger King, 10 the Booster Juice, the luxuries of fast foods that I 11 couldn't do. 12

And I got a phone call from them saying that 13 Keith is claiming Christina is his girlfriend. And then 14 Christina started phoning me, "Mum, I think Keith is 15 driving around our house. He's bugging me. I'm like, 16 17 "Lock the door, close the curtains, turn on your favorite show. Just -- I'm going to be home soon." And then I got 18 home and she was sitting there all frail. She's like. "He 19 keeps on driving by. I know his vehicle, it's his 20 vehicle." And I was like, "What happened Christina?" And 21 she broke down. 22

23 She told me that Keith touched her. He
24 would grab her bum. I'm like, "What did your father say?"
25 Nothing. He would laugh. And so then I took my -- I'm

like, no. This is unacceptable. No. And so I took her
 right to the police station. She was 13 and took her in.
 She sat there. She told them what happened.

The next night was Tuesday. They went to 4 5 Walmart, picked up Keith, arrested him, brought him into the police station. They charged him. He admitted to 6 everything. He admitted that he tried to take her. He 7 8 admitted that he wanted her for his self. She's 13. He's I was like, how did I not see it? This started 9 42. happening after I moved out. Keith went to jail. He's now 10 on, like, where he can't be around kids under the age of 11 19. He can't be at parks, he's registered as a sexual 12 offender. He's finished his time. Constable 13 Mack(Phonetic) was the one who did the whole investigation, 14 had -- got him arrested. 15

I had -- Wednesday was a little better, but 16 17 Christina didn't want her regular Booster Juice, which she never turns down. Jason was like, no, something's 18 happening here. So Jason talked to her, that's her cousin. 19 He talked to her and she showed him that she's cutting her 20 wrists. Told him that she's hurting herself, cutting her 21 legs. She kept pulling out hair. I didn't see any of it. 22 23 And then Thursday nights I usually go -- I stay at a place that across the street was a bar, it was 24 karaoke. I'm not -- I don't drink. So I usually go listen 25

or watch Marilyn sing. And usually Christina does the whole make up and we do a whole girls' dinner, she gets to help cook. And it's like mum and daughter time. It was like -- and then I usually go out for a couple hours, but I come back, check on her every like, half hour or so and see what she's up to, make sure she's safe, make sure there's nobody in the room.

8 That Thursday she was acting so different and Jason hadn't told me what happened. He just said that 9 she has to say what she has to say. I was like, "Hmm, 10 okay." And so I took my time getting ready. She's usually 11 right in there like a dirty little sock. "Hey, mum you 12 need to were these socks, not those socks. You need to 13 wear this shirt, not that shirt. Try on this shirt." Or 14 we'd go to like the local thrift store and she'd pick out 15 shirts, "Okay, try on this shirt." And it was -- but that 16 17 night she wasn't.

Marilyn was calling, "When you coming? 18 Hurry up." And I'm like, you know what? I said, "I don't 19 think I'm coming out tonight. There's something going on, 20 I need to stay home." So I was sitting in my bedroom and I 21 was playing on the computer, a video game, and Christina 22 came into the bedroom. She goes, "You were supposed to be 23 out." I'm like, "I'm not going out. I don't feel good." 24 She's like, "I don't either." 25

And she looked at me and she had these big 1 huge crocodile tears streaming down her face. She said 2 "Mum, you hate me don't you?" And I'm like, "No." I said, 3 "Why would I hate you? There's never..." I said, "It doesn't 4 5 matter what happens." I said, "it doesn't matter what you do in life, I will always love you." Then she started 6 crying. She was like, "After I tell you you're really 7 going to hate me." I'm like, "No. Never going to happen." 8 She goes, "You're going to think I'm bad." I'm like, "No, 9 you can't be bad in my eyes. There's nothing that you 10 could do." 11

She showed me her wrists and I just looked 12 at them and I'm like, "What's going on?" And she goes, 13 "I'm cutting myself." I said, "I know." She goes, "He 14 tries to come in my room at 2:00 in the morning." And I 15 said, "Who, Keith?" "No, Dad." She goes, "I barricade 16 17 myself. I've been cutting myself." "No." I phoned the cops. I phoned the police right there and then, 11:00 at 18 night. They told me I had to phone back on Friday and I 19 said, Okay. We went down to the police station Friday 20 night -- or Thursday night. We sat there and the police 21 said, "No. You have to come back tomorrow morning." 22 23 We waited all day Friday. She's supposed to

24 be in school. I was supposed to be going to work. Neither
25 of us are going nowhere. The cops made us wait. Around

4:30 I phoned the police station, Constable Mack's not 1 there. He's gone and I get this Constable Herder (Phonetic) 2 and they're like, you have to talk to him. I phoned all 3 day long. "Can you please ---" I said, "Do I have to call 4 5 911 to get Constable Herder? I need to get this officer." He finally phones back. He apologized for 6 the wait. He had to get a team ready to investigate 7 8 Christina. I'm like, "Okay. But I need to bring her to you. Like, we need to find out what's going on guick." 9 She's telling me this, I don't know her story because I 10 have my own story and if I hear her story my story might 11 get mixed up because I'll be focussed on hers, or visa 12 versa, because she has to be able to tell her story one 13 day. So she doesn't know about mine. 14 I got her to the police station. A lady 15 officer came, did the video recording thing and we went 16 17 home. I phoned my work and I said -- told Colleen my boss, I'm like, "I'm really sorry. I can't come in tonight 18 because my family has to come first." Coleen's like, 19 "Whatever it takes Jocelyn, deal with your family." I'm 20 like, as I'm thinking about it I'm like, gosh, I'm like 21

losing money, I'm going to be like behind on this becauseof this, but this is more important.

We went out for dinner and stuff and justdid daughter time talking and never talked about what she

talked to the police about. Went back to the police station. We were there until -- for another four hours. They talked to her again and videotaped it. Then Saturday morning we had to go back in.

