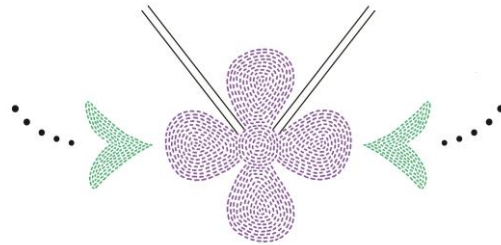


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1 those stories is hope and inspiration, and so I want to
2 acknowledge the courage and bravery of those that are
3 sharing, not only in our public forum but the families and
4 survivors that are sharing in the other venues throughout
5 the two days.

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

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

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

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

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

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

2 Thank you.

3 And Mabel as well.

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

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

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

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

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

1 travelling. I'll go home tomorrow night.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

23 This we pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

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

1 Hagwilnegh for an official welcome from the clans.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

5 So with that (speaking in Native language).

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

25 The families didn't ask for their members,

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

21 Msiyh.

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

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

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

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

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

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

16 (speaking in Native language)

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

24 Msiyh.

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

1 too, is we have candles in our well tent. If you'd like to
2 hang pictures of your loved ones on the tables surrounding
3 the well tent, this is for folks that do not use smudge or
4 want to go by the sacred fire, but if you can add your own
5 fire with the candles and pictures, please come and join us
6 outside.

7 Thank you.

8 **TERRELLYN FEAM:** If I could just ask you to
9 remain standing, I'd like to ask the Commissioners to offer
10 gifts of thanks for your opening prayers, for your opening
11 words, for being here today to support the families and to
12 continue to welcome us.

13 Just a reminder to everyone that it was
14 mentioned the wonderful health supports that we have
15 available. I just want to put out a reminder to those of
16 you that may be watching live from somewhere across this
17 Turtle Island that we do have the toll-free support line
18 available. It's available if you need someone to speak to.

19 There's counsellors on the other end of that
20 phone line, and they can speak with you in English, French,
21 Cree, Ojibwe or Inuktituk. And they're available 24 hours
22 a day and seven days a week at 1-844-413-6649.

23 Thank you.

24 We will get started in a couple minutes.

25 --- Upon recessing at 9:30 a.m.

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

2 **Hearing # 1**

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

4 **In relation to Jacqueline Murdock**

5 **Heard by Commissioner Michèle Audette**

6 **Commission Counsel: Wendy van Tongeren**

7 **Registrar: Bryan Zandberg**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

21 Thank you.

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

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

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

2 **MR. GREG MURDOCK:** Yes.

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

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

6 **GREG MURDOCK, Affirmed**

7 **SHARI MURDOCK, Affirmed**

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

11 Thank you.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

1 direction, to make their life better.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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1 MR. GREG MURDOCK: Yes.

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

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

7 MR. GREG MURDOCK: Oh, yeah.

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

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

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

17 MR. GREG MURDOCK: Yes.

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

20 MR. GREG MURDOCK: Yes.

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

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

25 MR. GREG MURDOCK: And Peter.

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1 MS. WENDY VAN TONGEREN: And Peter?

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

4 MS. WENDY VAN TONGEREN: Vivian.

5 MR. GREG MURDOCK: Vivian.

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

8 MS. SHARI MURDOCK: John.

9 MS. WENDY VAN TONGEREN: Don?

10 MS. SHARI MURDOCK: John.

11 MR. GREG MURDOCK: John.

12 MS. WENDY VAN TONGEREN: John?

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

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

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

21 MS. SHARI MURDOCK: Daphne.

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

23 MS. SHARI MURDOCK: No.

24 MR. GREG MURDOCK: No.

25 MS. SHARI MURDOCK: She passed away.

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1 MS. WENDY VAN TONGEREN: And Gladys?

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

4 MS. WENDY VAN TONGEREN: Louis' fine?

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

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

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

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

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

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

13 Okay.

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

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

17 MS. SHARI MURDOCK: He's alive.

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

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

21 MS. WENDY VAN TONGEREN: And John?

22 MS. SHARI MURDOCK: He passed.

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

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

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

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

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

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

14 It's beautiful out in the woods.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

23 Shari Murdock and Greg Murdock
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1 remember, lots of those diapers hanging on the line. They
2 never had Pampers them days.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

1 do that for them.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

12 **MS. WENDY VAN TONGEREN:** Around there.

13 Okay. All right. Thank you.

14 And you have a niece, Shari.

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

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

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

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

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

25 My grandma had told me that she was there

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

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

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

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

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

1 dirty, and I was in a crib crying.

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

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

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

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

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

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

1 now".

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

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

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

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

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

25 And we would literally take apart her bag

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

1 place.

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

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

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

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

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

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

20 Sorry.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

18 That's what you told me.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

25 And we were sitting outside under the

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

24 You want to ask me something?

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

1 very well on your own, actually.

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

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

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

11 And unfortunately, that day never came.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

25 Okay. So was there a motor vehicle accident

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

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

10 And her mom died -- on ---

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

1 Police?

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

25 That's how he was found.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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1 MS. WENDY VAN TONGEREN: Yeah.

2 MS. SHARI MURDOCK: Yeah.

3 MS. WENDY VAN TONGEREN: I can imagine.

4 And what year did Wilson die; do you
5 remember?

6 MR. GREG MURDOCK: Pardon me?

7 MS. WENDY VAN TONGEREN: What year did
8 Wilson die?

9 MR. GREG MURDOCK: I don't (inaudible).
10 Ninety-five ('95).

11 MS. WENDY VAN TONGEREN: Okay, '95. So this
12 was around the time that things were tough for Jackie.

13 MS. SHARI MURDOCK: Yeah.

14 MS. WENDY VAN TONGEREN: Yeah.

15 And I just would like to identify that your
16 mom had other children, so you had ---

17 MS. SHARI MURDOCK: Yeah.

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

19 I've got Ryan ---

20 MS. SHARI MURDOCK: Yeah.

21 MS. WENDY VAN TONGEREN: --- and Michael,
22 you mentioned.

23 MS. SHARI MURDOCK: Yeah.

24 MS. WENDY VAN TONGEREN: And then you in
25 1991, and so you were the third born.

1 MS. SHARI MURDOCK: Yeah.

2 MS. WENDY VAN TONGEREN: First girl.

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

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

6 MS. SHARI MURDOCK: Yeah.

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

9 MS. SHARI MURDOCK: Kanisha.

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

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

13 MS. WENDY VAN TONGEREN: Okay, great.

14 And all of them -- which of these were
15 raised by Evelyn, your grandmother?

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

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

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

23 MS. WENDY VAN TONGEREN: Okay.

24 MS. SHARI MURDOCK: Yeah.

25 MS. WENDY VAN TONGEREN: Do you still see

1 them?

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

1 through all these things.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

10 So ---

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

1 today and many times in your life.

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

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

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

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

9 MS. SHARI MURDOCK: I hope so.

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

12 MS. SHARI MURDOCK: Hi mom.

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

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

17 MS. WENDY VAN TONGEREN: Okay.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

16 Thank you.

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

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

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

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

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

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

1 getting good with this talking stick.

1 Merci beaucoup. Thank you so much.

2 Very, very, very impressed, Me Wendy.

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

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

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

12 See, they're so good in English.

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

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

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

25 And when I listened to you, I saw that your

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

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

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

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

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

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

24 Yeah.

25 **MR. GREG MURDOCK:** By the help of my family,

1 our families and our people -- because we're a people,
2 we're a tribe. I look to support from my -- from my family
3 and from my people.

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

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

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

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

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

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

22 **COMMISSIONER MICHÈLE AUDETTE:** For this
23 national inquiry, your inquiry, our, what would you
24 recommend for us to put in the report to make sure -- I
25 like what the Chief said this morning, le chef héréditaire

1 we say in French, hereditary chief, I think in English, who
2 said "I'm watching you", he was saying that to us, and it's
3 powerful. I hope you're going to watch us, too.

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

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

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

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

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

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

25 And you know, people who just say this

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

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

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

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

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

25 And I understand the rules for treatment

1 but, you know, some people, they need help right there,
2 especially with this fentanyl crisis going on. They need
3 help, and now.

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

6 Yeah. I guess I said it all.

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

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

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

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

16 **COMMISSIONER MICHÈLE AUDETTE:** Merci.

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

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

23 **COMMISSIONER MICHÈLE AUDETTE:** Oui.

