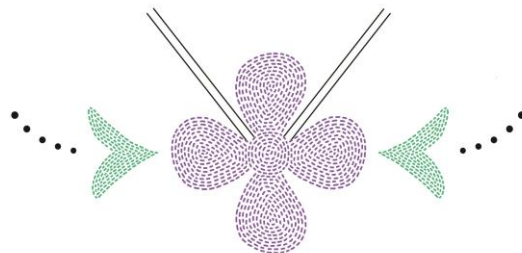


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ORDER

Pursuant to Rule 7 of *Legal Path: Rules of Respectful Practice*, Chief Commissioner Marion Buller ordered that the name of C.K., both in this transcript and any related documents, be rendered anonymous. This order was made June 7, 2019.

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NOTE 1

The use of square brackets [] in this transcript indicates that amendments have been made to the certified transcript in order to replace information deemed inaudible or indecipherable by the original transcriptionist. Susan Grant, Legal Assistant with National Inquiry viewed the source video recording of the proceeding to make the amendments. In particular, Ms. Grant has identified many speakers; their names now appear in square brackets. Ms. Grant made these and other amendments on August 17-22, 2018 at Vancouver, British Columbia.

NOTE 2

Where not required by other statute, redactions to this public transcript have been made pursuant to Rule 55 of the Commission's Legal Path: Rules of Respectful Practice, which provides for "the discretion to redact private information of a sensitive nature where it is not material to the evidence to be given before distributing the information to the Parties. The National Inquiry will consider the public interest in releasing this type of information against the potential harmful impact on the individual whose personal information is at issue."

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2 --- Upon commencing on Wednesday, September 13, 2017

3 **MR. BREEN OUELLETTE:** Okay, we're resuming
4 after lunch and we have another family member to talk about
5 today. Could you tell me her name, please?

6 **[MS. BERNICE TOUCHIE]:** Shirley Anne Joseph.

7 **MR. BREEN OUELLETTE:** Could you spell her
8 name?

9 **[MS. BERNICE TOUCHIE]:** S-H-I-R-L-E-Y, A-N-
10 N-E -- I think there's an E on her name.

11 **[MS. JULIA IDA JOSEPH]:** M'hm.

12 **[MS. BERNICE TOUCHIE]:** And Joseph like
13 everybody else.

14 **MR. BREEN OUELLETTE:** Okay. And do you know
15 Shirley's date of birth?

16 **[MS. JOLENE JOE]:** June 4th, '56.

17 **MR. BREEN OUELLETTE:** June 4th, 1956? And
18 was Shirley missing or murdered?

19 **[MS. MARCINA JOE]:** Murdered.

20 **MR. BREEN OUELLETTE:** Murdered?

21 **[MS. BERNICE TOUCHIE]:** Murdered.

22 **MR. BREEN OUELLETTE:** Was this an instance
23 where she was missing first and then it was discovered she
24 was murdered? No? Okay. Do you know the date that she
25 was murdered?

1 **[MS. JOLENE JOE]:** August 25th, or that was
2 her funeral day. I mean, that was the day she ---

3 **[MS. JULIA IDA JOSEPH]:** August 25th we came
4 back on the ferry from McCuddy's (phonetic).

5 **[MS. C.K.]:** Oh, was that?

6 **[MS. JOLENE JOE]:** Yeah, August 25th, 2013.

7 **[MS. MARCINA JOE]:** Oh, okay.

8 **[MS. MARCINA JOE]:** That's right.

9 **MR. BREEN OUELLETTE:** Two thousand thirteen
10 (2013)? And do you know where she was murdered?

11 **[MS. JOLENE JOE]:** Duncan, B.C.

12 **MR. BREEN OUELLETTE:** Okay, so if you could
13 just tell your experience of how this happened, from the
14 beginning and how it played out.

15 **[MS. BERNICE TOUCHIE]:** She was apparently
16 leaving a bar with her boyfriend. They weren't legally
17 married, living common-law with [A.J.] from Port Renfrew.
18 I'm not sure which bar they were leaving but they were
19 apparently walking on the railroad that led to wherever
20 they lived. I hadn't been in touch with her since she
21 moved there.

22 And this is where the incidents of them --
23 Anne falling down in a fight and getting kicked in the head
24 and the evidence was of the -- of him kicking her was shown
25 on the nearby -- what business had the video?

1 [MS. JOLENE JOE]: Casino.

2 [MS. BERNICE TOUCHIE]: The casino had a
3 video of the entire area and it showed on the video.

4 [MS. BERNICE TOUCHIE]: That he was kicking
5 her.

6 MR. BREEN OUELLETTE: So they were walking
7 along the railroad and ---

8 [MS. MARCINA JOE]: Behind ---

9 MR. BREEN OUELLETTE: --- he physically
10 attacked her?

11 [MS. JOLENE JOE]: Behind the casino in
12 Duncan there's railroad tracks. And the recording from the
13 casino caught it on tape. I myself tried to go to the
14 casino and ask if I could see the footage although people
15 told me that I shouldn't. But when I went there to try and
16 ask them they said that I wasn't able to and that I had to
17 go to the police. And I just -- I never did because people
18 told me that's something that I might not want to see.

19 But they changed the story, saying that he
20 wasn't kicking her in the face. And I don't understand how
21 they changed when it's on the recording.

22 So I believe we have the right to see the
23 video, as much as it's going to hurt. Just, I don't know
24 how to go about that, getting access to seeing it.

25 MR. BREEN OUELLETTE: Okay, so the casino

1 said that they wouldn't let you watch it but that they --
2 that you should go to the police?

3 **[MS. JOLENE JOE]:** Yeah. I did go to the
4 police station but I couldn't get through to anybody, like
5 ---

6 **MR. BREEN OUELLETTE:** What ---

7 **UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER:** --- because you have
8 to ---

9 **MR. BREEN OUELLETTE:** --- happened?

10 **[MS. JOLENE JOE]:** You have to push a button
11 or something to get into the police station in Duncan and
12 there was like, cop cars sitting outside the station, like,
13 ready to go, like, if they get a call or whatever.

14 **MR. BREEN OUELLETTE:** M'hm.

15 **[MS. JOLENE JOE]:** And I couldn't get any
16 information from anybody that day.

17 **MR. BREEN OUELLETTE:** Did -- so you were
18 locked out and nobody spoke with you at all?

19 **[MS. JOLENE JOE]:** No.

20 **MR. BREEN OUELLETTE:** And did it have one of
21 those, like, speaker intercom buzzers?

22 **[MS. JOLENE JOE]:** Yeah. Yeah.

23 **MR. BREEN OUELLETTE:** And they weren't
24 answering that?

25 **[MS. JOLENE JOE]:** No.

1 **MR. BREEN OUELLETTE:** Do you know what day
2 that was?

3 **[MS. JOLENE JOE]:** It's probably before
4 September, so the last week of August, like, the 30th or
5 31st.

6 **MR. BREEN OUELLETTE:** In 2013?

7 **[MS. JOLENE JOE]:** Yeah.

8 **MR. BREEN OUELLETTE:** Okay. And so you said
9 "they". Somebody told you that he didn't kick her. Who
10 told you that?

11 **[MS. JOLENE JOE]:** I think it was Reg, yeah
12 Reg, a late cousin, when we were all in the hospital when
13 she passed.

14 **MR. BREEN OUELLETTE:** Yeah.

15 **[MS. JOLENE JOE]:** He was still in the
16 hospital when we went to see her for the last time there.

17 **MR. BREEN OUELLETTE:** M'hm.

18 **[MS. JOLENE JOE]:** And then he's the one
19 that told me that. They said that he wasn't kicking her in
20 the face.

21 **MR. BREEN OUELLETTE:** So that ---

22 **[MS. JOLENE JOE]:** And I don't know how he
23 knew that. Somebody told him that because we were all told
24 at the hospital that she was getting kicked in the face.

25 **MR. BREEN OUELLETTE:** But then somebody told

1 him something else?

2 [MS. JOLENE JOE]: Somebody told him and he
3 -- like, I don't know if a cop came in or I don't know who
4 it was.

5 MR. BREEN OUELLETTE: So now I'm going to
6 step back a bit, okay? She was attacked. Do you know what
7 happened after the attack? How did she get to the
8 hospital?

9 [MS. JOLENE JOE]: An ambulance.

10 MR. BREEN OUELLETTE: An ambulance came?

11 [MS. JOLENE JOE]: Yeah.

12 MR. BREEN OUELLETTE: Did somebody report
13 it? Did somebody see it?

14 [MS. MARCINA JOE]: The Superstore security
15 guard seen he was dragging -- trying to drag her into the
16 bush by the track. I think he was just going to leave her
17 there.

18 MR. BREEN OUELLETTE: So when you say "saw
19 someone dragging her into the bushes" you mean ---

20 [MS. MARCINA JOE]: [A.J.].

21 MR. BREEN OUELLETTE: --- [A.J.]?

22 [MS. MARCINA JOE]: Yeah.

23 MR. BREEN OUELLETTE: And do you remember
24 who told you that?

25 [MS. MARCINA JOE]: No, just one of my

1 family members.

2 **MR. BREEN OUELLETTE:** M'hm.

3 **[MS. MARCINA JOE]:** It was probably Reg.

4 **MR. BREEN OUELLETTE:** Okay. So then an
5 ambulance came. Does anybody know when the ambulance came
6 if the police came as well?