5 So Saturday morning we went back to the police station and I said, "You guys don't understand. 6 We'll be -- you guys will have me on milk cartons within a 7 8 week, but you guys will never find our bodies. Raymond's already said that. If I ever take her away from him he 9 will kill us. He's already described he's going to blow up 10 my truck. He's already said he knows how to break into my 11 place and he's been in my place. You guys don't understand 12 how serious this is." 13

So they talked to Christina and they said, 14 Christina's like, "He's going to kill my mum, piece by 15 piece. He's going to rip her body apart." Is what he told 16 17 her. The police were like, we're going to get victim services in here to talk to you guys. Victim services came 18 and the officers came back with victim services and they 19 sat us down. Constable Herder says to me, "Jocelyn, I'm so 20 sorry. I have 11 officers that have read the video or 21 watched the video about this. Ten (10) of them are 100 22 23 percent positive he did it. Did what she's claiming." I told him, "It's not that I don't want to 24

25 know, but I really want to go kill him because he should

have never hurt my daughter. But then she'll be alone." 1 And Constable Herder's like, "You have to fight for your 2 daughter." He said, the victim services the -- how --3 like, can we charge him? And I said, "There's no time for 4 5 that. You guys need to save us. Like she's supposed to be returned to him Sunday 12:00 or we're -- like, he'll hunt 6 us down. He's already threatened us with that. So they 7 8 said we'll do something -- we'll figure something out. Sunday morning I'm like panicking. I have 9 no money for laundry and so I'm up at my girlfriend's doing 10 laundry, because we had to pay for laundry and I had no 11 soap. So I was up using her machines and her -- victim 12 services phoned, come to the police station. So we went to 13 the police station. Like, "You guys, unless -- we can't --14 like he -- she's supposed to be there by 12:00. You need 15 to tell him anything, he's coming after us." 16 17 So they said, "You have two hours to get four weeks of stuff in your vehicle, go to this address. 18 When you get to North Vancouver we'll give you another 19 address." So I'm like, two hours. I said, "I have laundry 20

address." So I'm like, two hours. I said, "I have laundry
in the washer." They're like, "Doesn't matter." I packed
four weeks of stuff, put Christina in the truck, her
hamster, everything else we had, birds, in the truck. And
we drove to north -- to the address and we phoned them.
They gave us address for a shelter on Sunday night,

1 afternoon, by I'd say it was 11:30, almost 12:00 and I'm
2 like -- I hope he doesn't track us. Hope he doesn't have a
3 tracking device on my truck or anything.

I turned off my phone except for when we got 4 5 to the place and then went in. I told them, I said, "I've got to get -- I'm not even allowed to be out of Squamish 6 with her and I'm in North Vancouver with her. I'm going to 7 8 be in -- like, if he finds out," I said, "it's not going to be good." And they said, "We'll make sure he stays in 9 Squamish. We'll keep an eye on him." The officers told me 10 they put an officer at his house to watch and make sure he 11 stayed home. 12

We stayed overnight in North Vancouver and 13 8:00 the next morning I took her to the courthouse, waited 14 until 3:00 in the afternoon to finally be heard by the 15 judge and tell them what happened. And the Judge said, 16 17 "You have 100 percent custody of your daughter, sole custody. Phone child tax, let them know that you have this 18 piece of paper, that you now have sole custody of her." He 19 goes, "I wish you all the best." He goes, "Be safe and 20 keep on moving forward. Don't go back because you want to 21 stay alive." I did. 22

We moved. I took her out of Squamish in a
weekend and to Kelowna. We stayed at another safehouse.
Within 30 days I found myself employment, I found us a

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place to live, I got us on welfare, I got her into school, 1 I got her into counselling and me into counselling in under 2 30 days. We moved out of the safehouse into a place of our 3 own. Now, it wasn't easy. Like, he's made our life very 4 5 hard. UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Do you want something 6 to drink? 7 8 MS. JOCELYN KOLLER: Yeah. MR. BREEN OUELLETTE: So what have the 9 10 police done about Raymond? MS. JOCELYN KOLLER: They listened to her. 11 They haven't -- they didn't charge him, they investigated 12 him and he ended up moving in with another girl, with a 13 younger girl. And like if -- I phoned her and said to her, 14 "Crystal are you dumb? I told you what he's done to my 15 daughter. Like, that he's touched my daughter and your 16 17 kid's not even related. Are you dumb?" I phoned the police and -- because I was live -- I didn't live in 18 Kelowna -- I lived in Kelowna, I didn't live in Squamish 19 and nothing. They didn't -- they couldn't -- like, Crystal 20 21 blocked me on Facebook. 22 But I had people in Squamish all over, thanks to Fred, and Marilyn, and a few other people that 23 kept tabs on everything he did just so that if he left town 24

everybody knew. Everybody that I knew, and they'd contact

me. He's going to North Vancouver today. And there would be people like his cousin I North Vancouver would be like, "Oh yeah, he's was seen here. He was at Walmart in North Vancouver. He's heading back." Like, I knew. Not all in the same day, but I knew where he was, that he wasn't still in the lower mainland.

Christina's case is still open. They 7 8 haven't done anything. And I'm like, "Well, how -- or how young does she have to be to -- for you guys to step up and 9 do something?" We lived in one place in -- the first 10 apartment and then I found out that there was heroin users, 11 crack heads, and they were banging on our window and walls 12 at stupid hours in the morning. I walked out one morning 13 and I almost stepped on a needle. 14

And I was like -- so I went to low-income 15 housing and pleaded with them to get us into a place 16 17 because I said, "I can't bring a 13, 14 year old daughter up in that. She can't even sleep properly at night because 18 these guys are banging on our windows. We have locks, like 19 three locks on our windows. We have an extra lock on our 20 door." I mean, I said, "I've spent that extra money to 21 make her safe, but we're still not safe." And somebody was 22 23 watching out for us because all of a sudden somebody moved out and we get an apartment and we got into the apartment. 24 But the police, I phoned them for a year 25

straight finding out what they're doing with Christina's 1 case. Where's her file? It got passed from Constable 2 Mack, to the Constable Herder, to Constable some other 3 lady, to another lady, to another lady. For a year 4 5 straight Christina was getting mad at me every single day. "Why are you not looking at this? You don't care. I don't 6 matter." And I'm like, "I am trying, dear. I am so 7 8 trying." A year straight. Finally, an officer phones me back. They have misplaced her hearing and they want her to 9 sit down and do another hearing. 10

11 She went from an angry little girl to a very 12 angry little girl because she thought that her mum was not 13 doing anything. And I said, "I want you guys to record me 14 every time I phone your detachment to find out what's 15 happening with this file, because if it comes back that my 16 daughter doesn't believe me, I'll have you on it voice 17 recorded."