24 Bravo for this and, of course, it's always
25 beautiful to see a man speaking up and speaking out like

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

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

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

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

11 **MS. SHARI MURDOCK:** Wow.

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

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

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

1 MS. SHARI MURDOCK: Thank you.

2 COMMISSIONER MICHÈLE AUDETTE: Beautiful.

3 ELDER DORIS ROSSO: Very heart touching.

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

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

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

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

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

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

25 So I looked after my grandson for a year.

1 My grandson is over 30 years old today. She still calls me
2 "mom".

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

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

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

11 Thank you.

12 --- (Short pause/Courte pause)

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

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

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

20 Thank you.

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

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

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

24 **MR. HERBERT WILLIAM:** Herbert William, W-i-
25 l-l-i-a-m.

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

3 **(SHORT PAUSE)**

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

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

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

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

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

23 **Hearing # 2**

24 **Witnesses: Norman Williams, Herbert Williams, Lucy Smith,**
25 **Rita Makowski**

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2 Heard by Commissioner Michèle Audette

3 Commission Counsel: Breen Ouellette

4 Registrar: Bryan Zandberg

5 MR. HERBERT WILLIAM, AFFIRMED

6 MR. NORMAN WILLIAMS, AFFIRMED

7 MS. LUCY SMITH, AFFIRMED

8 MS. RITA MAKOWSKI, AFFIRMED

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

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

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

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

23 I just said in my own language, Brothers and
24 Sisters, Hereditary Chief and Elders, the Moricetown and
25 the Witsuwit'en. I have just that happy to be honour to be

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1 here. We have been talking about our loved one, our sister
2 that for the past, since Monday morning, until today. And
3 it's a pleasure.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

16 **MS. RITA MAKOWSKI:** Four.

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

19 **MS. RITA MAKOWSKI:** The day that she went
20 missing. May 4th, '85.

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

23 **MS. RITA MAKOWSKI:** We were sitting at my
24 grandmother's house and she had one of the big windows.
25 There was a couch up against the window. And my mum was

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

25 **MR. BREEN OUELLETTE:** Lucy, where did

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1 Beverly live at the time she was murdered?

2 MS. LUCY SMITH: Say it again?

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

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

7 MR. BREEN OUELLETTE: Was she married?

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

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

12 MS. LUCY SMITH: Leo Perry.

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

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

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

18 MR. NORMAN WILLIAMS: Yeah.

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

21 MR. NORMAN WILLIAMS: Lejac.

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

24 MR. NORMAN WILLIAMS: Yes.

25 MR. BREEN OUELLETTE: Did Beverly have any

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1 problems as a result of her time in Residential School?

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

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

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

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

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

24 **MR. BREEN OUELLETTE:** Lucy, could you tell
25 us what you have heard over the years about the

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1 circumstances leading up to her disappearance the day that
2 she disappeared?

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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1 took his wife and left these other guys to help my sister.
2 There's so many things that happened that day.

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

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

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

16 **MR. BREEN OUELLETTE:** Okay. Herbert, do you
17 remember the year, May 4th and do you remember the year?

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

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

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

7 **MR. HERBERT WILLIAM:** Yeah. That was pretty
8 close to her birthday, May 6th.

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

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

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

25 **MR. BREEN OUELLETTE:** About how long did

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1 Beverly remain missing before she was discovered murdered?

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

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

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

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

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

12 L'audience est suspendue à 14h33

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

14 L'audience est reprise à 14h35

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

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

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

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1 drive for them day after day, weeks after weeks. During
2 the process, raining, hot weather, beginning of fall, snow,
3 cold weather, all that process.

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

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

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

1 and dad.

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

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

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

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

1 recognize, experience him because he made -- he touch my
2 life. He has damaged the family of what he has done. And
3 that's the pain we're still carrying today, the pain that's
4 cares of still going on.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

23 **MR. BREEN OUELLETTE:** Did the Crown
24 Prosecutor or anyone else explain the trial process to you
25 or prepare you in any way?

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

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

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

23 When we did this interview with the RCMP,
24 when they said that they'd found my sisters skull, I
25 assumed that they had found the rest of her body. To find

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

25 **MR. BREEN OUELLETTE:** So what do these

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1 experiences of other people raise for you in your mind?

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

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

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

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

1 received those information and details of information.

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

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

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

23 **MR. BREEN OUELLETTE:** I just want to
24 clarify, when you say consultation, are you referring to
25 when the police investigation was ongoing?

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

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

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

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

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

24 **MS. RITA MAKOWSKI:** My stepsister that my
25 dad had adopted before she was even born, I guess. His

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1 wife was pregnant when they had met.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

17 **MS. RITA MAKOWSKI:** As a little girl you
18 feel lost. I still do today. You know, I got taken out of
19 my culture and it gets ingrained in you. You learn it like
20 it's your manner and you grow up feeling guilty. This is
21 my family, I shouldn't feel that way about them.

22 **MR. BREEN OUELLETTE:** How have your other
23 siblings dealt with the murder of your mother?

24 **MS. RITA MAKOWSKI:** They took it a lot
25 harder for sure. I was four. It wasn't talked about much

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1 with myself, but my brothers had a really close
2 relationship with my mum and they wanted to be just like my
3 mum. They took it hard and unfortunately, they followed in
4 her footsteps as well with fighting and alcoholism.

5 **MR. BREEN OUELLETTE:** Herbert, could you
6 tell us about the communication problem that your parents
7 had throughout the police investigation and the trial?

8 **MR. HERBERT WILLIAM:** The communication it's
9 -- they both understand a little way, a little English.
10 Coming to law make it for a lot difficult. But they're
11 only the one that really participate in the court case of
12 Tom Cunningham.

13 **MR. BREEN OUELLETTE:** So your parents had
14 difficulty communicating with the police because of a
15 language barrier?

16 **MR. HERBERT WILLIAM:** No. They always had
17 support from other community members, like our cousin, and
18 they always filled in what the rules that should be and I
19 don't think they have communication problem.

20 **MR. BREEN OUELLETTE:** Okay. I'm going to
21 ask this of each of you in turn. I'll start with Herbert.
22 Can you tell me the gifts and strengths of Beverly?

23 **MR. HERBERT WILLIAM:** Beverly, he's a happy
24 squirrel. The happiest woman that can put a smile on your
25 face. She has support, her culture, her tradition to the

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1 fish camp, bringing her kids down to the fish camp. And
2 planning, serving of his ability, nothing would stop her
3 because she face all the reality of work that she has front
4 of her.

5 When she has fun, she does have fun. He --
6 when she does go to softball tournament and looking at us
7 playing throughout Hazelton, Moricetown, throughout
8 Nautley(Phonetic), Stoney Creek, and some other
9 communities. Sometimes down south. She always has fun
10 part, brining hers -- her friends to the games, to the
11 trips that they have.

12 And with the culture, that she served with
13 the potlatch and ceremonies. She's very helpful. She's
14 very organized, especially with my mum. She really helps
15 her and support her when it comes to ceremonies and the
16 potlatch in the communities that we have lost so many of
17 our members -- our family members. And she dearly
18 represent her well and ourself.

19 And I never seen Beverly got stuck, or had
20 problem. She always handled herself very well, especially
21 if he needs help, my dad was always there for her and you
22 know, they -- I have seen Beverly was mostly attract by mum
23 and dad, you know? They help, she helps them the most,
24 take them out for drives, take them out for, you know,
25 field trip and stuff like that. She always does that with

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1 her family and she present herself well.

2 Work, work like a man. She's a tie -- tie
3 mill worker, love her sports, enjoy herself, you know?
4 Especially -- but you know, this is one of the things that
5 really I wonder, why did it happen? Why did this cause
6 happen?

7 And I want to say this to the people out
8 there, you see all the pains, all the hurts, all the stamp
9 that was put on the family, especially the kids, the
10 brothers and sisters, the father, and immediate family.
11 And the bandage that's what pain are and some of them they
12 get out so free and some of them probably laugh about it
13 now, and how much pains that we're facing here.

14 There's so much people out there. Look at
15 us, we've been sitting here from Rupert, right down to
16 Vancouver to Prince George. We tell our story. I wish
17 there would be a miracle today to fix all those pains.
18 What is the best way that we're going to fix 32 years our
19 loved one that we talk. When we talk with him, smile, open
20 heart, that's how with talk with him now there's nothing to
21 talk to. I want to put this one here.