7 **[MS. MARCINA JOE]:** I don't know.

8 **MR. BREEN OUELLETTE:** No?

9 **[MS. JOLENE JOE]:** It was like, 2:00 or 3:00
10 in the afternoon.

11 **[MS. JOLENE JOE]:** None of us remember going
12 with them (inaudible).

13 **MR. BREEN OUELLETTE:** M'hm.

14 **[MS. JOLENE JOE]:** It was like, 2:00 or 3:00
15 in the afternoon when she got picked up from the incident
16 where it happened and then it was 3:00 in the morning --
17 approximately 2:00, 3:00 in the morning when she passed
18 away.

19 **MR. BREEN OUELLETTE:** Okay.

20 **[MS. JOLENE JOE]:** So 12 hours.

21 **MR. BREEN OUELLETTE:** So they left that bar
22 around 2:00 in the afternoon?

23 **[MS. JOLENE JOE]:** Yeah.

24 **[MS. JOLENE JOE]:** I'm not even sure. I
25 don't know about that part, if they were at a bar. I don't

1 know.

2 [MS. JULIA IDA JOSEPH]: They used to drink
3 outside too.

4 [MS. MARCINA JOE]: Yeah, used to drink ---

5 [MS. JOLENE JOE]: Because they were caught.
6 Where they were is called the Jungle Bunnies. I don't
7 know, that's just the name of the place where like,
8 homeless people, I guess, drink in Duncan. It's like,
9 behind the casino there. Because when I went to try go
10 look for [A.J.] -- because I was trying to look for him
11 after Mom passed to deal with like, banking and stuff --
12 and I couldn't find him, but that's where everyone -- they
13 were like, "Go to the Jungle Bunnies."

14 And I tried to look around there and nobody
15 had seen him. I guess he left and went to his daughter's
16 in Victoria and I just -- I never ever got a hold of him.
17 And then he passed away within six months or so after Mom
18 passed.

19 [MS. JULIA IDA JOSEPH]: Within a year, I
20 think.

21 [MS. JOLENE JOE]: A year?

22 [MS. JULIA IDA JOSEPH]: Yeah.

23 [MS. BETTY KNIGHTON]: It was a year.

24 MR. BREEN OUELLETTE: Sorry, he -- when you
25 say "he"?

1 [MS. JOLENE JOE]: [A.J.].

2 MR. BREEN OUELLETTE: [A.J.]?

3 [MS. JOLENE JOE]: [A.J.], yeah.

4 MR. BREEN OUELLETTE: So okay. So I'm just
5 going to keep moving back. I'm trying -- just so you know
6 for your information, I'm trying to set out the timeline
7 and ensure that we know the steps and ---

8 [MS. JOLENE JOE]: Oh, okay. Each steps.

9 MR. BREEN OUELLETTE: --- where we need to
10 look for records, okay?

11 [MS. JOLENE JOE]: Okay.

12 MR. BREEN OUELLETTE: So the ambulance was
13 called and she was taken to which hospital?

14 [MS. JOLENE JOE]: Cowichan, Cowichan
15 District Hospital.

16 MR. BREEN OUELLETTE: Can you tell me how
17 that's spelled?

18 [MS. JOLENE JOE]: C-O-W-I-C-H-A-N.

19 MR. BREEN OUELLETTE: District Hospital?

20 [MS. JOLENE JOE]: Yeah.

21 MR. BREEN OUELLETTE: And so how was the
22 family contacted to know that she was there?

23 [MS. MARCINA JOE]: The cops came to my
24 door.

25 MR. BREEN OUELLETTE: They came to you?

1 **[MS. MARCINA JOE]:** M'hm. I don't know how
2 they found out.

3 **[MS. JOLENE JOE]:** From me. Me and my
4 family were on our way to the PNE and we just got over
5 there and we were trying to find a place to stay because
6 the place we were going to stay had too many people so we
7 had to find a new place.

8 So we were at Main and Hasting -- or no,
9 Main and First Avenue, the Main Street SkyTrain station and
10 we got a phone call saying that my mom was on life support.

11 So me and my family, we rushed to the
12 Tsawwassen ferry trying to make it to get back to the
13 island to go see her. And we missed the ferry by five
14 minutes. So we waited in line til 5:00 in the morning for
15 the first ferry and roughly like, 2:00 to 3:00 in the
16 morning my mom passed away.

17 So then we caught the first ferry and went
18 straight to the hospital and she was gone already. And I
19 had all my four children with me so they seen me, the
20 devastation that I was in waiting in the ferry lineup. I
21 had to go walk away because I didn't want to cry in front
22 of my kids like that.

23 **MR. BREEN OUELLETTE:** And so the police came
24 to your home?

25 **[MS. MARCINA JOE]:** Yeah.

1 **MR. BREEN OUELLETTE:** And they told you
2 what?

3 **[MS. MARCINA JOE]:** That my mom was in the
4 hospital on life support.

5 **MR. BREEN OUELLETTE:** And then what happened
6 for you?

7 **[MS. MARCINA JOE]:** I came to the island as
8 quick as I could. I was living in ~~the city~~ [Surrey] at the
9 time.

10 **MR. BREEN OUELLETTE:** When did you get
11 there?

12 **[MS. MARCINA JOE]:** The night before the
13 funeral.

14 **MR. BREEN OUELLETTE:** And so the funeral was
15 which night?

16 **[MS. JOLENE JOE]:** It would have been the
17 29th, four days after. It was in the (inaudible). I can't
18 even remember that part.

19 **[MS. MARCINA JOE]:** I think it was that long
20 because they didn't have any -- much investigating to do,
21 right, because they knew what happened to her.

22 **[MS. JOLENE JOE]:** I think it was, because I
23 remember after two days I cut my hair.

24 **[MS. MARCINA JOE]:** Yeah, it must have been
25 the 29th.

1 [MS. JOLENE JOE]: M'hm.

2 MR. BREEN OUELLETTE: So the funeral was on
3 the 29th?

4 [MS. MARCINA JOE]: (Inaudible).

5 [MS. BERNICE TOUCHIE]: Was there an autopsy
6 or any procedure?

7 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: I don't think so.

8 [MS. MARCINA JOE]: I don't think there was.

9 [MS. JOLENE JOE]: I just -- I remember
10 them, like, after I heard that I didn't understand, like,
11 at the same time they took her off life support without any
12 of us even telling them to because they said that if they
13 didn't and if they kept her on life support that it would
14 have been more damage anyways. Like, she would have been
15 brain damaged already.

16 [MS. MARCINA JOE]: Yes, she was already
17 going to be able -- like, she was just -- and she was
18 already a vegetable pretty much.

19 [MS. JOLENE JOE]: So none of us had a say
20 and they just took her off life support before any of us
21 got there.

22 MR. BREEN OUELLETTE: Before anyone in the
23 family got there?

24 [MS. JOLENE JOE]: Yeah.

25 [MS. JULIA IDA JOSEPH]: No, [M.T.] was

1 there.

2 [MS. JOLENE JOE]: Oh, and [A.J.].

3 [MS. JULIA IDA JOSPH]: Yeah, and [A.J.].

4 [MS. JOLENE JOE]: [A.J.].

5 [MS. JULIA IDA JOSEPH]: I think they had
6 this -- like ---

7 [MS. BERNICE TOUCHIE]: Probably [A.J.]
8 decided then, eh?

9 [MS. JULIA IDA JOSEPH]: I think [M.T.] did.

10 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Yeah, I think I just
11 ---

12 [MS. JULIA IDA JOSEPH]: That's why she's
13 really just having a rough time ---

14 MR. BREEN OUELLETTE: Who's ---

15 ~~UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER:~~ [MS. JULIA IDA
16 JOSEPH] -- still.

17 MR. BREEN OUELLETTE: Who's [M.T.]?

18 [MS. JULIA IDA JOSEPH]: [M.T.] is our
19 younger sister.

20 MR. BREEN OUELLETTE: Okay. She was the
21 only person who made it to the hospital ---

22 [MS. JULIA IDA JOSEPH]: Yeah.

23 MR. BREEN OUELLETTE: --- right before?

24 [MS. JULIA IDA JOSEPH]: She lives in
25 Duncan.

1 [MS. C.K.]: She lives on Vancouver Island.

2 **MR. BREEN OUELLETTE:** Okay. I'm just moving
3 back and forth trying to fill in the pieces where they fit.
4 I'll just take one moment.

5 Is [M.T.] able to speak to the National
6 Inquiry?

7 [MS. JOLENE JOE]: Yes.

8 [MS. JULIA IDA JOSEPH]: Yeah.

9 [MS. JULIA IDA JOSEPH] : M'hm.

10 [MS. JULIA IDA JOSEPH]: I'm sure she would.
11 She's just busy working. She couldn't make it.

12 **MR. BREEN OUELLETTE:** M'hm. Is she still
13 living in Duncan?

14 [MS. JULIA IDA JOSEPH]: Yes.

15 **MR. BREEN OUELLETTE:** My card has my phone
16 number on it. You -- all of you are free to share my phone
17 number with anyone who needs to speak to me. I would like
18 to speak to [M.T.] but as I've said before, the National
19 Inquiry won't compel family members to talk. So I would
20 ask if you could ask her if she feels comfortable to talk
21 to me, then she could call me any time, leave me a message,
22 and -- you know, because I'm in a lot of these types of
23 situations; I sometimes can't get back to people for
24 several days. But I get back to everybody that leaves me a
25 message and I will call her back and we will find a way for

1 her to be able to share her experience if that's what she
2 wants.