And then the officer talk -- finally another 18 lady officer phoned from the Native Community in Squamish, 19 saying that it kind of went as a cold case file because 20 nobody was looking into it. And I was like, "How is nobody 21 looking into it when I'm phoning?" And she says, yes, you 22 23 were -- they put it as a cold case file for her because I was harassing the police department. I'm like, how am I 24 harassing them when nobody's answering me? Like, how is 25

1 that harassing? But so now it sits. Christina's little
2 file sits in somewhere I guess until she decides to go back
3 in and re-record everything.

Now she's mad. She never graduated. She
never got really hard into drinking. She did have a little
bout with drinking. But she's very angry. You can see it
in her eyes today. Like, things that set her off. She'll
go from -- like her dad, from zero to 100 percent blown
anger.

When she was 15, 16 it was just after her 10 sweet 16 party. I threw her a big huge party. She got her 11 tongue pierced for her 16th birthday which I did not -- not 12 impressed. And then we got in an argument and I said, "You 13 know what Christina, I'm your mother, you need to listen." 14 And she wound up and punched me and knocked me to the 15 ground and I blacked out. I got up and I'm like, "Get your 16 17 ass out. No. You want to start hitting, I will not tolerate it. You think life is so grand? You want name 18 brand jeans, you go buy them yourself." I don't think it 19 was the best thing I could have done, but it was the only 20 21 thing that I could have done at the time.

22 She moved out. Then she met an older guy 23 who was abusive to her. She was still seeking counselling 24 and the counsellor phoned me one day and asked me to come 25 and pick her up because he had her pinned to the ground by

| 1 | her throat. I went there with people to find him but he |
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| 2 | knew. He knew to hide. I got her out to safety and then |
| 3 | she still lived on her own till she was 19 and I finally |
| 4 | picked her up and said, "You're coming home." She stayed, |
| 5 | not working or anything, until she was almost 20 so that |
| 6 | she could actually get her weight back, her mind back. |
| 7 | She's now 21. She had a job but now she has |
| 8 | a baby boy and she's actually a little bit happier than she |
| 9 | was. Her anger isn't as bad but she still has her bouts. |
| 10 | But she never turned to alcohol. She smokes her weed, but |
| 11 | she'd never turned into hard core drugs or anything. I |
| 12 | kept her away from all of that. Her she has friends |
| 13 | that went into crack or heroin. She never touched it |
| 14 | because I told her never to touch it. I told her, don't |
| 15 | pick up the bottle. It's way to easy of a habit that can't |
| 16 | be broken as easy as it starts. She never did it. |

17 To this day she'll have one, two drinks, just like me. Around Christmas time we'll have a drink 18 19 together and that's about it, or celebrate her birthday. 20 We actually -- last time we celebrated her birthday was fireworks. No drinking, just fireworks. I mean, you don't 21 want to drink, well we'll take that money from the booze, 22 23 that we'd spend on booze and go set off fireworks. So I'm proud of her, because she's come a long ways. She's still 24 hurt, still mad that the police have lost her stuff. But -25

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1 - I know, that was off course.

MR. BREEN OUELLETTE: That's quite all 2 right. Is there anything else you want to say about your 3 personal experience as a survivor of violence? 4 5 MS. JOCELYN KOLLER: I think -- I don't recall like ever seeing help. Like, now you see it in the 6 bathrooms where there's women's shelters and stuff. But I 7 8 phoned one of them to help my daughter and it was really hard to get in there. You had to jump through like 18 9 hoops to get into some of the women's shelters. It's not 10 11 easy. There's 1-800 numbers, but sometimes you 12 don't get through right away. Sometimes you're like --13 talk to an automated thing to find out which direction you 14 want to talk to. By the time you've done you're like so 15 frustrated you just hang up. 16 17 There's -- I think if there was more help out there, like a lot of things wouldn't happen. Honestly, 18 I think more people need to say that it's okay to come 19 forward when things are gone south. If I'd known that --20 what he was doing wasn't right and I had been told that, 21 whether it be in grade school, or high school, I don't 22 23 think it'd be as bad as it was, because everybody'd know about it. 24

MR. BREEN OUELLETTE: What do you hope will

happen as a result of your testimony to the National
 Inquiry about your personal experience as a survivor of
 violence?

4 MS. JOCELYN KOLLER: I hope that it opens 5 more doors for younger people that need the help. I hope 6 that it'll make my daughter strong enough to go do her 7 recording again. It's never too late. It will always be 8 there for you and she knows it.

When I told her that I was coming to this 9 she was like, Okay. And then I talked to Breen and he said 10 that I was going to say my story and I told her that. 11 She broke down crying. "You're so amazing mum. Where do you 12 get the strength to do that?" I said, "I'm doing this 13 because I want you to be able to see that you can start 14 doing it while you're young. You're only 21, you can do 15 this." She goes, "Mum. I want to close my file too." 16

17 So I'm hoping that me speaking, it gets out 18 there and it helps some other young girl that's in trouble 19 in realizing, you know what? I don't want to be that crazy 20 47-year-old dealing with that. Let's deal with it now, and 21 it's safe to deal with it. That there is help for us. 22 Like, we just have to know about it.

23 MR. BREEN OUELLETTE: Now, I said some time
24 ago that we would get back to talking about the
25 disappearance of Doreen.