22 (SHORT PAUSE)

23 **MR. HERBERT WILLIAM:** That's my sister. Now
24 I feel a little better. My sister is sitting with us. I
25 don't have to have sadness in my throat.

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1 You know, I like to say myself is if we --
2 there is one person I really like what she said when this
3 was organized. They were trying to hold a committee.
4 "If that committee is going to work, I'll sit on it. If
5 that committee is not going to work, I'm not going to sit
6 on it." That's the message that he brought it when these
7 things were coming up in Prince George. You know, I like
8 to see that chair, you know, for my sister.

9 **MR. BREEN OUELLETTE:** Thank you, Herbert.
10 Would anyone else in the family like to speak to the gifts
11 and the strengths of Beverly?

12 **MS. LUCY SMITH:** The strengths of my late
13 sister is she was a very strong woman. Like Herbert said,
14 she worked like a man but she was also a woman. She taught
15 me how to be a good housekeeper. She taught me how to be a
16 strong woman. She was like my second mother. There was
17 lots of alcohol involved when I was a kid. My parents quit
18 drinking when I turned 13, when I became a woman. Before
19 then I was going back and forth with my sister and my mum -
20 - my mum and dad's house and my sisters house.

21 Bev and Leo lived bottom of six-mile-hill
22 out in the bush and that's where they had a mill and a hay
23 farm. I worked out there with her. She taught me how to
24 bale hay. How heavy those hay. I was like, 10, 11 years
25 old, she taught me how to pack it. Easy way to pack it.

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1 She was a loving, loving person. If you ask
2 anybody in Burns Lake or any Reserve what kind of a person
3 she was, they'll tell you that she was a loving person.
4 She was strong in her culture. She loved her mum and dad.
5 She loved mum and dad. She always dreaded the day that
6 they were going to leave us. She never wanted to be
7 without them. I never thought -- I never thought for a
8 minute, for a million years, that I'd lose my sister like
9 that, to another man's hand.

10 To me she was untouchable. And to have that
11 happen to her is just still hard, hard to take today. It
12 hurts the most because her two boys are still lost and they
13 have kids, and their kids are lost too. Because they never
14 resolved in their mind, in their heart, what happened to
15 their mother, and that hurt is carried on down to my
16 sister's grandkids. How far is it going to go? How far is
17 it going to go before it stops?

18 And it all comes down to money. You need
19 money to have a home. You need money to pay your bills,
20 and my nephews don't have that. They're trying their best,
21 but the -- their lost. They don't know how to come find
22 themselves and we're wounded -- we're wounded too. It's
23 hard to help somebody when you're wounded too.

24 For any changes I'd like, for children of
25 murdered and missing women, for them to have a safe place

1 they call home. Some place where the missing and murdered
2 women's grandchildren can come home. Because this cycle of
3 being lost has gone too far, it's gone too far. I'd like
4 children of murdered and missing women to have a home, for
5 their grandchildren to have a home. That is what I would
6 like to happen for all missing and murdered women's
7 children, their grandchildren. To have a place called
8 home.

9 Maybe then their -- they'll deal with their
10 addictions. You can try and send somebody to treatment
11 centre and whatnot, they come out, they're still homeless.
12 You still have that hurt and you can't go anywhere. You're
13 stuck in a hole. But when you have a home you want to
14 better yourself. You want to better yourself and you want
15 to better for your children. When you have a home, it
16 makes a big difference. When there's a home you can hand
17 down to your grandkids, to your great grandkids. That is
18 what my nephews need right now for their children and their
19 future grandchildren, is a place they call home.

20 **MR. BREEN OUELLETTE:** Rita, do you want to
21 say anything?

22 **MS. RITA MAKOWSKI:** To your question?

23 **MR. BREEN OUELLETTE:** The question is the
24 gifts and strengths of Beverly.

25 **MS. RITA MAKOWSKI:** That my mum was the --

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1 that my mum was a fighter. Everybody loved her. Anybody
2 that I meet they just kind of meltdown and so, "Oh, your
3 mum. Oh, she was loved. We loved your mum." It's great
4 to know. It's a good feeling. It's nice to hear. And
5 that she was the rock to our family. It's all I hear is
6 that my mum was the rock, everybody relied on her for
7 support, for finances, you name it. She was the rock.

8 **MR. BREEN OUELLETTE:** Norman, would you like
9 to speak about the gifts and strengths of Beverly?

10 **MR. NORMAN WILLIAMS:** Yeah, Beverly, my
11 sister had her name Ma'uld, she was a great, great mother,
12 great person. Loving care. She stay without her common
13 law husband sometimes I stay with my parents. She come
14 along to check on them. When she comes to town, always she
15 check on them. Kind of raised by mum's side grandparents,
16 because we stay in Burns Lake and grandparents are in
17 Pemilton(Phonetic) Bay. Mostly with grandparents and
18 that's how she pick up.

19 My grandma gave her her name. Hereditary
20 name to be look after herself, look after the family, look
21 after other guy -- other people. You got to be really
22 respectful to be a -- to have a hereditary name. That's
23 why my grandmum gives that to her. And afterwards there
24 was three of us, my dad put us a name on us before he gonna
25 die so we could be respectful and respectful for the other

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1 -- the other hereditary Chief. That's why who put this on
2 today.

3 My sister was honour of Hereditary Chief and
4 the other hereditary Chiefs. That's where she was taught
5 by my grandma. She was a lovely lady, likes sports, build
6 (inaudible), baseball, always prepare for the ball teams.
7 She was kind, lovely kind lady. Strong too and I was
8 thinking how -- how could the people do that to her? She's
9 never been touched by nobody.

10 But that is true that these -- her kids are
11 hurting and no help. We trying to talk to them, but just -
12 - they're pretty hurt and I don't think they want to take
13 our words. But they both have children. One of his
14 granddaughter is staying with me and my other granddaughter
15 staying with my, she invite her to in my house. She's
16 house sitting right now in Burns Lake.

17 I was working off and around the whole year
18 when mum and dad they are search everywhere, Rupert to
19 Vancouver. And I was pretty hurting. I was on the booze
20 that much and I was still on the booze when my sister was
21 found. I live way out across the track. Somebody has pick
22 me up and told me found your sister. You better go up to
23 your own mum. It's pretty hurt.

24 Plus my daughter Oliva too went missing in
25 1996 and while Beverly was missing I had two wives, both of

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1 them gone and my two daughters gone. I still and one
2 of them went missing and I am kind of struggling with my
3 life right now. I thank you.

4 **MR. BREEN OUELLETTE:** Thank you. We still
5 need to talk about Oliva. But at this point I invite
6 Commissioner Audette to ask any questions she has about
7 Beverly's murder.

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

9 **COMMISSIONER MICHÈLE AUDETTE:** Merci
10 beaucoup, Commission Counsel -- Commissioner or commission
11 counsel on dis en Anglais, ou Maître Ouellette en Français.
12 Merci beaucoup and Thank you, Herbert, Lucy, Rita, Norman,
13 and Monsieur William. And can I take the picture when I'm
14 -- there's a beautiful picture here. So merci beaucoup. \

15 We -- it is important for us Commissioners
16 to read before you come here of what they will present, you
17 know? Because for me it's very important that I can
18 prepare my spirit to -- and open my heart, and my mind, and
19 my spirit when you come. And I don't want to miss
20 anything. But there's something I guess I missed. I was
21 very shocked to learn and you did it here so it is public,
22 and I'm not going to hide that I was shocked that 30
23 something years later you get a call from the RCMP. Did
24 you get calls before or it's the first time?

25 **MS. LUCY SMITH:** I had met Jessica, she's a

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1 -- she's going to write a book, and I wanted her to have
2 the facts. So I went to the courthouse in Prince George
3 and I got a form to get them, all the court documents.

4 **COMMISSIONER MICHÈLE AUDETTE:** When was
5 that?

6 **MS. LUCY SMITH:** I did that this last
7 summer. And then I think it was Freda that I gave the form
8 to and I think it was her that had contacted the RCMP and
9 set it up that this was done on Monday, this past Monday.

10 **COMMISSIONER MICHÈLE AUDETTE:** Do we have
11 access to those documents, Commission counsel, Mr.
12 Ouellette?

13 **MR. BREEN OUELLETTE:** I've just been handed
14 a file number.