3 [MS. JOLENE JOE]: Yeah, because she was the
4 first one there without any of us.

5 MR. BREEN OUELLETTE: Okay. So [M.T.] was
6 there and [A.J.] was there as well.

7 [MS. JOLENE JOE]: [A.J.]. [A.J.].

8 MR. BREEN OUELLETTE: Yeah. Yeah.

9 [MS. JOLENE JOE]: I was so angry when I
10 seen him there.

11 MR. BREEN OUELLETTE: So at 2:00 a.m. --
12 2:00 a.m., I think it was said was her passing? And if I
13 understand that correctly it was because the hospital
14 decided to take her off life support?

15 [MS. JOLENE JOE]: Or Auntie did. I'm not
16 sure. And Auntie [M.T.] is [M.T.].

17 MR. BREEN OUELLETTE: [M.T.]. Well, we
18 don't know -- I guess we don't know who decided but the
19 hospital took her off life support at 2:00?

20 [MS. JOLENE JOE]: M'hm.

21 MR. BREEN OUELLETTE: Around 2:00 a.m.? And
22 nobody present is -- for sure has the knowledge of who
23 decided to take her off life support? Okay.

24 [MS. JULIA IDA JOSEPH]: I think [M.T.]
25 knows.

1 **MR. BREEN OUELLETTE:** Okay. Was anybody
2 present in this room asked about taking her off life
3 support?

4 **[MS. BETTY KNIGHTON]:** No.

5 **[MS. JULIA IDA JOSEPH]:** No.

6 **MR. BREEN OUELLETTE:** No? Okay. And so
7 after she was taken off life support, where were family
8 meeting to grieve?

9 **[MS. JULIA IDA JOSEPH]:** [M.T.]'s.

10 **[MS. JOLENE JOE]:** Auntie [M.T.]'s house.

11 **[MS. MARCINA JOE]:** Yeah, Auntie [M.T.]'s.

12 **[MS. JOLENE JOE]:** Because I got there at,
13 like, 9:00 in the morning from -- coming from Vancouver.

14 **MR. BREEN OUELLETTE:** For the record, a
15 device fell on the floor accidentally. We'll just take a
16 moment to calm down from that startling moment. Just let
17 everybody take a moment and when you're feeling ready just
18 let me know.

19 **(SHORT PAUSE)**

20 **[MS. BETTY KNIGHTON]:** Okay.

21 **MR. BREEN OUELLETTE:** Are you okay?

22 **[MS. JOLENE JOE]:** Yeah.

23 **MR. BREEN OUELLETTE:** Okay. While the
24 family was together and grieving, was there anybody from
25 the police that came to talk to the family?

1 [MS. JOLENE JOE]: Nobody came, no.

2 MR. BREEN OUELLETTE: Did anybody
3 investigate [A.J.]? Was he arrested?

4 [MS. JULIA IDA JOSEPH]: We went to look for
5 him at that -- in the bushes where they drank.

6 MR. BREEN OUELLETTE: M'hm.

7 [MS. JULIA IDA JOSEPH]: And we couldn't
8 find him.

9 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: (Inaudible)?

10 [MS. JULIA IDA JOSEPH]: Yeah, and Tracy.

11 [MS. BERNICE TOUCHIE]: Yeah.

12 [MS. JULIA IDA JOSEPH]: Yeah, we couldn't
13 find him because they just hung around. They're chronic
14 alcoholics. They hung around in the bushes.

15 MR. BREEN OUELLETTE: M'hm.

16 [MS. JULIA IDA JOSEPH]: And that's where we
17 went to look for him.

18 MR. BREEN OUELLETTE: And they were
19 homeless?

20 [MS. JULIA IDA JOSEPH]: Yeah.

21 MR. BREEN OUELLETTE: Yeah.

22 [MS. JULIA IDA JOSEPH]: No, they had a
23 place.

24 MR. BREEN OUELLETTE: Did they have a place?

25 [MS. JOLENE JOE]: Yeah.

1 **[MS. JULIA IDA JOSEPH]:** They had a place
2 but was where they got the (inaudible).

3 **MR. BREEN OUELLETTE:** Okay. So did any of
4 you see him after Shirley's death but before the funeral?

5 **[MS. JOLENE JOE]:** No.

6 **[MS. JULIA IDA JOSEPH]:** Did we find him?

7 **MR. BREEN OUELLETTE:** See [A.J.]?

8 **[MS. JOLENE JOE]:** [A.J.]? No, he'd been
9 gone for ---

10 **[MS. BERNICE TOUCHIE]:** On her visit I saw
11 him, but he was in the room when we all went to see her in
12 the hospital.

13 **[MS. BERNICE TOUCHIE]:** She passed.

14 **[MS. JULIA IDA JOSEPH]:** He was in a ---

15 **[MS. JOLENE JOE]:** He was there before all
16 of us with Auntie [M.T.].

17 **MR. BREEN OUELLETTE:** So ---

18 **[MS. JOLENE JOE]:** But then after that we
19 didn't see him.

20 **MR. BREEN OUELLETTE:** So he went to the
21 hospital to see her?

22 **[MS. BERNICE TOUCHIE]:** Yeah.

23 **MR. BREEN OUELLETTE:** That was which day?

24 **[MS. JOLENE JOE]:** The 25th.

25 **[MS. BERNICE TOUCHIE]:** The day after her

1 passing, yeah.

2 **MR. BREEN OUELLETTE:** It was on the 25th? Or
3 the 26th?

4 **[MS. JOLENE JOE]:** I think she -- like, it
5 was in the morning.

6 **[MS. JULIA IDA JOSEPH]:** It must have been
7 the 26th.

8 **MR. BREEN OUELLETTE:** Okay.

9 **[MS. JULIA IDA JOSEPH]:** Because we had to
10 wait for the ferry from the bay too.

11 **[MS. JOLENE JOE]:** Oh, yeah.

12 **[MS. JULIA IDA JOSEPH]:** First ferry.

13 **MR. BREEN OUELLETTE:** So people were showing
14 up to the hospital first and so who saw -- who here saw him
15 at the hospital?

16 **[MS. JOLENE JOE]:** I did.

17 **[MS. BERNICE TOUCHIE]:** I saw him.

18 **[MS. JULIA IDA JOSEPH]:** Yeah.

19 **MR. BREEN OUELLETTE:** Okay. And at that
20 time, was it known that he had done this to her?

21 **[MS. JOLENE JOE]:** No, not yet.

22 **MR. BREEN OUELLETTE:** Nobody was aware?

23 **[MS. JOLENE JOE]:** Because I just kept
24 saying, "What happened? What happened to my mom?" And he
25 wouldn't say anything.

1 **MR. BREEN OUELLETTE:** He was quiet?

2 **[MS. JOLENE JOE]:** But I can tell she put up
3 a fight because she still had dry blood under her
4 fingernails.

5 **[MS. BERNICE TOUCHIE]:** When I saw her I
6 went through the severe grief because I practically raised
7 all my younger brothers and sisters, including Anne and
8 Julie right through high school. We -- my sister Vi and I
9 helped them get through school at Nitnaht Lake and Anne and
10 Julie in Campbell River.

11 And seeing her gone like that, it was very
12 painful because she helped me with K to 12, K to 6
13 curriculum and she was a fine stenographer. And why she
14 never had an opportunity to work, I don't know. But she
15 did a fine job for me. To see her like that was such a
16 waste to this.

17 And I warned her. I could see. I remember
18 bruises on my face too and when they're old I can tell.
19 She had old bruises on her forehead and I wanted to get
20 angry at that man because I thought he never did look after
21 her best interests to her. And that car accident and she
22 was in so much pain from broken ---

23 **[MS. JOLENE JOE]:** Leg.

24 **[MS. BERNICE TOUCHIE]:** --- legs ---

25 **[MS. JOLENE JOE]:** ~~Legs~~ [wrists], she ---

1 **[MS. BERNICE TOUCHIE]:** --- already from, I
2 don't know, car accidents, maybe from former beatings. I
3 don't know. But to see her have to be hurt again was very
4 painful.

5 And I thought it wasn't my place to get
6 angry at that man there, but I know I was very angry at
7 him. And then I saw my nephew who's passed away now, Reg,
8 said that we just heard a video showing that he was kicking
9 her in the head.

10 And somehow the nurses -- I have the
11 impression the nurses told him he'd better leave because
12 somebody might hurt him or whatever because Reg was so
13 angry and wanted revenge.

14 **[MS. JOLENE JOE]:** And I know something more
15 happened because a week before, my brother just had his
16 baby in Victoria and I was passing through Duncan. That
17 was the last time I seen her. And I was asking her, "Mom,
18 do you want to come with me?" And I had my van. And I
19 said, "Do you want to come with me? And [L.J.] had his
20 baby. Let's go see her."

21 And she didn't want to come with me because
22 she said her back was sore.

23 So a week before it happened, I know more
24 happened, but I just don't know what. Because I would have
25 brought her with me and -- because I told my mom lots of

1 times -- well, she broke both of her wrists separate times
2 in the past five years before she passed. So she couldn't
3 open cans and stuff like that now and I told her, I was
4 like, "Mom, you can come to my house and I'll look after
5 you."