MS. JOCELYN KOLLER: Yes. 1 MR. BREEN OUELLETTE: When did you learn 2 that Doreen had gone missing? 3 MS. JOCELYN KOLLER: Well, I had a headlight 4 5 or something out on my vehicle. I got pulled over by the police. Ten (10) days -- a ticket for 10 days to get it 6 fixed or I have to -- they'll go ahead with the ticket. So 7 8 I went and got it fixed. But I had to bring my car to the police station in Squamish. I can't recall, I think it was 9 October, it was after I graduated. It was probably October 10 '89, might have been even December. It was cold out. 11 And I was walking into the police station, 12 out of the corner of my eye there was a poster there. 13 Missing, it was the missing Jack family. And I looked at 14 it and I went in and I said, "That's my family." How --15 and they were like, okay. And I asked the lady, "Who do I 16 17 talk to about this? Who do I talk about how these guys went missing? Like, where?" And she was like, "Well, you 18 have to talk to Constable so and so." And I'm like, "Okay, 19 when's he in?" And she said, "Well what are you here for 20 today?" I'm like, "Oh, I'm here to see this Constable for 21 my headlight" or whatever it was. 22 23 And so he came out and he looked at the car,

23 And so he came out and he looked at the car,
24 yeah, okay. So he signed off on it. I asked him, "Who do
25 I talk to about this? And he pointed as we were walking in

the hallway, and he said "Oh, you'll have to talk to this 1 Constable." I'm like, okay. So then I phoned the next day 2 for that Constable and he said, "Well what are you talking 3 about?" So I went down and I got the lady to take -- the 4 5 secretary to take the poster out of the thing, and I said, "This one, who do I talk to about this? What -- how'd they 6 go missing? How does a whole family go missing? Who's 7 8 looking after this case?"

MR. BREEN OUELLETTE: He said, "Oh, that's 9 not mine. You'll have to talk to this officer." And I'm 10 like, "Okay, I already talked to two officers, how many 11 more do I have to talk to?" "Oh, this one is the one that 12 would know more about it." So I talked to another officer 13 and that one's like, "Oh, no, no. That would be this 14 person." So I went and talked -- tried to talk to that 15 person. I phone, and phoned, and phoned. Phone calls 16 17 weren't returned and then I talked to Katie and asked her about it. 18

I said, "Is Doreen my sister?" She said, "Yes." I said, "Is she gone missing?" She said, "Yes." I said, "I seen the poster in the police station. They won't tell me what's going on. What happened?" Katie was like, "They were moving." She goes this is, "They were moving from Prince George to Quesnel, I believe, and she said, "Doreen needed gas money," Katie was going to meet them

1 with gas money or something.

But Doreen always told Katie, like, "Hey 2 we're here. Hey, we're here." And like always kept tabbed 3 in with her. She goes, "She never phoned me back except 4 5 for when they left, and she never phoned me back." So I was like, oh, she must have -- it got late maybe. Because 6 Katie said she had her account number to put money in for 7 8 gas, or like if Doreen needed help. So she could access Doreen's account and she said her account was never 9 touched. She just -- nothing was touched. 10 And then she said that -- she goes, "We, a 11 bunch of us, the family and stuff, went looking for her. 12 We checked over the big embankments there between Price 13 George and Quesnel. We checked for her." Like, they filed 14 the missing person report. She said officers weren't 15 really interested in anything, it seemed like. She said 16 17 that they looked. They looked all these places but nothing has ever turned up. And I was like, "How does that 18 happen?" She said she didn't know. 19 She says, "We've just got to keep our 20

20 prayers that they're going to come back, she'll be back
21 prayers that they're going to come back, she'll be back
22 soon." And I was, okay, and then I -- every time I phoned
23 Katie, hear any word from -- she's like, "No." She goes,
24 "I don't even think the police are investigating it. They
25 don't think it's a real person or they don't believe that

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they're missing" is what she told me. I was like, this is silly.

It was like another time I talked to her and 3 she said that the last she heard was she -- somebody knows 4 5 and she goes, the last they were talking about a farmer and he knows. She goes, "I don't know his name, but he knows. 6 Whether he did it or did something, but he knows." And she 7 8 said that I don't know if this is getting investigated. And that's all she -- like, she just told me that somebody 9 knows something and they just aren't coming forward and the 10 police aren't forcing people to come forward. It's just 11 been left. 12

MR. BREEN OUELLETTE: Jocelyn, do you
remember having a discussion with Katie about the licence
plate on Doreen's vehicle?

MS. JOCELYN KOLLER: Yeah, she said that not 16 17 even the plates have been renewed, that car's not been renewed. Everything, it's just vanished, she said. And 18 the car has never been found, none of the belongings or 19 anything's been found. Where they moved to, even the stuff 20 that got moved never got found is what she told me last --21 and that was quite a few years ago before she passed away. 22 23 Like, she was always crying about it and upset, so I stopped asking because she'll tell me if she 24

need to tell me and I don't want to keep on pushing it.

Because she's already hurt enough. That's her little --1 her girl too, right? It's not just my sister, it's someone 2 I didn't really know, but someone that she knew. She 3 showed me a picture when I was -- I had the -- I'd given 4 5 her pictures and she showed me a picture of Doreen at 16 and me at 16 and it's like, "You guys are so much alike." 6 Like, we looked a lot alike apparently. But I always said 7 8 I look like Katie so, I guess that's how. MR. BREEN OUELLETTE: Do you remember Katie 9 telling you the reason that the family moved? 10 MS. JOCELYN KOLLER: She said that Doreen's 11 husband, they needed work. So they just took a job and it 12 was like, they had kids to provide for and he just took a 13 job quickly and maybe if they weren't in such a position of 14 needing the income that maybe they would have realized 15 where they were. Maybe they made a bad choice because of 16 17 being in such a position. They didn't have -- they couldn't always -- she said she couldn't always provide for 18 them either because she didn't have the money and they 19 needed a place, they needed food. And the just took a job 20 and apparently is was the wrong job because now they're 21 22 gone.

23 MR. BREEN OUELLETTE: So Jocelyn, do you
24 have any recommendations that would protect children from
25 abuse, or loss of culture from adoptions and from foster

1 care?

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MS. JOCELYN KOLLER: I think if they would like, investigate -- like, investigate where the kids are going more. Also talk to more family. Like in lots of families, like, even my family now, like there's people that like, I might not talk to someone, but somebody else is talking to them.