15 **COMMISSIONER MICHÈLE AUDETTE:** Okay. And so
16 during all those years, the daughter, the sister and
17 brothers, had no explanation on this situation? And I
18 understood also, no support for the mental, spiritual,
19 physical, health and all of that, nothing?

20 **MS. LUCY SMITH:** Nothing. Nothing. Nothing
21 was -- nothing was ever offered to us or to the children.
22 The only -- I think the only reason why I managed to be
23 okay and not end up on the street is because of my
24 brother's work. He was working at Babine Forest Products
25 and there was a councillor, they have their own councillor

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1 that company and my brother directed me to his councillor.
2 So I dealt with that lady for about five years, six years -
3 --

4 **COMMISSIONER MICHÈLE AUDETTE:** Okay.

5 **MS. LUCY SMITH:** --- seven years after. So
6 that is how I helped myself. But as far as Rita was still
7 young and so she has gone through a lot of rough times,
8 she's gotten into an accident where she almost died, and
9 has come out of that. And the two boys, her three brothers
10 are still having a rough time with alcohol and drugs. So
11 there is still today nothing for them.

12 **COMMISSIONER MICHÈLE AUDETTE:** So ---

13 **MS. LUCY SMITH:** And even me right now, to
14 find out the things that I found out on Monday, it just
15 reopened all my heart. What am I going to do with it?

16 **COMMISSIONER MICHÈLE AUDETTE:** And I
17 understood in your message to us, testimony to us, that it
18 was done very fast, and did you have ---

19 **MS. LUCY SMITH:** They didn't even show us.

20 **COMMISSIONER MICHÈLE AUDETTE:** --- the
21 report?

22 **MS. LUCY SMITH:** They didn't even show us --
23 they didn't show me the evidence.

24 **COMMISSIONER MICHÈLE AUDETTE:** Okay.

25 **MS. LUCY SMITH:** Like, we just took their

1 word.

2 **COMMISSIONER MICHÈLE AUDETTE:** I'm not a
3 lawyer, but I would like to say that that's your expertise
4 Monsieur -- Maître Ouellette, that if you can have again
5 that meeting, that meeting with them and they take the time
6 to explain to you this complex -- it's a system very
7 complex, very cold, and making sure that the system provide
8 you the proper person that you trust to go through this and
9 that you're able to keep the information. Technology now,
10 the sky is the limit. And I don't know if it's possible,
11 but I think you deserve.

12 Because when we -- I think you mentioned
13 when you presented this that we need to fix now. You have
14 the wish to fix this all. What's there, that pain. And
15 for the closure, I'm not sure we ever have a closure when
16 we lose somebody we love, a loved one. But at least for
17 the healing process I recommend, or I hope, that they give
18 you the time you deserve, the respect, and the proper tool
19 to make sure that you're not alone -- or you are not alone
20 in that.

21 And of course, it is something that we heard
22 and the truth collect -- truth gathering -- sorry, my
23 English -- and this something that will help us in our
24 discussion, so I commend you for that. I thank -- I say
25 thank you. And for the healing process also in your

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1 testimony when we lost or somebody or the system took our
2 cultural identity, it's a triple or even harder to heal.
3 So we heard and learned many, many things in your truth.
4 Merci beaucoup.

5 **MR. HERBERT WILLIAM:** You know, one of the
6 support I have with myself that two years, '84, '85, '86, I
7 just about drank myself to death.

8 **COMMISSIONER MICHÈLE AUDETTE:** Just what?

9 **MR. HERBERT WILLIAM:** Just about drank
10 myself to death. And somehow great support from my mum and
11 dad. One time my mum said, "Herbert, if you quit drinking,
12 I'll quit drinking." So at that time I was quitting
13 anyways. One of the things that I got into myself was the
14 12-step program. Today it's been 25 and a half years, I
15 haven't had a drink or, you know, been part of the
16 wonderful Alcoholics Anonymous that I worked to.

17 It gave me some opportunity to look at
18 myself on the step four and five, you know? That's a
19 recommended job that I ever did with myself. Today I feel
20 okay, and look and I'm okay because I really done the work
21 in myself, you know? What it takes, one day at a time.

22 **COMMISSIONER MICHÈLE AUDETTE:** I'm glad,
23 Herbert, you made a contract for life to yourself and for
24 yourself and now today you're here making history, making
25 and honouring the life of -- and the spirit of your sister.

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1 And before we go to your Maître Ouellette, it's -- I need
2 to ask that question.

3 Knowing that this is happening, knowing that
4 you agreed to come and share your truth to us, to
5 indigenous people across Canada, but also to Canadians who
6 are listening and I'm sure most of them, lots of them,
7 their heart is very there with you. You heard about E-PANA
8 before the E-PANA? No? Okay. Did you -- do you think
9 because of this testimony the phone rang, or it's a
10 coincidence, or it's natural, or it was supposed to?

11 **MR. HERBERT WILLIAM:** We heard about it
12 about a month ago when the team were visiting at the Burns
13 Lake Key-oh Motel, and that's probably the first time we
14 heard about it, then with the interview with ---

15 **COMMISSIONER MICHÈLE AUDETTE:** The inquiry?

16 **MR. BREEN OUELLETTE:** Yeah, the national
17 inquire. Yeah, that's when we heard about it.

18 **COMMISSIONER MICHÈLE AUDETTE:** Okay. Yeah,
19 we call it the Community Visit. So we're blessed you came.
20 So okay, you answered my question. And I'm sure will have
21 more and merci beaucoup. And now it's Oliva, you said?

22 **MR. BREEN OUELLETTE:** They would speak about
23 Oliva next. But I know there are some medical things, so
24 maybe we should take a short break.

25 **COMMISSIONER MICHÈLE AUDETTE:** Sure. Okay

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1 for you? Merci.

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--- Upon recessing at 3:38 p.m./

L'audience est suspendue à 15h38

--- Upon resuming at 3:58 p.m./

L'audience est reprise à 15h58

ELDER DORIS ROSSO: (Speaking in Native language)

MR. BREEN OUELLETTE: Thank you, Commissioner Audette.

Norman, we are not going to talk about your second family member. Would you please tell Commissioner Audette her name?

--- **SUBMISSIONS ON OLIVIA WILLIAMS:**

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

MR. NORMAN WILLIAMS: Oliva Williams.

MR. BREEN OUELLETTE: And is Oliva missing, or has she been found murdered.

MR. NORMAN WILLIAMS: Missing.

MR. BREEN OUELLETTE: What is your relationship to Oliva?

MR. NORMAN WILLIAMS: My daughter.

MR. BREEN OUELLETTE: Herbert, do you know how many children Oliva had at the time she went missing?

MR. HERBERT WILLIAM: Apparently, one boy and one daughter. Two.

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1 **MR. BREEN OUELLETTE:** Two children?

2 **MR. HERBERT WILLIAM:** Yes.

3 **MR. BREEN OUELLETTE:** What has happened to
4 these children since they went missing?

5 **MR. HERBERT WILLIAM:** Apparently, the foster
6 sister in Fort Babine, Violet Zemky(Phonetic).

7 **MR. BREEN OUELLETTE:** She's raising them?

8 **MR. HERBERT WILLIAM:** Yeah.

9 **MR. BREEN OUELLETTE:** Can you tell us the
10 time when Oliva went missing?

11 **MR. HERBERT WILLIAM:** The time I've heard
12 about my niece, Olivia Williams, was missing. And the last
13 time that I saw here was in the ceremony at the Burns Lake,
14 Woyenne, Margaret Patrick Hall. She was intoxicated, he
15 was very violent and she's is gone out and that's the last
16 time I have seen Oliva.

17 **MR. BREEN OUELLETTE:** Do you remember what
18 year and season that was?

19 **MR. HERBERT WILLIAM:** Was in fall of '96.

20 **MR. BREEN OUELLETTE:** And was that the time
21 that she went missing?

22 **MR. HERBERT WILLIAM:** Apparently, that's
23 about the time. I know one of our cousin that lived in
24 Vancouver and has visit with her and she mentioned the date
25 of that '96 was the time.

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1 **MR. BREEN OUELLETTE:** And the name of that
2 cousin?

3 **MR. HERBERT WILLIAM:** She's sitting behind
4 at the first chair, is Anne Tom.

5 **MR. BREEN OUELLETTE:** And did I tell you
6 earlier that she has given evidence to the Commission as
7 well?

8 **MR. HERBERT WILLIAM:** She had interview.