6 And she didn't want to but she just still
7 wanted to, you know, do stuff for herself. But I told her
8 that. I was like, "I would look after you. I'll do
9 everything for you. I'll cook, I'll clean, and do
10 everything." But she didn't want to come with me to
11 Nitnaht.

12 But that day I tried to bring her to
13 Victoria to go see her granddaughter. It's her -- my
14 brother's baby was just born and she didn't want to because
15 she said her back was sore.

16 [MS. JULIA IDA JOSEPH]: Didn't he just did
17 a residential school settlement?

18 [MS. JOLENE JOE]: Yeah.

19 [MS. MARCINA JOE]: I think he was expecting
20 more.

21 [MS. JULIA IDA JOSEPH]: Yeah, so he had a
22 new truck but it was always flagged that they were stopping
23 it because ---

24 [MS. JOLENE JOE]: Drinking and driving.

25 [MS. JULIA IDA JOSEPH]: --- drinking and

1 driving.

2 **MR. BREEN OUELLETTE:** Your brother's name?

3 **[MS. JOLENE JOE]:** [L.]. [L.J.].

4 **MR. BREEN OUELLETTE:** [*Spells name*]?

5 **[MS. JOLENE JOE]:** Yeah.

6 **[MS. JOLENE JOE]:** [L.J.].

7 **[MS. JOLENE JOE]:** I could probably give you
8 his -- your number to him too.

9 **MR. BREEN OUELLETTE:** Yes.

10 **[MS. JOLENE JOE]:** Because he'll have
11 different stuff too to say.

12 **MR. BREEN OUELLETTE:** M'hm. Okay. And I
13 didn't get Reg's full name.

14 **[MS. JULIA IDA JOSEPH]:** Sam.

15 **[MS. BERNICE TOUCHIE]:** That was her son.
16 Reg was his middle name. Reginald Anthony Sam.

17 **MR. BREEN OUELLETTE:** Reginald Anthony Sam?

18 So the nurses -- to just go back a little
19 bit -- the nurses at the hospital told [A.J.] to leave or
20 suggested that he should leave because he could be in ---

21 **[MS. BERNICE TOUCHIE]:** We were all finding
22 out about this video.

23 **MR. BREEN OUELLETTE:** --- danger?

24 **[MS. BERNICE TOUCHIE]:** Yeah.

25 **MR. BREEN OUELLETTE:** Yeah. So he left?

1 [MS. BERNICE TOUCHIE]: M'hm.

2 MR. BREEN OUELLETTE: Did the nurses talk to
3 any of you about what they knew? No? No doctors ---

4 [MS. JULIA IDA JOSEPH]: No.

5 MR. BREEN OUELLETTE: --- talked to ---

6 [MS. BERNICE TOUCHIE]: Just Reg.

7 [MS. JULIA IDA JOSEPH]: I think Reg was the
8 one talking for ---

9 [MS. JOLENE JOE]: Yeah.

10 [MS. JULIA IDA JOSEPH]: --- the children.

11 MR. BREEN OUELLETTE: Okay. And so the
12 funeral happened. Where was the funeral held?

13 [MS. JOLENE JOE]: Nitinaht.

14 [MS. JOLENE JOE]: He was there too.

15 MR. BREEN OUELLETTE: Can you spell that for
16 me again?

17 [MS. JULIA IDA JOSEPH]: N-I-T-I-N-A-H-T.

18 MR. BREEN OUELLETTE: H-T.

19 [MS. JOLENE JOE]: I know he was at the
20 funeral.

21 [MS. BERNICE TOUCHIE]: Yeah, he was
22 actually at the funeral too.

23 MR. BREEN OUELLETTE: [A.J.]?

24 [MS. JULIA IDA JOSEPH]: Yeah.

25 [MS. JOLENE JOE]: And I couldn't even look

1 at him though.

2 [MS. MARCINA JOE]: I glared at him lots.

3 MR. BREEN OUELLETTE: Did he ever say
4 anything to anybody about this? No?

5 [MS. JOLENE JOE]: No.

6 MR. BREEN OUELLETTE: After the funeral,
7 what else happened?

8 [MS. BERNICE TOUCHIE]: I tried just telling
9 the girls to make a complaint about the whole incident in
10 their report, but they never did approach the police, I
11 don't think.

12 [MS. JOLENE JOE]: I tried, but I think -- I
13 don't know, I needed support or something because I just --
14 I don't feel strong enough to go there.

15 MR. BREEN OUELLETTE: To the police?

16 [MS. JOLENE JOE]: Yeah.

17 MR. BREEN OUELLETTE: Yeah.

18 [MS. JOLENE JOE]: To see, because -- just
19 because of how I got treated when I tried.

20 MR. BREEN OUELLETTE: M'hm.

21 [MS. JOLENE JOE]: I just didn't think that
22 they were even going to let me now.

23 MR. BREEN OUELLETTE: So you felt they
24 wouldn't listen to you? What else did you feel about that?

25 [MS. JOLENE JOE]: We cannot have a right to

1 know? That's my mother. Why -- just feels like they were
2 just stopping it from letting me know. I don't know. I
3 don't know why.

4 **MR. BREEN OUELLETTE:** And so you never had
5 an opportunity to speak to the police?

6 **[MS. JOLENE JOE]:** No.

7 **MR. BREEN OUELLETTE:** And nobody else did?
8 Okay.

9 **[MS. JOLENE JOE]:** I remember I even tried
10 to ask the cop in Nitinaht, our cop that we had on the
11 reserve.

12 **[MS. BERNICE TOUCHIE]:** Who?

13 **[MS. JOLENE JOE]:** Connie. I don't know her
14 last name. She's a Manitoban.

15 **[MS. JULIA IDA JOSEPH]:** We have a new one
16 now but it's Connie.

17 **[MS. MAUREEN DONNA KNIGHTON]:** Who?

18 **[MS. JULIA IDA JOSEPH]:** Villeneuve.

19 **MR. BREEN OUELLETTE:** Connie Villeneuve?

20 **[MS. MAUREEN DONNA KNIGHTON]:** But she's not
21 there anymore.

22 **[MS. JOLENE JOE]:** No.

23 **MR. BREEN OUELLETTE:** And so which
24 detachment? Was this RCMP or local?

25 **[MS. JOLENE JOE]:** Yeah, she was from the

1 Cowichan. She's not working there no more though. But she
2 even told me that no, he wasn't kicking her. That's what
3 she said. So that was the second time I tried and after
4 that I didn't try again.

5 [MS. MARCINA JOE]: It was like they just
6 didn't want to deal with it.

7 [MS. JOLENE JOE]: M'hm.

8 [MS. BERNICE TOUCHIE]: I was just assuming
9 something was being investigated and then I heard about his
10 debts. It was not on the news, to me.

11 [MS. BERNICE TOUCHIE]: Whose, your mom's?

12 [MS. MARCINA JOE]: (Inaudible) it was.

13 [MS. BERNICE TOUCHIE]: M'hm.

14 [MS. MARCINA JOE]: And then one of my
15 friends told me she'd seen it on the news.

16 MR. BREEN OUELLETTE: Okay.

17 [MS. MARCINA JOE]: She said, "What happened
18 to your mom?" she said. ~~I said, "(Inaudible)~~. [I seen it
19 on the news]"

20 MR. BREEN OUELLETTE: Did she say anything
21 about the reporting on the news?

22 [MS. MARCINA JOE]: No.

23 MR. BREEN OUELLETTE: She just saw it?

24 [MS. MARCINA JOE]: Yeah.

25 MR. BREEN OUELLETTE: So Jolene, when you

1 tried to report it to Constable Villeneuve, do you remember
2 the date?

3 **MS. JOLENE JOE:** No.

4 **MR. BREEN OUELLETTE:** Do you remember
5 roughly how long it was after the funeral?

6 **MS. JOLENE JOE:** I know it was before the
7 end of September.

8 **MR. BREEN OUELLETTE:** Sometime in September?

9 **MS. JOLENE JOE:** It's in the middle. Yeah,
10 mid-September.

11 **MR. BREEN OUELLETTE:** Okay.

12 **MS. JOLENE JOE:** Because I know I was trying
13 to stay on it after I tried in Duncan. It didn't work.
14 And then I followed up with the cop in Nitinaht and then
15 that's when she said, "No, no. He wasn't kicking her."
16 And then that's all she told me.

17 **MR. BREEN OUELLETTE:** She didn't tell you
18 anything else?

19 **MS. JOLENE JOE:** No.

20 **MR. BREEN OUELLETTE:** She didn't offer to
21 give you any ---

22 **MS. JOLENE JOE:** No.

23 **MR. BREEN OUELLETTE:** --- other information?

24 **MS. JOLENE JOE:** Nothing.

25 **MR. BREEN OUELLETTE:** Did she say anything

1 else?

2 **MS. JOLENE JOE:** No, she just told me that,
3 that that's what happened, that he wasn't kicking her.

4 **MR. BREEN OUELLETTE:** M'hm.

5 **MS. JOLENE JOE:** Because that's what I
6 approached her as saying. "Like, I was told that there was
7 a video of him kicking my mom in the face."

8 **MR. BREEN OUELLETTE:** M'hm.