8 But that person when it comes down to it, 9 like, my dad could have taken care of me, but he was never offered that choice. So I think if that could be -- like, 10 there's distance relatives, my aunt said she looked after 11 me for three weeks. She would have in a heartbeat taken me 12 if she'd known that Katie was forced to give me up for 13 adoption. She didn't find out until after I was gone that 14 I was forced to be given up. But if she had known she 15 would have adopted, like, kept me. I would have gotten my 16 17 heritage.

Also, I think before you get sent out, like if, maybe there is cases where you have to be sent off a reserve, but then there should be a caseworker or a counselor that the kids should be always going to, to be able to talk freely about stuff. And that should never end. That could be there until they're of age, or if they wanted it afterwards. But somebody to check in with.

MR. BREEN OUELLETTE: Do you think that in a

case where a child is adopted, that the birth family, the extended family, should have rights?

MS. JOCELYN KOLLER: They should totally 3 have rights. Mine was put into a file and the file was 4 5 hidden away. So James could never find it, my brother could never find it, no matter how hard you searched they 6 buried it so that it couldn't be -- they shouldn't be like 7 8 that. Like, there is extended family that didn't even know that you were sent out for adoption. They should be able 9 to look at the paperwork or have -- like, if they are like, 10 healthy people, they should be able to have an advocate to 11 go to and say, "Hey, what happened to her? Is she alive? 12 Is she okay?" Like nobody knew. I was just put out there 13 and hidden. 14

And I don't -- I think if my auntie got to -15 - my auntie Monica got to know where I was, she would have 16 17 said, "No, you're coming back to the Reserve and you're going to continue living with her." Or my dad, James, 18 would have said, "No. You're coming back home." Like, and 19 they would have made sure I got my culture my -- and 20 everything. I think also Bands should have put a little 21 more effort into, where is she going? Instead of allowing 22 23 it to go the way it did.

24 MR. BREEN OUELLETTE: In an instance where
25 children are going into foster care, do you think that

equal consideration should be given to assign that funding to support a family in need so the children don't have to go out to foster care?

MS. JOCELYN KOLLER: I think there should be 4 5 funding, like, for right now -- for instance like Able, my 6 grandson. I think there should be funding put aside so that if something ever happened to Christina and I'm not 7 8 around, and there isn't something set up, a Will or something set up, that you know what, they can step in and 9 say he has funding for this and let's -- this is the next 10 best thing that we can do for him. Not for whoever, 11 because then people like Larry and Cathy we'll say oh, he's 12 our grandson and we're going to adopt him. Christina would 13 never have that, I'd never have that, but we're both gone. 14

So it think if there's -- if we -- our youth 15 should have somebody that watches over them and knows like 16 17 a little more, then it would be a little more protected. And I think like a lot of -- maybe not just our band can do 18 it, but maybe like, a group can be like, "Okay, we know 19 that Christina's in poor health, let's see what's the next 20 step if she doesn't make it. Where is Able going to go?" 21 We don't want him becoming thrown into foster care or 22 thrown out there and hope somebody catches him. Let's get 23 a safety net for him. 24

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Let's build him and let him -- give him

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somebody that he can trust, that he can always talk to so 1 that even if things -- like if he turns into a teenager and 2 well, today I hate my mum, he still has somebody to talk 3 to. And they should be aware, like, right from 4 5 kindergarten that, you need somebody to talk to, here's a number, here's a person, here's a safe place that only you 6 can go. This is built for you. And I think a lot of kids 7 8 would be a little better off. 9 MR. BREEN OUELLETTE: Do you have any recommendations that would protect women and children from 10 domestic abuse? 11 MS. JOCELYN KOLLER: I think it should be 12 aware, like, I don't remember ever growing up and never 13 saying that a man should never hit a woman, or a woman 14 should hit a man, because I know it goes equally, both 15 ways. In my case it didn't. But and they talk about that, 16

but what they don't talk about is abuse is not onlyhitting, abuse is verbal.

19 Verbal is more hurting then the hitting. I
20 know I wished Raymond had hit me just so that I could say,
21 "See, it's happening." But if I told people that he yells
22 and screams and has a tantrum, they're all like, "Get over
23 it." Like, it's not a big deal. But it is a big deal.
24 It's worse in the cases -- it's -- I gained weight.

I was over 300 pounds at one time because I

-- because he said that that's what I was, so of course, I 1 ate. I was horrendously big. It was like 4X, 5X clothing 2 and people just that I was -- had an eating habit. Well, I 3 had an eating habit because he put me there, he put that in 4 5 my mind that I was worthless. So worthless means eat more. I'm now, today, under 200 pounds and I went 6 an seen a specialist because I have a hernia. And the 7 8 hernia specialist, I know, he was just rude and he says to me, "You know if you were skinnier you wouldn't have a 9 hernia." And I looked at him and I shook my head and I 10 said, "You know what? You're looking at a piece of paper 11 about me. You know nothing about me." I said, "How rude." 12 And he goes, "Well, I'm just saying you need to lose more 13 weight." 14

I said "Excuse me, you can bite my butt 15 because I was over 300 pounds, thank you very much. I 16 17 brought myself down to 200 pounds." I said, "It took me only short amount of time to get to 300 pounds, but you try 18 and work that off." And I said, "I'm now under 200 pounds 19 and you're telling me your overweight." I said, "You got a 20 crooked nose." He -- I know, like, I got mad because how 21 rude? Like, you judging me because I'm sitting in your 22 office. No. Like, yeah, yeah, you can judge me, I can 23 judge you. Might be why I have not got called back for a 24 surgery, but you know, that's okay. 25

I think everything happens for a reason and 1 I tore my MCL in my knee and bruised my ACL last December. 2 I was only on the job for three weeks, then I got injured. 3 Been off work on EI -- well, first I got put on light duty 4 and went for a rehabilitation and they sent me to Edmonton 5 for it. So I spent until June in Edmonton, trying to get -6 - so from March till June in Edmonton. Then when I got 7 8 back, or when I did that I hurt my tummy, but I didn't realize I had gotten a hernia from falling. 9 When I found out a got a hernia it took till 10 July to see that specialist and well, to this day I haven't 11 got my surgery date. So I decided to take all my stuff and 12 go see another specialist. So I'm sitting and waiting, but 13 I think everything happens for a reason, because I wouldn't 14 be at this inquiry if I hadn't been hurt in the first 15 place. And everything happens -- and I fully believe in 16 17 everything I do, everything happens for a reason. And I wasn't put here today by chance. I 18

19 was brought here and my story needed to be told, and that's 20 why I'm here. And it all has to do with because somebody 21 told me slow down, by throwing my out of the shower. 22 Right? So I think a lot of thinking happened when I was 23 sitting in Edmonton alone. I had a lot of time to think 24 and I said, it's time to start changing things and do 25 things for me, get a little greedy.