9 **MR. BREEN OUELLETTE:** Okay. So where was
10 Oliva living at the time she went missing?

11 **MR. HERBERT WILLIAM:** She has moved from
12 Fort Babine community and on her way she was stopped in
13 Burns Lake. I think that's the last time that I seen her,
14 at the ceremony. And at that time, I was taking a trip
15 down to Vancouver. I was a political councillor at that
16 time and I heard that she was missing and my cousin, Ann
17 Tom, was living in Vancouver at the same time.

18 And I get to Vancouver and start dealing
19 with the missing task -- missing women on East Hasting and
20 that's where I got really involved of the -- the girl that
21 I work with at the mean and Hasting, the police station.
22 That's where I visit with her and update me what's going on
23 at that time when she was missing.

24 **MR. BREEN OUELLETTE:** Okay. So she went
25 missing in the downtown east side of Vancouver?

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1 **MR. HERBERT WILLIAM:** Well, you know, like
2 occasionally like this time around, when we're all living
3 in Burns Lake and some people move to Vancouver and, you
4 know, we don't expect what they're doing or what's has
5 happened. But apparently, it's been too long and haven't
6 been seen that in occasion that's been missing. That's how
7 we got the information and details.

8 **MR. BREEN OUELLETTE:** When did you learn
9 that Olivia was missing? Who told you?

10 **MR. HERBERT WILLIAM:** Well there is quite a
11 numbers of people in the community that has been arise and
12 when I have heard about it, I gone to Vancouver and rent a
13 car, or go into East Hasting and start looking for her, and
14 you know, I couldn't locate her, or you know, can't find
15 where she is.

16 **MR. BREEN OUELLETTE:** So you made a trip, it
17 was a political trip. You mentioned -- did you go to the
18 police station?

19 **MR. HERBERT WILLIAM:** I have set in contact
20 with this girl that she is looking after the task woman --
21 missing womans from the East -- east side.

22 **MR. BREEN OUELLETTE:** Was this at 222 Main
23 Street?

24 **MR. HERBERT WILLIAM:** I can't recall the
25 house -- office number. I know it's on Hasting, going up

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1 Hasting it's on your left side with the main. It used to
2 be RCMP station.

3 **MR. BREEN OUELLETTE:** And it was the Missing
4 Women's Task Force you called it?

5 **MR. HERBERT WILLIAM:** Yeah.

6 **MR. BREEN OUELLETTE:** And do you remember
7 the name of the person you talked to there?

8 **MR. HERBERT WILLIAM:** I think it's Sandy.
9 Sandy was the one that used to work and she showed me all
10 over the room, what this RCMP detachment was for. There's
11 a homicide squad and everything that was organized on the
12 table, on the T.V., on the computers, and all the et
13 cetera.

14 **MR. BREEN OUELLETTE:** Were you asked to
15 bring anything to them to help them look for Oliva?

16 **MR. HERBERT WILLIAM:** Well, when I contact
17 with them they inform me to bring a picture of her. So
18 which I came back home to Burns Lake and got in contact
19 with the family member that they -- I asked for a picture
20 and they have gave me a picture and I have send it down to
21 the -- where they were asking for it, for the to the
22 (inaudible) on the task woman, missing woman.

23 **MR. BREEN OUELLETTE:** And you mentioned Ann
24 Tom, your cousin who is sitting behind you in support. Did
25 you speak to Ann about -- about this?

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1 **MR. HERBERT WILLIAM:** Yes, I have did. And
2 I at that time, when there was a presentation of review and
3 materials, clothing, or items, or shoes and cetera, and I
4 brought Norman with me at that time. Him and I we both got
5 in and reviewed all the items were on the wall. And before
6 we leave to Vancouver I have contact with Ann Tom that he
7 describe what she has seen Olivia wearing and what kind of
8 colours and stuff like that. So when we review the items
9 on the wall that we couldn't see or recognize.

10 We were both living in Burns Lake and you
11 know, it's hard to defined what material or colours that
12 Olivia had weared.

13 **MR. BREEN OUELLETTE:** So Ann had been living
14 on the downtown east side, but at the time you spoke to her
15 she had since moved back to Burns Lake?

16 **MR. HERBERT WILLIAM:** Yes. That's what she
17 did.

18 **MR. BREEN OUELLETTE:** Okay. And Ann told
19 you about the last time she saw Olivia?

20 **MR. HERBERT WILLIAM:** Well, Ann described
21 that Olivia came back or visit at the house with them.
22 Asked that she could move in with them and when she visit
23 with them she had a lot of money of cash that she had. And
24 as Ann has requested to her that she could hang on some of
25 the money for her and that Olivia never did.

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1 **MR. BREEN OUELLETTE:** And did Ann tell you
2 anything about Olivia being followed?

3 **MR. HERBERT WILLIAM:** Ann had described that
4 Olivia told her that Olivia was followed by a green and
5 yellow mix colour truck to Ann's place. And she -- at that
6 time she asked them if she could move in and live with
7 them. But Ann told Olivia that she could get her stuff and
8 values where she can go and then she was afraid to go to
9 walk because this pickup with two people in there that
10 followed her and she was grandly scared.

11 **MR. BREEN OUELLETTE:** And did Ann offer to
12 go with her?

13 **MR. HERBERT WILLIAM:** Ann has offered his
14 boyfriend to go Oliva could pick up her stuff and then
15 indicted his boyfriend to go with her to pick up his stuff,
16 but Oliva didn't do that.

17 **MR. BREEN OUELLETTE:** And so Olivia left, is
18 that right?

19 **MR. HERBERT WILLIAM:** Yes. Olivia has and
20 that's the last time Ann have seen Olivia leaving the
21 house.

22 **MR. BREEN OUELLETTE:** So Oliva said she
23 would come back, but she never came back?

24 **MR. HERBERT WILLIAM:** No. That's about the
25 times that she was miss -- start indicate the missing.

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1 **MR. BREEN OUELLETTE:** Okay. Has Ann told
2 you anything about Olivia's lifestyle at the time she went
3 missing in Vancouver?

4 **MR. HERBERT WILLIAM:** Ann, that day have
5 search the Vancouver east side with his boyfriend, they ask
6 -- they could -- Ann located her, but they couldn't located
7 her.

8 **MR. BREEN OUELLETTE:** Okay. And you
9 mentioned that after you spoke with Ann in Burns Lake you
10 went with Norman to Vancouver and you looked at some items.
11 Can you explain that a little bit further?

12 **MR. HERBERT WILLIAM:** Yes. Norman and I
13 went -- my brother Norman and I went down to Vancouver to
14 look at the material as other family member, foster parent,
15 sister, Violet Zemky was attended as well with her mum.
16 And you know at that time there is no solution or no answer
17 at that point because, you know, what to expect.

18 **MR. BREEN OUELLETTE:** So if I understand you
19 right, was this the police that were showing these items?

20 **MR. HERBERT WILLIAM:** It's more like a
21 forensic and private investigators.

22 **MR. BREEN OUELLETTE:** Okay. And the items,
23 were they items related to an investigation?

24 **MR. HERBERT WILLIAM:** Well, the items were
25 collected out of the pig farm in Port Coquitlam.

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1 **MR. BREEN OUELLETTE:** And when you say the
2 pig farm, you mean Pickton pig farm?

3 **MR. HERBERT WILLIAM:** Yeah.

4 **MR. BREEN OUELLETTE:** And so you spoke to
5 Ann to find out what Olivia was wearing to see if any of
6 those items were at this -- this meeting?

7 **MR. BREEN OUELLETTE:** Well she -- Ann has
8 described the items that what she was wearing but we could
9 not have the, you know, couldn't see the identical.

10 **MR. BREEN OUELLETTE:** So you didn't see
11 anything that matched the items?

12 **MR. HERBERT WILLIAM:** Yeah.

13 **MR. BREEN OUELLETTE:** Are you aware of any
14 progress that has been made in the investigation of
15 Olivia's disappearance?

16 **MR. HERBERT WILLIAM:** Well, there is the
17 times that we -- I had the private investigators came to
18 Burns Lake to seek more information or to give us
19 information or update. And that has been organized.

20 **MR. BREEN OUELLETTE:** How often have the
21 police been in contact with you and the family about the
22 status of the investigation?