9 **MS. JOLENE JOE:** And she just said, "No,
10 there's no evidence," or "That's not what happened."
11 That's all she told me.

12 **MR. BREEN OUELLETTE:** She wouldn't justify
13 that? What was her attitude when she told you this?

14 **MS. JOLENE JOE:** Just straight; just -- not
15 mean or anything but just, you know, blunt. Just straight
16 out.

17 And it was almost like, you know, like a
18 reporter or something because when she was saying it she
19 was already going off and not actually standing with me,
20 communicating with me. She was just saying, "No, that's
21 not what was happening," and walking away already.

22 **[MS. BERNICE TOUCHIE]:** Well, that was rude.

23 **MS. JOLENE JOE:** Yeah.

24 **MR. BREEN OUELLETTE:** So she was rude to
25 you?

1 **MS. JOLENE JOE:** Yeah, I guess that because
2 she -- like, she didn't have the time of day for me or
3 something.

4 **MR. BREEN OUELLETTE:** And that was the only
5 interaction you actually had directly with the police?

6 **MS. JOLENE JOE:** Yeah.

7 **MR. BREEN OUELLETTE:** Okay. Is there any
8 other information that anybody remembers at this point
9 about how this unfolded, who was spoken to, if there's
10 anything else that we haven't talked about that is
11 important to how this happened?

12 **[MS. BETTY KNIGHTON]:** What I heard was -- I
13 was up living in Renfrew at the time, and what I heard was
14 that [A.J.] claimed that she fell. That's how she got her
15 injuries.

16 **MR. BREEN OUELLETTE:** Do you remember who
17 you heard that from?

18 **[MS. BETTY KNIGHTON]:** Gee, somebody phoned.
19 Geez, I'm not even sure at this point. But that's what the
20 person said anyway, that he said and that was his
21 explanation of her injuries, eh, that she fell.

22 **MR. BREEN OUELLETTE:** If any more details
23 come back on that just let me know, okay?

24 So what was Shirley's life like?

25 **[MS. MARCINA JOE]:** She was just like a real

1 homebody. She didn't really go out unless she went to
2 Bingo, I guess.

3 **MS. JOLENE JOE:** She was always happy and
4 when she was there for us, she was always there for us.
5 The only thing that would take her away and make her not
6 was just the alcohol abuse.

7 **MR. BREEN OUELLETTE:** M'hm.

8 **MS. JOLENE JOE:** Other than that, she was a
9 really good mom.

10 **MR. BREEN OUELLETTE:** M'hm. And I mean,
11 Shirley's sisters probably have a better idea of this. How
12 did Shirley come to abuse alcohol? Did this stem from
13 residential schools; was it -- you know, it comes down to a
14 question of how was Shirley vulnerable?

15 **MS. JOLENE JOE:** I think it had to do with a
16 lot of her pain because she did, she broke like, both of
17 her ankles in her lifetime, both of her wrists, and she
18 got, like, traumatized from our father. She went through a
19 lot of stuff with our dad.

20 **MR. BREEN OUELLETTE:** So she faced domestic
21 abuse?

22 **[MS. JOLENE JOE]:** Yes.

23 **[MS. MARCINA JOE]:** Yeah, he just abused her
24 too.

25 **MS. JOLENE JOE:** Almost killed her in front

1 of us.

2 [MS. BERNICE TOUCHIE]: Oh, you mean [R.J.]?

3 [MS. JOLENE JOE]: Yeah.

4 [MS. BERNICE TOUCHIE:] Their father -- well,
5 his first -- her first husband.

6 MR. BREEN OUELLETTE: M'hm.

7 MS. JOLENE JOE: [R.J.] abused physical
8 abuse and ---

9 MR. BREEN OUELLETTE: [R.J.]? Sorry, I
10 missed that.

11 MS. JOLENE JOE: [R.J.], [*spells name*].

12 MR. BREEN OUELLETTE: [R.J.]?

13 MS. JOLENE JOE: Yeah. He resides in
14 Vancouver right now.

15 MR. BREEN OUELLETTE: Were her broken ankles
16 and wrists from the domestic abuse?

17 MS. JOLENE JOE: No. It's like, from
18 alcohol, alcohol abuse.

19 [MS. JULIA IDA JOSEPH]: After the
20 separation.

21 MR. BREEN OUELLETTE: After the separation -
22 --

23 MS. JOLENE JOE: Yeah.

24 MR. BREEN OUELLETTE: --- is when she broke
25 her wrists and her ---

1 MS. JOLENE JOE: Yeah.

2 MR. BREEN OUELLETTE: --- ankles? How did
3 that happen? How did those fractures happen?

4 MS. JOLENE JOE: One of her wrists was from
5 our older sister's boyfriend. He pushed her. And then I
6 think the other ones are like, from falling.

7 [MS. MARCINA JOE]: Yeah, she slipped on
8 ice.

9 MS. JOLENE JOE: Yeah.

10 MR. BREEN OUELLETTE: Somebody mentioned a
11 car accident at one point. Do we know the details on that?

12 [MS. MARCINA JOE]: She was through a few,
13 eh?

14 [MS. BERNICE TOUCHIE]: M'hm, with [A.J.].

15 MS. JOLENE JOE: Yeah, there's one with
16 [A.J.] in Port Renfrew. I remember she told me there's
17 like, a long bridge and when they got to the bridge he was
18 going too fast and it's a turn. They went straight off,
19 straight off the bank. It's like a -- not too big of a
20 bank, but it's a bank so they just went straight down like
21 that.

22 MR. BREEN OUELLETTE: And she was a
23 passenger at the time?

24 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: M'hm.

25 [MS. JOLENE JOE]: Was she driving?

1 MR. BREEN OUELLETTE: Or was she driving?

2 MS. JOLENE JOE: No, he was driving.

3 [MS. MARCINA JOE]: He was driving.

4 MS. JOLENE JOE: Yeah, he was driving.

5 MR. BREEN OUELLETTE: M'hm. Then there was
6 another car accident?

7 [MS. JOLENE JOE]: There was a few of them.
8 I'm not sure of the other one.

9 [MS. MARCINA JOE]: The other one's just
10 drinking and driving.

11 [MS. JOLENE JOE]: Yeah.

12 [MS. MARCINA JOE]: She was the passenger.

13 MR. BREEN OUELLETTE: So she -- so this
14 accident with [A.J.], that was a drinking and driving too?

15 [MS. JOLENE JOE]: Yeah.

16 MR. BREEN OUELLETTE: Yeah. Did she abuse
17 alcohol before her injuries?

18 [MS. JOLENE JOE]: M'hm.

19 MR. BREEN OUELLETTE: Yeah.

20 MS. JOLENE JOE [MARCINA JOE]: I think a lot
21 of losing our brother has to do with her alcohol abuse
22 also.

23 MR. BREEN OUELLETTE: Oh?

24 MS. JOLENE JOE: Yeah.

25 MR. BREEN OUELLETTE: And what happened with

1 your brother?

2 **MS. JOLENE JOE [MARCINA JOE]:** He drowned.

3 **MR. BREEN OUELLETTE:** He drowned?

4 **[MS. MARCINA JOE]:** M'hm.

5 **MS. JOLENE JOE:** I was nine.

6 **MR. BREEN OUELLETTE:** He was nine?

7 **MS. JOLENE JOE:** I was nine.

8 **MR. BREEN OUELLETTE:** You were nine?

9 **MS. JOLENE JOE:** Yeah.

10 **[MS. JULIA IDA JOSEPH]:** I think he was six.

11 Was he six?

12 **MS. JOLENE JOE:** Yeah. One week, he would
13 have been seven.

14 **MR. BREEN OUELLETTE:** And your age at the
15 time, Marcina?

16 **MS. MARCINA. JOE:** He was, yeah, one year
17 older than me so (inaudible).

18 **MR. BREEN OUELLETTE:** Okay.

19 **MS. JOLENE JOE:** Nineteen eighty-two (1982)?

20 **MS. MARCINA. JOE:** Or no, he was ---

21 **MS. JOLENE JOE:** Three years.

22 **MS. MARCINA. JOE:** --- three years, yeah.

23 So ~~At~~ [I] was like, three.

24 **MR. BREEN OUELLETTE:** Nine, six, and three?

25 **MS. JOLENE JOE:** Yeah.

1 **MR. BREEN OUELLETTE:** And sorry, his name?

2 **MS. JOLENE JOE:** [R.J.]. So that's when our
3 mom and dad split up. My mom found somebody else and my
4 dad brought us back to Enderby, his home town, Shuswap.
5 And he told our auntie not to let us go swimming or not to
6 bring us swimming. And she didn't listen and she brought
7 us swimming. And that's how we lost our little brother.

8 **MR. BREEN OUELLETTE:** So it was an
9 accidental drowning?

10 **[MS. MARCINA JOE]:** ~~This would have~~ [They
11 split up] after Ronnie passed, wasn't it?

12 **MS. JOLENE JOE:** No, because we left
13 Departure Bay and went to Enderby. We were all together.
14 We lived in Departure Bay in Nanaimo.

15 **MR. BREEN OUELLETTE:** Sorry, I just want to
16 be clear. The drowning happened in Nanaimo?

17 **MS. JOLENE JOE:** No, in Enderby.

18 **MR. BREEN OUELLETTE:** In Enderby?

19 **MS. JOLENE JOE:** Yeah.