So off to the police station, I told my story, step one. Step two, I'm going to continue to lose weight just for me, not -- it was before that doctor. I started working out, doing my thing until my tummy hurt too much. Then I'm been, like I bought myself a vehicle, paid cash for it. I filed for my divorce, got my divorce.

I've done a lot this year, like, I went --7 8 when I thought about it before I came here I was like kind of choked I haven't really done much, but now I'm sitting 9 here going, wow, I got a divorce. He wouldn't sign the 10 divorce papers before and since 2009 I've been waiting for 11 my divorce because he needed it for pull. He wouldn't file 12 papers. He wouldn't sign anything. He lied to the courts. 13 They -- about everything, and then when they told him he 14 had to prove it he just not showed up for court. Went 15 phone calls, changed number. 16

But I got my divorce, so I'm pretty happy about that. Cost me money, but in the end, I'm winning a lot more on you, Raymond. I'm standing alone and I got this. And then I've repaired my knee on my own, like because they kicked me out because I got a hernia, for my last four weeks I was supposed to get help. I healed my knee myself, so -- and now I'm here.

24 So I'm pretty proud. I'll keep on fighting 25 and I've never -- I look at some of my friends, one of my

good friends, almost drank herself to death. I never went 1 there. Don't ask my how I have the strength or how I have 2 the fight. I've never taken drugs in my whole life. I've 3 never -- I drank but never to the point where I was stupid. 4 5 I've never turned into a hooker. I've been clean. Ι just -- every time -- yeah, I've tried 6 committing suicide. First time it didn't work because my 7 8 horse saved me. Second time I tried I was found. And the third time the horse saved me, or some truck wouldn't let 9 me -- I don't know. It was just all -- two times my horse 10 has saved me. She's gone and almost killed herself to save 11 me. So I'm like, well, this isn't working. I'm not good 12 at suicide, therefore I must fight. So I -- here I am. 13 I'm fighting and every day is a new battle, 14 but the nightmare has got to stop. The flashbacks got to 15 stop. Then until just recently I though the triggers were 16 17 just me being crazy. I though like, the drives, like sometimes when I drive I'll drive from Kelowna and I appear 18 at home. I don't know how I got there. I'll be like, did 19

I blow any stop signs? I don't even know how I got from
Kelowna to Enderby. I learned about that.

Then like, seeing people and some men, they set off triggers. And like it can be a simple thing as somebody's cigarette smell that will set me off and I do the whole displacement and then I'll be looking around,

where am I? Oh, yeah. I was getting milk at Walmart, what 1 happened? Oh, I must have just had a trigger. I'm okay, 2 I'm moving forward. But I didn't know. I thought I was 3 just losing it because I'd have like big gaps of things 4 5 happening and it really bugs me because it's like, like what I see now. Am I losing it? But it's time to heal. 6 MR. BREEN OUELLETTE: Jocelyn, I just want 7 8 to clarify one thing because we've talked together outside of this space. 9 MS. JOCELYN KOLLER: Yeah. 10 MR. BREEN OUELLETTE: When you said that 11 verbal abuse is worse, and I think the implication was 12 worse than physical or sexual abuse, is that because nobody 13 can see it on you? 14 MS. JOCELYN KOLLER: Nobody can see it. 15 nobody can feel what I'm feeling. Nobody can feel the --16 17 how little I feel. Nobody can feel that when -- up to two years ago I couldn't look in the mirror because I was ugly. 18 I can take selfies now and I can look at myself in selfies 19 and go, you know what? You're looking pretty good. Like, 20 you know what is that hair out of spot? Like before I 21 couldn't even take a selfie. I couldn't even take 22 23 pictures. I'm proud of myself, but verbal abuse, it 24

24 I'm proud of myself, but verbal abuse, it
25 all plays right into your head, really bad. Where physical

| 1 | abuse, yeah, you have the bruise, you have that |
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| 2 | swollenness, but and people see it and they'll help you. |
| 3 | But people don't see the verbal. They don't see any go |
| 4 | that and I have a poker face. I can play it as long as |
| 5 | he's happy, I can play that poker face. I can tell |
| 6 | everybody everything's fine. I can spend hours at home |
| 7 | crying in the closet because I'm scared because I'm so |
| 8 | ugly, and that's how I felt. |
| 9 | So I think a lot of people don't let people |

know that they're getting verbal abuse. A lot of people 10 won't come forward and say. And I'm not just saying this 11 as a woman. I have a man friend that it happened to him 12 and people look at him being like a baby about it. you 13 know what? When somebody says this is happening, I think 14 we've all got to stop and take a breath, and look at them 15 and say, you know what? What can we do to help? Not shake 16 17 our head an walk away, like, silly.

Like, my friend Sandra, we are no longer 18 friends, she's an associate. I haven't talked to her in 19 years, but I told her Raymond's so mean, he's always saying 20 things. And then she would say, "You know what? Suck it 21 up, it ain't that bad. Did he hit you?" "No." "Okay. 22 Well, you're fine then." No, I'm not fine. Like, yeah, I 23 don't have scars, you're right. But I have it all playing 24 over and over in my head, what could I have done in that 25

scenario to fix that? What could I have done to make him happy? What could I have done to make myself look prettier so that he didn't have to go online?