23 **MR. HERBERT WILLIAM:** Well there's quite
24 often that communication has happened with my brother,
25 Cindy Weep(Phonetic) is the missing liaison worker out of

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1 Burns Lake detachment of RCMP. So my hands were mostly
2 came out when Norman start communicating with Freda and
3 they were the workers at -- out of the Robert Pickton's
4 farm.

5 **MR. BREEN OUELLETTE:** So I understand that
6 many families gave DNA samples if there was suspension
7 about the Pickton farm. Did you give DNA samples to the
8 police, anyone in your family?

9 **MR. HERBERT WILLIAM:** We were talking about
10 it, but that never happened.

11 **MR. BREEN OUELLETTE:** Not that you're aware
12 of?

13 **MR. HERBERT WILLIAM:** No.

14 **MR. BREEN OUELLETTE:** Lucy, do you have
15 anything to say about DNA samples?

16 **MS. LUCY SMITH:** I was just asking Norman
17 and he said no, there was no DNA sample taken from any of
18 us. Oh, there was.

19 **MR. NORMAN WILLIAMS:** Chris.

20 **MS. LUCY SMITH:** Oh, he said there was.

21 **MR. BREEN OUELLETTE:** Norman, could you
22 answer the question?

23 **MR. NORMAN WILLIAMS:** Yes. Me and my son
24 Chris Joseph.

25 **MR. BREEN OUELLETTE:** The police came and

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1 asked you to provide DNA for the investigation?

2 **MR. NORMAN WILLIAMS:** Yes.

3 **MR. BREEN OUELLETTE:** Okay. When they came
4 did they explain how the DNA would be used, or if it would
5 have a limited purpose?

6 **MR. NORMAN WILLIAMS:** Put looks like a wood,
7 big -- big Q-Tips, put it in our mouths.

8 **MR. BREEN OUELLETTE:** Did they say if they
9 would only use your DNA to search for Olivia?

10 **MR. NORMAN WILLIAMS:** Yes.

11 **MR. BREEN OUELLETTE:** Okay. Norman, what do
12 you hope will be the outcome as a result of your testimony
13 today? What do you hope will happen because you're
14 testifying?

15 **MR. NORMAN WILLIAMS:** Well, when I was at
16 work Burns Lake and came back from work at my wife has
17 left. He gave Olivia to family, (inaudible) family from
18 Babine and left Winnie, somebody has brought Winnie to my
19 place where I was staying and I know she was born in
20 Vancouver or Chilliwack. I went to get -- pick them up
21 two, three times, but my late wife has all the family down
22 there. Olivia's mother was Suzie and she was raised by
23 foster parents.

24 Since she know I was the father, after that
25 she was contact me all the time. And last time I seen her

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1 -- well, she live in Burns Lake for a little while, maybe
2 less than an year. Had a baby girl and moved back to
3 Babine again and then one time she came to my house and she
4 said she's going to Vancouver. She said -- the last words
5 she said to me the day that "I don't want to go Vancouver
6 but my foster parents, they want me to go." So I just
7 said, "My little girl wherever you are just take care of
8 yourself." That's the last time I seen her.

9 Then all of a sudden I heard she went
10 missing. And my community when there is a body found or
11 somebody passed on they ring the bell. I hope when I hear
12 that, I hope I found Olivia. That's what I say when I hear
13 the bell.

14 **MR. BREEN OUELLETTE:** Herbert, what do you
15 hope will be the outcome as a result of your testimony
16 today?

17 **MR. HERBERT WILLIAM:** Well, my hope is I
18 tried everything. With Vancouver, with the Pickton farm
19 that my brother and I went, and sometimes I go to the
20 detective presentation, I go to their meeting and looking
21 for solution, looking for an answer or information. This
22 time, you know, it's been so long and could not tolerate
23 with it.

24 Healing is not good enough. So much
25 pressure with all the days that I face. In the community

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1 we have things happen, day after day, and we're still up in
2 the air with our sister missing out of Vancouver, and our
3 sister's been murdered, you know? And you know, especially
4 sickness in the community, cancer and stuff.

5 But today if there is one thing that we
6 could do to make this a lot better, where could we find the
7 answer? Where would the national inquire could fit in?
8 Where could the private investigator detective could fit
9 in? And we can dig the ground to find the 10 cents that we
10 lost, so much pressure. And there is only one thing that
11 really can provide our daughter is faith, live through the
12 day.

13 You know, just like I said today, thank God
14 we have our dad. What happened what if lost our dad?
15 Where are we going to look into? You know, that's the --
16 we have our supported dad with us and majority of this
17 could make better young people, younger generation. Love
18 your parents, love your siblings, love your family. Don't
19 get into this, it hurts so much.

20 There is no answer that we could identify,
21 that there is no answer that we could live is being
22 ourselves. I like to talk about my brother. Just like he
23 lost two of his wife, one in Chilliwack and one he was
24 sleeping with, and the daughters that are still missing out
25 of Vancouver East Hasting, and the daughter that he lost in

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1 addition of alcohol, and the parent that he love, he lost
2 his mum last two years ago. And we're the only brothers,
3 one brother and one sister in Denise that we live here
4 through.

5 Like, I was trying to invite most of our
6 drummers, nobody is inquired about coming, making and
7 effort to come to Smithers to face our reality. And we're
8 -- thank God that we're here, that you guys are here, that
9 the Witsuwit'en of Moricetown are here to support, you
10 know, to make this believe turn everything around to the
11 family, to the relative.

12 It's not worth searching for nothing out
13 there with addiction, with alcohol. How many alcohol that
14 we face last three days that we were sitting here that were
15 sitting on the chairs? How many drugs did our family
16 member that made them crazy, that we were sitting filling
17 the chairs to support on another. You know and my sister
18 is the prime example why she was missing, part of the
19 addiction of alcohol that she loves the alcohol. That she
20 -- I did it.

21 I did it myself too, you know, I'm not going
22 to hide it and one of the things that we should come
23 together as the chair that we look at, you know, the chair
24 that give us support. And I like to think the inquires,
25 national, that our missing woman.

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1 **MR. BREEN OUELLETTE:** Herbert, can I ask you
2 one last question? Do you think that there needs to be
3 more available for people to overcome their addictions,
4 more options, more counselling?

5 **MR. HERBERT WILLIAM:** I'm glad you asked
6 that question. Back in 1960s, '50s, there is a people in
7 the community develop their own support, have one church
8 Chief. People couldn't talk in church, the church Chief
9 represent to talk to the community members and the
10 community. Why? Because his design to talk to the members
11 and they have limited times at night.

12 They go to bed at 9:00, the last people that
13 goes around 9:00. But when they had their own jurisdiction
14 is if they got caught after 9:00 they'll be standing in
15 church facing the members in the community, because where
16 they found them, you know, where he's not supposed to be
17 at. That's the consequence that they use penalty for the
18 community. And I've heard my dad always talks about it
19 Nilunglee(Phonetic) means the support workers that support
20 workers in the community.

21 And the addiction, just like I said, is what
22 do we celebrate? What do we celebrate on? There is
23 nothing to celebrate. Do we celebrate to have crisis?
24 That's all we develop. Same with this new orientation is
25 the drugs. We're already crazy enough, why do we take this

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1 more? Back in '60s when I was growing up I never seen
2 those. I never seen those things in our community.

3 I've seen alcohol. I seen them on my
4 younger age. I learn good example of it. I hide in the
5 corners, I hide underneath the tables and stuff like that.
6 But when I had time to drink myself I forgot all those. I
7 throw everything away. One of the message I like to say,
8 education is important and your life is important. What's
9 not important is drug and alcohol. Make one choice and
10 make one effort.

11 **MR. BREEN OUELLETTE:** Thank you. Lucy, what
12 do you hope will be the outcome of -- as a result of your
13 testimony today?

14 **MS. LUCY SMITH:** The outcome I'd like is
15 more transparency with the RCMP and the victims as to what
16 is going on with the case. Have someone there that
17 understands the language of the RCMP and the forensic
18 reports and stuff like that. Have somebody there to
19 explain in layman's term what they're talking about.

20 When you're going through such a rough time
21 like that you don't really think about the wording of what
22 the cops are saying to you. You just want to know the
23 facts. And they use a lot of words that we don't
24 understand and then they walk away and said, "Oh yeah, we
25 explained it to them." And it's still left in -- left in a

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1 big black hole as to what is really going on.