20 **MR. BREEN OUELLETTE:** While you were all in
21 the care of an aunt?

22 **MS. JOLENE JOE:** Yeah.

23 **MR. BREEN OUELLETTE:** You said [D.J.]?

24 **[MS. JOLENE JOE]:** Yeah.

25 **MS. JOLENE JOE:** Yeah, that's her name.

1 **MR. BREEN OUELLETTE:** Last name?

2 **[MS. MARCINA JOE]:** [D.J.]. Wasn't she a
3 [last name]?

4 **[MS. JOLENE JOE]:** Yeah.

5 **MR. BREEN OUELLETTE:** [D.J.]? Does anyone
6 know why she moved to Duncan?

7 **MS. JOLENE JOE:** She wanted to be closer to
8 the doctor from Port Renfrew.

9 **MR. BREEN OUELLETTE:** Okay.

10 **MS. JOLENE JOE:** And before they moved they
11 recently had a house fire in Port Renfrew.

12 **MR. BREEN OUELLETTE:** So sorry, just to be
13 clear, they moved from Port Renfrew to Duncan ---

14 **MS. JOLENE JOE:** Yeah.

15 **MR. BREEN OUELLETTE:** --- to be closer to
16 the doctor who was in Duncan?

17 **MS. JOLENE JOE:** Yeah.

18 **MR. BREEN OUELLETTE:** Okay.

19 **MS. JOLENE JOE:** I even actually went to her
20 doctor trying to get records too, now that I think of it.

21 **MR. BREEN OUELLETTE:** Okay. So let's talk
22 about that as well. Do you know the doctor's name?

23 **MS. JOLENE JOE:** I can't even remember his
24 name.

25 **[MS. MARCINA JOE]:** Did it start with a B?

1 **MS. JOLENE JOE:** I can't remember his name.
2 Because I remember I tried to go there to see him, like, to
3 be a doctor for me.

4 **MR. BREEN OUELLETTE:** M'hm.

5 **MS. JOLENE JOE:** But I couldn't for some
6 reason. But I can't remember his name.

7 **MR. BREEN OUELLETTE:** Do you remember where
8 his clinic was?

9 **MS. JOLENE JOE:** I can't remember the
10 street. I know where it is in Duncan but I don't know -- I
11 can get it though and ---

12 **MR. BREEN OUELLETTE:** Okay, yeah.

13 **MS. JOLENE JOE:** --- I'll phone you and ---

14 **MR. BREEN OUELLETTE:** Yeah, if you can get
15 the name of the clinic or the name of the doctor that would
16 be helpful.

17 **MS. JOLENE JOE:** Yeah, because I remember --
18 I can't remember what he said when I tried to ask -- or
19 even what I was trying to ask.

20 **[MS. MARCINA JOE]:** Was it [F.]?

21 **MS. JOLENE JOE:** Yeah. Yeah, I think it's
22 Dr. [F.]. That sounds right. Dr. [F.]. Dr. [F.].

23 **MR. BREEN OUELLETTE:** Okay.

24 **MS. JOLENE JOE:** But yeah, he has where he
25 has the records.

1 **MR. BREEN OUELLETTE:** He has her medical
2 records?

3 **MS. JOLENE JOE:** Yeah.

4 **MR. BREEN OUELLETTE:** Okay. And he wouldn't
5 talk about the circumstances of her death?

6 **MS. JOLENE JOE:** No. No. Saying -- I think
7 he's saying that I had to go to the cops or go to the
8 police station to find out about that.

9 **MR. BREEN OUELLETTE:** Okay.

10 **MS. JOLENE JOE:** So that day I was like,
11 getting the runaround because I went to the casino, her
12 doctor, the cop shop, and I couldn't get anything.

13 **MR. BREEN OUELLETTE:** This was the one at
14 26?

15 **MS. JOLENE JOE:** End of -- no, the end of
16 August.

17 **MR. BREEN OUELLETTE:** No? End of August?

18 **MS. JOLENE JOE:** Yeah.

19 **MR. BREEN OUELLETTE:** Okay. So you tried
20 the doctor, the casino?

21 **MS. JOLENE JOE:** For the footage.

22 **MR. BREEN OUELLETTE:** Yeah, the police. Do
23 you remember anywhere else that you tried to get
24 information?

25 **MS. JOLENE JOE:** Those were the only three.

1 **MR. BREEN OUELLETTE:** Okay.

2 **[MS. BERNICE TOUCHIE]:** The nurses at the
3 hospital but they couldn't say anything very much either.

4 **MS. JOLENE JOE:** No.

5 **MR. BREEN OUELLETTE:** M'hm. And so
6 ultimately, at the end of it you weren't able to get any
7 documents about what happened?

8 **MS. JOLENE JOE:** No.

9 **MR. BREEN OUELLETTE:** And nobody else was
10 able to get any documents about what happened? Okay. And
11 the only police officer that we have was Constable
12 Villeneuve and we don't know the names of any of the nurses
13 or doctors from the hospital?

14 **[MS. JOLENE JOE]:** No.

15 **MR. BREEN OUELLETTE:** Okay. While Shirley
16 was in Duncan, how did she get by?

17 **[MS. JULIA IDA JOSEPH]:** Was she on welfare,
18 disability?

19 **[MS. BERNICE TOUCHIE]:** Disability.

20 **[MS. JULIA IDA JOSEPH]:** Disability.

21 **MR. BREEN OUELLETTE:** Disability? And how
22 has this whole situation affected the two of you, the
23 daughters of Shirley?

24 **MS. JOLENE JOE:** Well, it's been a daily
25 struggle for me. Like, I try my best to stay strong for my

1 four kids. And I know they see it in me. But I try to let
2 things out in a good way, like, a strong way for my kids so
3 that -- I guess so that they don't see how much I'm
4 hurting, because like, every day she shows me signs.

5 She really shows me a lot of stuff, like, to
6 keep my strength for my kids up, I believe. Or if my kids
7 see her ~~heart~~ [truck], they'll be like, "Grandma."

8 And I'll be like, "Oh, Grandma's saying hi."
9 You know, just little things like that. Or just in the
10 clouds she'll show me stuff or if my kids see a heart shape
11 in food or anything like that they'll be like, "Oh, it's
12 Grandma."

13 So I'm just trying to keep them strong about
14 it.

15 **MR. BREEN OUELLETTE:** M'hm. So what kind of
16 struggles have you had to deal with in your life?

17 **MS. JOLENE JOE:** Well, right now I'm
18 recovering from crack cocaine. But I don't really want to
19 blame it on losing my mom, because like, naturally, you
20 know, I'm hurting. But I just -- I don't want my kids to
21 know, you know, that when they're in pain like that to run
22 to, you know, to toxins or -- no, that's not what I want to
23 teach them.

24 So they see me and know that I'm reaching
25 out for help and I'm waiting for treatment right now. And

1 my cousin Maureen (inaudible), she's helping me so I'm
2 going to be going to Round Lake in the Shuswap territory.
3 My dad's from -- my mom and dad actually went to that
4 treatment centre.

5 But yeah, I've lived in Port Alberni now --
6 this December would be two years and I've been dealing with
7 that addiction for the last year. And I'm glad I'm strong
8 enough to reach out for help because that's not the path
9 that I want. I didn't have kids to put them through that.

10 **MR. BREEN OUELLETTE:** And has the support,
11 has the ability to get treatment been sufficient or have
12 there been problems, deficiencies? Has it been too slow?

13 **MS. JOLENE JOE:** Yeah, there was problems
14 with one of the counsellors before I started working with
15 my cousin. That was May that my papers should have been
16 all processed but that counsellor missed two pages of my
17 application. So when I went to Maureen she got my two
18 pages in and so my full application's now there now and I'm
19 just waiting for a date.

20 So I was really upset because what if I died
21 in this time waiting?

22 **MR. BREEN OUELLETTE:** How long have you been
23 waiting?

24 **MS. JOLENE JOE:** Since May.

25 **MR. BREEN OUELLETTE:** Since May.

1 **[MS. JULIA IDA JOSEPH]:** There's other
2 children too.

3 **MR. BREEN OUELLETTE:** M'hm. So you're still
4 waiting for your time to go for treatment. You haven't
5 been told yet?

6 **MS. JOLENE JOE:** No. I'm going to -- I want
7 to look into any or anything, a women's group or anything
8 because I need something because it almost seems like it's
9 -- like they don't even care. It was two times now I've
10 left my kids with their dad and just been gone. And that's
11 not me. That's not what I want.

12 But it seems like it's almost making me be
13 that person because I'm not getting the help while I'm
14 trying to reach out. And I just wish, you know, when
15 someone's reaching out that you know, they'll help because
16 that person's reaching out. Because there's people that,
17 you know, go for help and don't even want it.

18 **MR. BREEN OUELLETTE:** Are there any other
19 struggles that you're dealing with?

20 **MS. JOLENE JOE:** Probably just like, it's --
21 I guess it's little but it's big at the same time is
22 between me and my kids' dad. This year we've been together
23 21 years and there's a lot of domestic disputes or is that
24 what you call it? Domestic disturbances or I don't know.

25 But we've been -- I've been through a lot.

1 I've been to Hell and back with him and his family and I
2 don't know. I'm -- try to the best I can for my kids
3 because I didn't have a mom and a dad, eh?

4 [MS. JULIA IDA JOSEPH]: You had to move too
5 and you lost your job.