So you don't see that and nobody does, 4 5 unless you talk about it. And I think we should learn now to talk about it and be able to talk to somebody. If we 6 had that person that we knew that we could rely on, then 7 8 people would talk a little more. I think if people are talking about it -- men aren't going to do it to women, 9 women aren't going to do it to men, because it's more open 10 and it might slow it down. But it's gotten to the point 11 where there's a lot of people just turn a blind eye. It's 12 easier than dealing with it. 13

My girlfriend, her husband was -- like, 14 verbally abusive and I walked straight up to him and he's 15 knocked like, her out, he's knocked other people out. I 16 17 walked straight up to him and it said, "If I ever see a bruise on her I am coming after you with the police." And 18 I said, "Do not even test me." And he started yelling at 19 me and I said, "You want to start yelling at me, Bill? 20 Let's go, toe to toe, let's argue about this." And he just 21 looked at me, he didn't know what to say. He just walked 22 23 away.

I hadn't heard from her for about a couple weeks. She wouldn't answer her phone and that's not like

her. She always Facebook's me or she texts me. "Oh my
 goodness, you wouldn't believe what the pig did today."
 Because they had the little farm. So I drove out there
 with my daughter.

5 Her face was so swollen on one side, she had 6 his hand marks around her neck, on her chest. And I'm like, "Laura, what the hell happened?" She goes, "When he 7 8 was in jail I slept with somebody else." She goes, "I should never have done that." I looked at him and I said, 9 "Billy, did you do this?" He goes, "It's none of your 10 business Jocelyn." I said, "It's none of my business, hey 11 Bill?" I said, "You're right it's not." 12

I looked at the kids, I said, "What happened 13 to mum?" They both -- they all started crying. She has 14 five kids, they all started crying. I looked at him, I 15 said, "You're the lowest life I know." I didn't say 16 17 anything else. I went, "Let's go to the farm." Took the kids out to the farm and they said, "You should come more 18 often." And I'm like, "Why?" And they were like, "Because 19 dad behaves when you're here." Huh, oh really? 20

So we played and the one girl said, "I didn't know how hard my mum could take a hit until dad knocked her down." I got home, phoned the police, they went and picked him up, threw him in jail for a year. Got all the kids taken away, she got mad at me, blocked me.

I'm like, you don't even see the big picture here. 1 Want to know the officer that was 2 investigating him? Constable Mack, the first officer that 3 dealt with Christina. He walked in my house, he goes, "I 4 5 know you." I'm like, "You look familiar but I don't know you. I don't know many police officers." He charged him 6 and he went to jail. He got out, they're back all living 7 happily ever after. But I wrote on his Facebook wall, I 8 told you Bill, you ever touch Laura, because his family and 9 her family is on there. I told you I'd call the cops. 10 Enjoy jail. Well, I got blocked. 11 But I won't put up with it. Like, if 12 somebody says it's happening, like even my girlfriend, she 13 says something, I listen to her, because maybe nobody else 14 has. And people talk to me and I'm just like, don't talk 15 to me, I don't want to know. Okay, what? Sorry, just 16 17 kidding. That's just me having drama for a second there, but what's going on? So I think if we all can have some of 18 -- that person to listen to and the person listening 19 actually listens, it would help. 20 Because I think us going, like, even to a 21 hospital, there's lots of people that cry wolf, but are 22 23 they crying wolf? They -- like, how was the one lady, she

was from in the Okanogan there. She was in the hospital
five times. She's now gone. Why? Because some --

obviously her crying wolf, wasn't crying wolf. She's dead 1 today because of him. But she claimed -- she went to the 2 hospital. She claimed that he was hurting her. 3 She stuck up for him first a few times and 4 5 then one of the nurses said, "No, this isn't right." Once 6 that nurse started listening she got transferred to a different hospital. Did she get transferred or did she 7 8 want to go, who knows. But that girl's not alive now. He's living happily ever after, maybe. I don't know, maybe 9 he has guilt. I don't think so, but -- hopefully karma's 10 after him. 11 So I think speaking out is a step. Letting 12 others know, you know what? It's never too late. 13 Ιt doesn't matter how old you were. Come forward because in 14 groups we have more power than one alone. 15 MR. BREEN OUELLETTE: Thank you for that 16 17 wisdom. I'm going to turn this over now to the Chief Commissioner to see if she has any questions. 18 COMMISSIONER MARION BULLER: I Just have one 19 question. Going back to when you talked to the police 20 about Larry, did you tell them about Cathy hitting you with 21 the spoon until it broke? 22 23 MS. JOCELYN KOLLER: I did. But when I talked to the counsellor before I went and did this, I'm 24 like, "What do I need to do? I need to stop this." And 25

she said it has to go in stages and step one of the stage is to deal with Larry. Once Larry is charged, because they will go ahead with charges. I have my doctor in Squamish that's standing up for what -- when I got to Squamish and I was far enough away from them, the first thing I did was went to a doctor and told him.

It took three hours to sit there an talk to 7 8 him but he took the time out of his day. He pushed every appointment away to listen to me. He did a physical exam 9 with two nurses, just so that I -- he knew that I knew that 10 it wasn't invasive, he thought. But it had to be. Like I 11 have scar tissue that happened from when I was young that 12 most people wouldn't have. There's scar tissue, but 13 there's intense scar tissue. I have intense scar tissue. 14 So it's noted. 15

So the counsellors have said, like, first 16 17 press the charges against Larry and deal with that. When that is done you can press the charges and get Cathy for, 18 one, for the hitting's; two, for forcing you to stay when 19 like, she should have done differently. She should have 20 done what I did with my daughter, took her away from 21 everything. She was mad. Oh, she missed her friends, she 22 23 missed her school. But the biggest thing is you know what you're alive today because I did that. It might have not 24 been so -- such a good story. 25