2 We need transparency when they're
3 investigating. We still don't know what's going on with
4 Olivia. We just found out on Monday what really happened
5 with my sister. There was no transparency back in 1985,
6 '86 when she was missing. They didn't tell us that they
7 didn't find the rest of my sister's body, that they just
8 found her skull. And they expected us just to accept that
9 and we did. We just accepted the fact that the rest of my
10 sister's body is still out there today.

11 There needs to be a follow up done to
12 families, for families. Nobody had ever come up to me and
13 asked me how I felt. Nobody has ever come up to me and
14 offered any help for the mental -- it's mental abuse when
15 you don't know what's going on. It's mental abuse, you're
16 abusing my soul, you've abused my soul by not telling me
17 the truth about my sister. She is my only sister. I don't
18 have anybody now. When I see women walking around with
19 their sisters I wish I had my sister. I wish I could be
20 holding her hands and joking around with her, and doing
21 sisterly things. I never got that.

22 And as far as the children, I'm so
23 heartbroken over my nephews. They're just forgotten.
24 They're forgotten by the Ministry, they're forgotten by
25 society. When my sister was missing it was, "Oh, poor

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1 Edmond. Oh, poor Edward. Oh, poor Rita." Now it's, "Oh,
2 Edmond's a drunk. Edward's a drunk. Rita's doing okay.
3 She's married, she'd got kids, she's got her shit
4 together." But there's the boys. They're forgotten.

5 They have kids, their kids are forgotten in
6 the system. They've been taken away. Edmond's kids have
7 been taken away and they were brought to a white man's
8 home. And now they don't have any heart towards -- towards
9 us because they have white man thinking. We don't think
10 the same. We don't have the same spirit as a white man, us
11 native people. We're resilient. We've had to deal with a
12 lot, a lot of things over the generations. One generation
13 to another we all feel it. The residential school that
14 happened, I feel it. I feel what happened.

15 Need to have a safe home, a safe home,
16 someone you can -- something you can call your own. If
17 children are taken away from their families, they're going
18 to grow up and have their own families and they have no
19 home. Everybody needs to belong somewhere and all these
20 kids of missing women and murdered women, they're all lost.
21 They have no home. When you go through that you feel like
22 everybody doesn't love you. So then they go and do what
23 makes them feel good. You send them to treatment, you
24 bring them back out, they still have no home.

25 They need a home, a safe place to raise

1 their children. A safe place for grandchildren to come see
2 their grandparents. It's generation after generation of
3 homelessness. It has to stop. Thank you.

4 **MR. BREEN OUELLETTE:** Lucy, you've mentioned
5 several times the meeting on Monday, and I want to
6 understand what it was about the meeting that -- I don't
7 want to put words in your mouth. Was there anything about
8 the meeting that you did not like?

9 **MS. LUCY SMITH:** The meeting -- the meeting
10 on Monday was long overdue, 30 years overdue. Why weren't
11 they like that with us 30 years ago when Beverly was
12 missing for one whole year? One whole year. Not once did
13 the RCMP come up to me or to anybody that I know of and
14 said, this is the process we're going. This is what we
15 got. You know, we were never a part of it and as Native
16 people we're scared of the RCMP. They've done wrong to us
17 too.

18 You hear about them leaving drunks in the
19 middle of nowhere with no coat, no shoes. We hear that
20 back home too. Back then you heard it lots. When I was
21 growing up I thought of the policemen as like, scary
22 people. I never grew up knowing them as for someone you go
23 to for help. You stay away from them. That's how I
24 remember RCMP when I was growing up, and the Ministry.

25 I've had so much run in with the Ministry.

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1 You wouldn't believe what -- Norman has lost his daughter,
2 Winnie Joseph, they took her kids away. They gave her kids
3 to me. But before that happened, she -- if she wanted to
4 go out drinking she left her kids with a babysitter and the
5 kids went out playing around and the little boy got burnt
6 with the babysitter. And when the little boy was in the
7 hospital Winnie came to see her son and because she had
8 booze smell from the night before they apprehended the
9 burnt boy right there in the hospital. There was no
10 questions asked or nothing. They just took away her kids
11 right there.

12 That's another thing that has gone wrong
13 with the system. I've been dealing with the Ministry for
14 the last 15, 20 years trying to keep my family together.
15 Because I made a mistake in not keeping these kids together
16 because I had my own life and my own addictions, and my own
17 things I had to deal with. I couldn't take on these kids.
18 But now I have -- I'm a grandma and my daughter is on the
19 streets in Vancouver right now and I'm raising her
20 children. I got four grandkids, it's the fifth
21 grandchildren, grandchild I'm raising.

22 I'm trying to break the cycle. My grandkids
23 has never seen me drunk in 14 years that my granddaughter
24 has been alive. I'm not saying I don't drink, but my
25 grandchildren has never seen me drunk. I make that a

1 point. I have other addictions, but it's nothing that --
2 where my grandchildren are suffering. Because I have a
3 home. I value my home. I value myself. And I value my
4 grandchildren. My grandchildren are always going to come
5 home to the home that I made for them and that is what I
6 want for all grandchildren, all children of missing and
7 murdered women, to have a home to come home to.

8 When you feel like you don't belong it's
9 hard to try and belong somewhere. It takes a lot of work.
10 It takes a lot of work to accept yourself and to accept
11 love from other people.

12 **MR. BREEN OUELLETTE:** Lucy, I'm trying to
13 understand -- to me it sounds like you wanted the meeting
14 with the RCMP, but it sounds like it didn't go the way you
15 wanted. How could it have been done better for you in a
16 way that would have felt respectful and safe?

17 **MS. LUCY SMITH:** They way they did it, they
18 -- I asked to look at the paper that they had and I can
19 understand English, I can read English. I understand high
20 words, I can read high words. And I was reading it and I
21 finally got to the part where what was really -- what
22 really happened to my sister and I started crying and they
23 asked for the paper back and they just summarized it. I
24 never got to finish reading the whole thing.

25 It wasn't -- like I -- the worst words I

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1 hate is "I don't know". When somebody works in a position
2 like that, you should make it a priority to know what
3 you're doing. They're private investigators, they dealt
4 with the Pickton farm and they don't know where Olivia is.
5 They don't know where the rest of my sister's body is.
6 They didn't even bother to try and find where the rest of
7 her body is. And we just accepted that. That makes me
8 angry that we just accepted that. Why? Why did we just
9 accept what they said to us? Why didn't we ask questions
10 back then? We didn't really ask, we just accepted what was
11 said to us. I feel very angry about that.

12 **MR. BREEN OUELLETTE:** Thank you for sharing
13 that, Lucy. Rita, what do you hope the outcome will be as
14 a result of your testimony here today?

15 **MS. RITA MAKOWSKI:** For the process not to
16 take so long. It's been 32 years and I've just finally
17 found a little information out about my mum and what
18 happened. The details are so vague though it's ridiculous.
19 For us to be a priority. For us to be treated with dignity
20 and respect. For us to be -- for the matters to be treated
21 like if it was their own mother, or daughter, or wife.
22 It's really hard to get any closure without answers.

23 **MR. BREEN OUELLETTE:** One other question.
24 Because of your experience after the death of your mother,
25 do you have any recommendations about how children should

1 be cared for? If they should remain in their Indigenous
2 community, if they should remain together as siblings,
3 anything like that?

4 **MS. RITA MAKOWSKI:** I think that they should
5 stay in their culture for sure. You've already had a
6 loose, losing your culture is just as bad. To keep the
7 families together for sure. You know, I didn't realize how
8 important I was to my grandparents, and they already lost a
9 daughter and then I got ripped from them. It's
10 traumatizing and I didn't get to see them my whole life,
11 and we lived in the same town. It's not okay.

12 It's very important for families to stay
13 together. Feeling alone is the worst. You need that bond,
14 you need that connection with people, with your family.

15 **MR. BREEN OUELLETTE:** Thank you. I will now
16 ask if Commissioner Audette has any questions for you.

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

18 **COMMISSIONER MICHÈLE AUDETTE:** Merci, Maître
19 Ouellette. Your question -- my question you were done by
20 you when you came back about the meeting and it's going to
21 be more a comment, that I still believe that I hope that
22 you have that meeting again where you have the time to ask
23 the question and have explanation.