6 MS. JOLENE JOE: Yeah, I left Nitinaht when
7 I moved here two years ago and the reason being, I had nine
8 calls to USMA and if I had one more call I would have got
9 my kids taken away.

10 But when that happened, I was just
11 celebrating the end of the year before Christmas holidays
12 with my staff. And their dad decided to drink too and he
13 was drinking at home and he decided to drive my truck and
14 he crashed it.

15 And so after that I said I had enough and we
16 broke up for a while. Me and my kids were in the
17 transition house here. And so we just -- we've come a long
18 way and I just feel like I'm with him for my kids and not
19 myself.

20 I'm doing my best. I think that the
21 treatment will help knowing then, you know, I want to be
22 with him for me and not just my kids, because being with
23 him just for my kids isn't making me feel very good, you
24 know? I want to be with him as for a family, not just the
25 fact that I want my kids to be happy, knowing growing up

1 after nine I didn't have a mom and dad.

2 And my oldest is 15 now. And you know, I am
3 like a psychological thinker. Like, you know, with me
4 staying and not with him for me, I'm feeling that naturally
5 I'm teaching my kids later on, you know, if they're going
6 to be in relationships like that, that they're going to
7 stay. And I don't want that.

8 So I'm going to do my best to work on myself
9 and fix it because there's no way, like, the pain that I
10 feel losing my mom, I don't want my kids to carry. It
11 really hurt to lose my mom. And I couldn't imagine my kids
12 without me.

13 Like, when I lived in Nitinaht, I abused
14 alcohol. Every weekend I drank. Yeah, I had a good-paying
15 job and I was a teacher assistant in Nitinaht for 11 years.
16 And when this happened and I had to move away I lost my
17 job. So that's another big thing on me probably, you know.
18 I'm used to working for my kids, not being on welfare. And
19 I think that's how I got lazy and you know ---

20 **UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER:** You're not ---

21 **MS. JOLENE JOE:** --- not really caring
22 because oh, welfare, I'm going to get welfare, you know.
23 Just -- so I just -- I want my life back. I want to go
24 back to school and get my teacher aide.

25 Can I just read what I wrote?

1 **MR. BREEN OUELLETTE:** Yeah.

2 **MS. JOLENE JOE:** My dear Mother, I miss you.
3 Thankful for this beautiful life you gave me. You just
4 didn't teach me how hard it would be without you. I know,
5 because you told me lots of times that you were in pain
6 here on earth, a lot to do with alcohol abuse.

7 I'm sorry it happened that way, Mom. I'm so
8 devastated the way we lost you. It hurts so bad I ~~think it~~
9 ~~just like (inaudible) how much~~ [I didn't get to say goodbye
10 and one last] I love you.

11 I don't understand how the story changed.
12 In my heart it didn't just happen. You were murdered. The
13 police said it was on video recording in Duncan. You were
14 getting kicked in the face. Then it changed and you
15 weren't getting kicked in the face. How does that change?

16 I'm lost about it. And it hurts to go to
17 Duncan police and find out more. You just being gone is so
18 hard to believe.

19 I'm so glad you raised me the way you did.
20 My children don't deserve alcohol abuse and I learned that
21 the hardest way by growing up with it. I refuse to abuse
22 alcohol for myself and children's well-being.

23 So I moved to Port Alberni and got into that
24 addiction and I've been working with USMA because they said
25 if I got another report my kids would get taken away. And

1 somebody did report me that I was gone but their father was
2 with them. And they know that I'm reaching out for help
3 and I'm in the middle waiting for treatment.

4 And right now, like, it seems that stuff in
5 life is just naturally helping me without me trying. Like,
6 a couple of weeks ago Auntie Bernice asked me to go to
7 McCuddy's with her in Neah Bay (phonetic). So I went and
8 she got me out of town. And that's like, right when I was
9 in my -- you know, like, almost ready to just give up,
10 like, just who cares about everything? I'm just going to
11 leave my family and who cares now, right?

12 But deep down I'm like, I don't want to be a
13 couch surfer. I don't want to, you know -- I'll like, go
14 way downhill if I lost my kids because they keep me busy,
15 right? Four kids is a lot of work.

16 But I'm thankful that Auntie brought me to
17 that because that helped me stay clean. And then now,
18 yesterday -- not last night, the night before, before this
19 started, I was thinking about it. Oh, when the kids are at
20 school I'm going to go and do drugs, right? That's what I
21 thought.

22 And then this came up and Maureen was
23 telling me for the last couple of weeks that, you know,
24 "You're signed up, you just need a statement."

25 And I didn't realize it that all of a sudden

1 it's here. And I'm like, okay, cool. So now yesterday I
2 got brushed off and when I was at home last night I felt
3 really good. I felt strong. It wasn't -- I wasn't even
4 thinking of it.

5 And I was like, okay, this is for real now.
6 Thank God, because I don't want my family to lose me
7 because that's how we lost my cousin Reg, my auntie's son.

8 Because I quit April 6th and we lost my
9 cousin April 8th. I quit for a month and a half so like,
10 the end of May. So see, when I was trying to get into
11 treatment and stuff I fell off again. But you know, I
12 don't want to lose my life to that. And I want to find
13 justice about my mom.

14 **MS. MELODY CASELLA:** Can I say something?

15 **MR. BREEN OUELLETTE:** Melody just wants to
16 say something.

17 **MS. MELODY CASELLA:** I just wanted to say,
18 like, in listening to what you're sharing I think that -- I
19 was a detox program director in my community and the
20 problem that we found with referrals is that we're so
21 limited through the funding for referrals. And then for
22 recommendations, like, through this Inquiry, you know, for
23 our First Nations communities that a lot of us want to go
24 through the grass-roots healing, like, because I know
25 around my treatment centre and how they're culturally

1 raised saying that culture is ~~achievement~~ [treatment]. So
2 then a lot of our people want to go that route for their
3 healing journeys.

4 And then so through this Inquiry that the
5 recommendations that you have the power to make right now
6 is that through the wait list, through the referral process
7 -- because we're so limited and referring people to
8 treatment centres that are First Nations based, you know,
9 for healing that if, you know, that you feel that through
10 this process that it's prolonged, the healing that you want
11 to start, because I know the first reaching out of your
12 hand is the biggest step in life, to say "I need help."

13 And then when you feel like it's not going
14 as quick as it should, which it should, because you know,
15 time is always crucial, you know ---

16 **MS. JOLENE JOE:** Yeah.

17 **MS. MELODY CASELLA:** --- and this is life-
18 threatening.

19 **MS. JOLENE JOE:** Oh, yeah.

20 **MS. MELODY CASELLA:** And seeing our
21 struggles of our people all over the province and then that
22 if you feel that that list should be more accessibility,
23 you know, for more treatment centres that are First Nations
24 based, that you can make those recommendations because you
25 know, with the power of your relative to help you and then

1 to make sure the accuracy of paperwork and that there's no
2 excuse for that.

3 **MS. JOLENE JOE:** M'hm.

4 **MS. MELODY CASELLA:** And that's, you know,
5 this ongoing systemic issue for our people. And whatever
6 recommendations you have today will be taken seriously when
7 the Commissioners see our video and what you recommend
8 today. And that if you feel there should be more treatment
9 centres you can recommend those things.

10 So you're not waiting so long, so that when
11 changes hopefully will come up a lot quicker than you like
12 for -- from this process with our people that are here for
13 what you're saying, and that I, you know, encourage you to
14 make those recommendations on what you see because it's
15 been happening for a long time for our people. It's --
16 because I was doing this like, 10 years ago as a program
17 director.

18 We put our recommendations forward to our
19 chief and council; "They need more treatment centres but we
20 need detoxes. We need halfway houses but aftercare." So
21 you know, whatever process of -- for your own community in
22 your own area that you would think need to happen that you
23 can recommend those things and ---

24 **MS. JOLENE JOE:** Yeah, like, see, my sister,
25 she went to one in Alert Bay and that's all women, and

1 they've told me about Tsow-Tun Le Lum in Nanaimo and it's -
2 - the reason why I want to go is because I want to get far
3 away from here. I don't want to even think about here. I
4 just -- I really want to go there. I don't know how long
5 it's going to take or if I could phone and check-up or I
6 don't know.

7 But if not, I need to figure out something
8 now because I don't think I can wait very much longer.

9 That was like, one of the workers introduced
10 me -- was it Gail? I think her name's Gail -- another
11 worker that does different groups that she introduced me
12 to. And she gave me her Facebook information and stuff.
13 So I was like, anything, like, you know, and just women
14 healing there, you know? Anything like that. I was like,
15 I just need something.

16 Like, I was working with INEO, the
17 employment centre and just you know, little things to just
18 try to keep my mind busy because I'm starting to forget
19 about, you know, anything, everything.

20 My kids are my number one and I just -- I
21 want it like that. I -- there's no way that, you know, I
22 want to hurt myself or ---

23 **MR. BREEN OUELLETTE:** So I have some
24 questions, Jolene. The paperwork that was misfiled, who
25 did that paperwork?

1 MS. JOLENE JOE: His name is [Counsellor 1].

2 MR. BREEN OUELLETTE: [Counsellor 1]?

3 MS. JOLENE JOE: [Counsellor 1], [spells
4 name].

5 [MS. MARCINA JOE]: It's just [spells name].