COMMISSIONER MARION BULLER: Well, Jocelyn, 1 I have a hunch that your story is already starting to have 2 a happy ending. 3 MS. JOCELYN KOLLER: It will. 4 5 COMMISSIONER MARION BULLER: Yeah. I want 6 to thank you very much for sharing your story today. You've really inspired me. I'm in awe of you and your 7 8 courage, and your strength. Amazing. Absolutely amazing. 9 Two things before we finish for today. We're all learning new things and one thing that is so 10 beautiful about Indigenous culture is -- there are many 11 things, but one thing is that when somebody give us 12 something like you have today, a beautiful precious gift of 13 your story, we want to give you something back. And so 14 what we've done is they're seeds, because seeds give life, 15 like women do. 16 17 MS. JOCELYN KOLLER: Yeah. COMMISSIONER MARION BULLER: And we don't 18 bring foreign seeds in obviously, so ---19 MS. JOCELYN KOLLER: Well, that's a good 20 thing. 21 COMMISSIONER MARION BULLER: 22 I have some fireweed seeds here for you and they're so resilient, 23 fireweed plants. Plant the seeds and let's see what 24 happens. I think it will be great stuff. So on behalf of 25

1 all of us here at the National Inquiry, thank you very much
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MS. JOCELYN KOLLER: 3 Thank you. COMMISSIONER MARION BULLER: --- for being 4 5 with us today. And the second thing is we were talking to 6 -- or talking with people and the matriarchs on Haida Gwaii kind of ordered some women to -- thank you very much --7 harvest some Eagle feathers. Eagle feathers are important 8 in Indigenous cultures for a lot of different reasons. 9 First of all, Eagles are very strong birds and Eagles fly 10 the highest in the sky. 11

MS. JOCELYN KOLLER: They like me too. 12 COMMISSIONER MARION BULLER: Good. I'm not 13 surprised. And so they carry our prayers right up to the 14 Creator on their wings. And so, the Matriarchs on Haida 15 Gwaii of course know that and wanted to give everyone who 16 17 came and talked to us here in Squamish with Eagle feathers. Just in honour of you and also to help you know that your 18 prayers go all the way to the Creator and to give you 19 20 strength. MS. JOCELYN KOLLER: Thank you. 21

22 COMMISSIONER MARION BULLER: So this is for
23 you.

24 MS. JOCELYN KOLLER: Thank you.
25 COMMISSIONER MARION BULLER: And I want to

1 thank you again. It's been an unbelievable experience for 2 me.

MS. JOCELYN KOLLER: 3 Thank you. COMMISSIONER MARION BULLER: And yes, you 4 5 have made a difference, a big one. Thank you. MS. JOCELYN KOLLER: Thank you. 6 I also -- I was talking outside and we were talking about Eagles. And 7 8 this summer I did something different and I went floating down the river with my girlfriend and my daughter, and 9 another friend, and our other roommate. And it was really 10 a lot of fun and as we were floating down river we got to 11 this one bend in the river and there was -- I looked up and 12 my girlfriend Tanya goes, "Oh my goodness I don't think 13 we'd ever see that anywhere else." And it was a mother 14 eagle with two young ones in the nest. 15

And the father was perched beside it and he 16 17 whistled. So I whistled back and he whistled back, and as we were floating down the river, he'd whistle, I'd whistle 18 and he flew from tree. And at times we'd hear him whistle 19 but we couldn't see him, and then he'd appear. He followed 20 us for about an hour down the river and I'm like -- so I 21 turned to Tanya and I'm like, "You know what it is right?" 22 I said, "We're in trouble." She's like, "Why?" I'm like, 23 "Well, he's got two young to feed and you and I have lost 24 all this weight so he's coming to pick us up and go feed 25

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his two kids." 1 (LAUGHTER) 2 MS. JOCELYN KOLLER: She just laughed and it 3 was kind of really kind of -- she was just kind of really 4 5 eerie that he keeps on following us all the way. He soared over us, land on that side of the river, soared back over. 6 And then at times you could hear him but you couldn't see 7 8 him and we'd be looking, we'd look in everywhere. He doesn't want to be seen. He just wants us to know that 9 he's there, right? But it's a pretty impressive moment 10 because he followed us for such a long time. 11 Then we got carried away with just floating 12 and we wouldn't have anything -- all of a sudden I hear him 13 whistle and I'm like, he's back and he was there. Like and 14 the second time about three or four weeks we went floating. 15 It wasn't Tanya, it was just Vanessa, my daughter, myself, 16 17 and we're floating down the river and I was just off in la la land thinking and like wondering about stuff, and what 18 to do, and where to start things. 19 And all of a sudden out of the corner of my 20 eye there's an Eagle sitting there watching me and I was 21 watching him and I was just like, all of a sudden he 22 23 whistled and Christina was like, "Mum do not make that one

follow us all the way down the river." So I whistled back

and he followed us for a while. I don't know if it was the

1 same one or it was just coincidence.

But this summer we've had the eagle thing 2 and it was just -- so when you gave me the eagle feather it 3 means a lot and it's just -- I have looked for eagle 4 5 feathers around the apartment not (inaudible) eagle. I got squirreled, but I'm like, oh look. Oh what's this flower? 6 I forget that I was looking for eagle feathers. But to 7 8 experience that this year was pretty impressive. And I think, like, I know often like, if 9 I've stopped somewhere and things are going really south 10 and I'm thinking, how did they get this bad or something. 11 I'll sit there and I'll just be like, so mad at something 12 and something will fly over and whether it be a crow or 13 something, but there's always been flight. Like birds of 14 some sort that are around when I'm feeling at my worst. 15 A whole tree with fly off and I'm like, wow, 16 17 squirreled, and then I forget what I'm thinking about and wondering what scared them, right? I think it's they are 18

19 just saying, hey, quit beating yourself up. Look at us 20 fly.

So strength is in numbers and I think that's where we have to start. Let's build our numbers to get the strength back. And I don't want people to think that this doesn't happen to men either, because it happens both ways and it just needs -- if it's put out there, it's not right

| 1 | and it's okay to talk about it, then it will help. |
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| 2 | COMMISSIONER MARION BULLER: Thank you |
| 3 | again. |
| 4 | MS. JOCELYN KOLLER: Thank you. |
| 5 | COMMISSIONER MARION BULLER: Thank you so |
| 6 | much. |
| 7 | Upon adjourning at 6:55 p.m. |

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