24 And across Canada we all have FEELU -- FILU,
25 and I hope they're walking with you through this process.

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1 Some province does and I met some Indigenous women here
2 that work with this organization. That it was created for
3 the beside this inquiry, but to support families through
4 this process. So I encourage you to contact them if it's
5 not done already. And children left behind for me it's
6 something that will transparent -- how do we say, transpire
7 (inaudible) will be in the report, has to be, we'll find a
8 way, a beautiful way. Because your -- what you said was
9 very powerful and it resonate not only in my heart, but I'm
10 sure everywhere. Merci beaucoup. Thank you so much.

11 **MR. BREEN OUELLETTE:** Do any of you have any
12 final things to say to Commissioner Audette?

13 **MS. RITA MAKOWSKI:** I would like to say
14 think you for the National inquiry because we wouldn't have
15 been able to get the answers that we did today, or on
16 Monday. You know, it was very vague, but we'll keep
17 plugging away and we feel like we have some people that
18 have our back now and that want us to get answers, and
19 thank you.

20 **MR. BREEN OUELLETTE:** Do you want us to
21 continue to follow up with you and collect evidence as to
22 how your progress continues on your search for answers?

23 **MS. RITA MAKOWSKI:** Absolutely.

24 **MS. LUCY SMITH:** I too would like to say
25 thank you. I really hope that you send a message to the

1 government that homes are needed for victims and families.
2 A home that they can call their own. It can be on the
3 reserve, it could be off reserve, just as long as they have
4 a home and the grandkids have a home, great grandkids.
5 Somewhere they can go to, that's really something that I
6 really want to push for is no more homelessness. They're
7 homeless because they're hurting. No more homelessness.

8 **MR. BREEN OUELLETTE:** Herbert, do you want
9 to say anything?

10 **MR. HERBERT WILLIAM:** (Speaking in Native
11 language) I just like to thank you, my brothers and
12 sisters, you know, the process of report, I like to thank
13 and the staff that work really hard to be with us,
14 especially interview process. And you know, I like to
15 thank my family, especially my dad, and my brothers, and my
16 sisters, my cousin, and my wife, that are with us today.
17 You know, without myself standing here, how would I face
18 the reality. The great support that we have, you know?

19 One of the things that, you know, the job.
20 I like to say is the job, where is it going to end? It's
21 not going to end prior to make it better, as this is way to
22 make it better. Solution, I don't know if we're going to
23 run into solution. There will be no solution but to be
24 with on another. That's what I'd like to thank you about
25 it.

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1 And you know, being here last three days, I
2 like sitting down, I like listening especially. What kind
3 of effort would I put in? What effort would be the
4 strength to meet with the families that are suffering with
5 pain? You know, myself, I done the most healing that I
6 represent myself, alone, in the corner, in the morning,
7 that I do have my space, especially. Looking over myself
8 in thought and mind, that's what really makes me well. And
9 coming to the -- to make amends is I have to make amends to
10 myself.

11 One of the greatest news that I ever heard
12 about the hospital, my cousin was suffering with pain.
13 First time I visit with her, July 4th, the last time that I
14 have heard about her is she was unconscious, July 18. She
15 was on life support and the nurse that works with her, in
16 the morning I get there at 8:00 in the morning. "Herbert,
17 I want to sit down with you. I like when you guys come in
18 singing, talking to her and praying."

19 One of the decisions that's going to happen,
20 it's not with the hospital, it's not with the doctors, it's
21 not with the high doctors, or nurses, or et cetera. It's
22 not going to be the husband, or the kids, or the
23 grandchildren, or the immediate family, or friends and
24 relative. That split second that she wants to go home, she
25 can make that choice. If she is not, she is still going to

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1 be with you. But she makes up her mind she wants to go
2 home, she makes that choice, that's when she goes home.

3 You know, I told that nurse, "you want to
4 get up. I want to hug you." I never thought of this kind
5 of information. I'm going to use this information to my
6 people. I want to share with my people. And that's what
7 really helps me today. I'm not battling, I'm not weary,
8 but you know, that split second that's all I have to
9 remember. Is to be with myself, you know? And you know,
10 what the greatest information that I had. You know, with
11 this I'd like to thank each and everyone of you, especially
12 the workers, telecast that puts my face on the picture
13 there.

14 (LAUGHTER)

15 MR. HERBERT WILLIAM: Thank you.

16 MR. BREEN OUELLETTE: Thank you, Herbert,
17 and thank you for sharing the words in your language. I
18 love the sound of your language as you know and I love to
19 hear you speak it. Herbert, in closing, wants to sing
20 another song, But I understand there are some gifts before
21 that.

22 MR. NORMAN WILLIAMS: Like to thank Freda
23 Inns(Phonetic), the boss.

24 (SHORT PAUSE)

25 MR. HERBERT WILLIAM: We got to stand?

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1 **MR. BREEN OUELLETTE:** Mic, I'll just hold it
2 for you. Or do you want me to hold it.

3 **MR. HERBERT WILLIAM:** I can't ---

4 **MR. BREEN OUELLETTE:** Do you want me to hold
5 it to your mouth?

6 **MR. HERBERT WILLIAM:** Yeah. I think that's
7 good. I just wanted to sing this song, a sad song, a
8 healing song, a crying song. It's for our niece, Norman's
9 daughter, Olivia Williams; and for our sister, Beverly
10 Williams.

11 **--- DRUM SONG**

12 **(SHORT PAUSE)**

13 **MR. BREEN OUELLETTE:** This completes the
14 hearing.

15 **MS. TERRELLYN FEARN:** Hello. Hi everyone.
16 I would like everyone to breath in through your nose. Out
17 through your mouth. One more time.

18 I want to remind everyone that we have the
19 medicines and the sacred fire out in front. And the
20 keepers out there and the women, have asked that if anyone
21 wants to be brushed off that they can go out to the front
22 and be brushed off to brush away the load that we may be
23 carrying from the past three days. So I would also welcome
24 our television folks, our A.V. folks in the back, as well
25 as our translators, merci, thank you. You are also invited

1 to participate in the brushing off so that you too can
2 brush away the load that you have been carrying over the
3 past three days as well. So please.

4 I want to acknowledge everyone here today
5 and everyone that's been here for the past three days. Our
6 families, our courageous families and survivors. Thank you
7 for sharing your story, your personal survivor story, or
8 the story of your lost loved one. You have inspired many
9 to build the courage to come forward to share as well, and
10 I want to thank you from the bottom of my heart for that
11 bravery.

12 I want to thank those in the community that
13 have come forward to witness and to hear those stories and
14 those that will carry those stories and understand their
15 role in making change. And that we all have a
16 responsibility to keep our loved ones safe, our Indigenous
17 women and girls, but our brothers and sisters of other
18 nations, our men as well. So I want to acknowledge you all
19 for that.

20 And for our changemakers, our leaders, our
21 young leaders, the young people that have been here for the
22 past three days, I want to honour and acknowledge you as
23 well. You are a role model for all of us and a reminder to
24 all of us of the responsibilities that we have to carry
25 forward.

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1 I want to acknowledge the Hereditary Chiefs,
2 the Wet'suwet'en People, for being beautiful, gracious,
3 wonderful, kind, compassionate hosts. To the families, to
4 the survivors, hosting them as well as all of us that have
5 participated. I would like to also acknowledge those that
6 prepared the food for us. Amazing, wonderful food. That
7 healing food to heal our soul and nourish our bodies so
8 that we can be present here to listen in a good mind and
9 good heart. So thank you.

10 There is a feast tonight. We've --it's
11 about 5:00 now, we've moved the feast to 5:30 and it's over
12 in the Community College, in the family room there. So
13 please engage in that wonderful traditional food before you
14 depart. I remind you all once again, the responsibility
15 that we have to care for ourselves and on another.

16 I would like to call Mabel Forsyth at this
17 time, who is going to do a closing prayer for us to
18 acknowledge us and to send us off in a good way. And Mabel
19 is going to provide the prayer and Doris is going to -- do
20 you want to come up as well? She's going to translate in
21 Wet'suwet'en. So do we have another mic?

22 **ELDER DORIS ROSSO:** No, I'm going to
23 overview what we say.

24 **MS. TERRELLYN FEARN:** Oh, she's going to
25 provide an overview of -- In Wet'suwet'en. Do you want to

1 go first or shall we have Mabel?

2 --- CLOSING PRAYER

3 --- Upon adjourning at 5:08 p.m.

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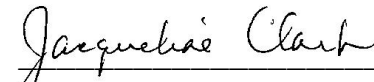
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