6 MS. JOLENE JOE: Huh?

7 [MS. MARCINA JOE]: It's just [spells name].

8 MS. JOLENE JOE: Yeah.

9 MR. BREEN OUELLETTE: [Spells name]? No,
10 okay.

11 [MS. JULIA IDA JOSEPH]: I think you said
12 [name].

13 MS. JOLENE JOE: Oh, I thought there was an
14 [letter].

15 MR. BREEN OUELLETTE: So what are his
16 qualifications? Where does he work? How did you come to
17 be connected to him?

18 MS. JOLENE JOE: He -- well, I knew him
19 because we did, like, couple counselling a little bit and
20 stuff with him in [Community 1] because he travels to
21 [Community 1] too and works for our band.

22 MR. BREEN OUELLETTE: Okay.

23 MS. JOLENE JOE: But he's out of the ---

24 [MS. JULIA IDA JOSEPH]: He works out at
25 NTC.

1 **MS. JOLENE JOE:** Oh yeah, NTC. But he's out
2 of the [office] here in Port Alberni. But yeah, Maureen,
3 when I told her, when I first filed with her to figure out
4 that I had two pages missing she wasn't impressed. She was
5 like, "I'm not impressed."

6 **MR. BREEN OUELLETTE:** M'hm.

7 **MS. JOLENE JOE:** Because I know if I went
8 through my cousin I would have been to treatment and back.
9 I know it. Just because we lost a family relative already,
10 right, and I was really sad because I was like, that could
11 have been me. That really could have been me. And that
12 would have been devastating because I'm already reaching
13 out for help.

14 **MR. BREEN OUELLETTE:** Do you know why the
15 mistake occurred?

16 **MS. JOLENE JOE:** I don't know. He seems
17 dozy.

18 **MR. BREEN OUELLETTE:** Is he still working
19 for NTC?

20 **MS. JOLENE JOE:** Yeah, he's over there. And
21 I could tell. I could feel the difference in him, walking
22 around and trying to get my eye contact. But I won't even
23 look at him because he knows. He knows that he messed up
24 because I was waiting and waiting and waiting and nothing
25 from him.

1 And finally I said, "I can't do this
2 anymore," so I went to my cousin. And I was like, "I wish
3 I just went to you right away." I don't know why I went
4 against my gut, just knowing, you know, you can't usually
5 work with immediate family dealing with stuff like that,
6 right?

7 **MR. BREEN OUELLETTE:** M'hm.

8 **MS. JOLENE JOE:** So I didn't want to go to
9 her. That's why I went to him. But I shouldn't have even
10 went against my gut and I should have just went to my
11 cousin because I would have been to treatment and back and
12 I would have been, you know, on my journey already. But
13 no, here I am struggling.

14 **MR. BREEN OUELLETTE:** What are his
15 qualifications or his job title?

16 **MS. JOLENE JOE:** I think he's a Clinical
17 Counsellor.

18 **[MS. JULIA IDA JOSEPH]:** I think he's a
19 Clinical Counsellor. Or is it drug and alcohol?

20 **MS. JOLENE JOE:** Yeah, actually I think so,
21 drug and alcohol.

22 **[MS. JOLENE JOE]:** Yeah.

23 **MR. BREEN OUELLETTE:** Counsellor?

24 **[MS. JULIA IDA JOSEPH]:** Yeah.

25 **MS. JOLENE JOE:** But no, like, I could sue

1 him. What if I died in that time before I went to my
2 cousin? What if something happened to me? Then what would
3 have happened because I wouldn't have been here to say, you
4 know, that he didn't do his job properly.

5 **MR. BREEN OUELLETTE:** M'hm.

6 **[MS. MARCINA JOE]:** He, I think, was my
7 counsellor and I started seeing someone else.

8 **MS. JOLENE JOE:** M'hm.

9 **[MS. MARCINA JOE]:** I'm seeing (inaudible).

10 **MS. JOLENE JOE:** It's like he's just there
11 for the money.

12 **MR. BREEN OUELLETTE:** M'hm.

13 **MS. JOLENE JOE:** He's not -- he doesn't
14 care, it felt like, why my pages were -- two pages missing
15 for two months because I've been waiting three months that
16 I thought of it last night. I was like, three months.
17 May, June, July, August. It was May, June, July, August.
18 Yeah, three months.

19 **[MS. JULIA IDA JOSEPH]:** We have been
20 waiting, asking for a different counsellor to come to
21 Nitinaht because if we don't want to -- we're not
22 comfortable with him either. And that -- well, we want a
23 female too down there.

24 **MR. BREEN OUELLETTE:** Yeah.

25 **[MS. JULIA IDA JOSEPH]:** Because there's

1 lots of dysfunction and lots of help. They want help but
2 they end up falling through because they don't get it.

3 **MS. JOLENE JOE:** Because you know how you're
4 supposed to go to them for advice? Well, when you talk
5 about your problem he just seems like he answers with your
6 problem, whatever you're talking about. He doesn't give
7 you advice on what you're going through or -- like, it's
8 not -- doesn't seem like it's helping because I've tried.
9 Me and my kids' dad have tried. And now this happened with
10 my application so ---

11 **[MS. MARCINA JOE]:** Yeah, when I seen him
12 the whole time all he said was "M'hm."

13 **MS. JOLENE JOE:** Yeah.

14 **[MS. MARCINA JOE]:** Oh, m'hm. That was it.

15 **MS. JOLENE JOE:** Yeah.

16 **[MS. MARCINA JOE]:** Like, I didn't get
17 anything out of that.

18 **MS. JOLENE JOE:** No. And I know my cousin's
19 stern on her -- she's stern at work. I know she is. Like,
20 I can just feel the -- you know, the power and the love and
21 the wisdom and the -- you know? All the stuff that she has
22 ---

23 **MR. BREEN OUELLETTE:** M'hm.

24 **MS. JOLENE JOE:** --- that all of them should
25 have if they work in that field, you know? It's how they

1 all should be.

2 **MR. BREEN OUELLETTE:** M'hm. Is there
3 anything else you want to say about that?

4 **MS. JOLENE JOE:** I'm okay.

5 **MR. BREEN OUELLETTE:** Okay. Marcina, do you
6 want to add anything to that?

7 **MS. MARCINA JOE:** Just that this pain is,
8 like, never going to be healed. It's always going to be
9 there.

10 **MR. BREEN OUELLETTE:** M'hm. And how has it
11 affected you in your life?

12 **MS. MARCINA JOE:** Just like something's
13 missing every day. I was already an alcoholic before it
14 happened so I'm not really going to go there because I
15 watched my mom drink growing up so I just do that now too.
16 I don't find that I -- like, when I went to treatment I
17 talked about my mom's loss, losing my mom and felt like I
18 got a lot of work done there.

19 **MR. BREEN OUELLETTE:** M'hm.

20 **MS. MARCINA JOE:** Just a big gap in my --
21 that's how it feels.

22 **MR. BREEN OUELLETTE:** Oh.

23 **MS. MARCINA JOE:** Like, I'm usually really
24 strong about it and just on her death day though is when it
25 really hits me. Like, I had a rough time last month

1 because I knew it was when we lost her. And actually I
2 just do cultural stuff or draw or write or paint.

3 **MR. BREEN OUELLETTE:** M'hm.

4 **MS. MARCINA JOE:** And other that
5 (inaudible). But yeah, that's about it, I think. I just
6 hope things do improve so that people don't have to go
7 through what we went through.

8 **MR. BREEN OUELLETTE:** M'hm. Do either of
9 you have children?

10 **MS. MARCINA JOE:** Yeah, three.

11 **MR. BREEN OUELLETTE:** And are they affected
12 in the same way?

13 **MS. MARCINA JOE:** Well, two of them were
14 born after she was -- after her death.

15 **MR. BREEN OUELLETTE:** M'hm.

16 **MS. MARCINA JOE:** I don't know, [J.], I
17 don't know how she feels. They weren't really close. My
18 mom was off and doing her own thing and with her boyfriends
19 or whatever.

20 **MR. BREEN OUELLETTE:** M'hm.

21 **UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER:** You should ask her.

22 **MS. MARCINA JOE:** I don't think it really
23 affected my kids just because of that. Two of them were
24 born after, so ---

25 **MR. BREEN OUELLETTE:** M'hm. Okay, is there

1 anything else you'd like to say?

2 **MS. MARCINA JOE:** No.

3 **MR. BREEN OUELLETTE:** No? Okay.

4 I know the Commissioners can't see this from
5 the video but it's quite hot in this room and it's probably
6 a little difficult. We have a little bit more to cover.
7 Would you like a break first or do we keep going?

8 **[MS. MARCINA JOE]:** I want to keep going.

9 **[MS. BERNICE TOUCHIE]:** I'm fine to keep
10 going.

11 **MR. BREEN OUELLETTE:** Keep going?

12 **[MS. JOLENE JOE]:** Yeah.

13 **MR. BREEN OUELLETTE:** Okay. We've reached a
14 point where I think we've talked about both of your family
15 members. Is there anything else about either of them that
16 you would like to say for the Commissioners, anything that
17 I didn't ask you about that you think is connected to your
18 experience?

19 No? Okay.

20 **[MS. MAUREEN KNIGHTON]:** I think for me the
21 only thing that I know that I got over was the anger that I
22 held for so many years after losing my aunt [*Registrar's*
23 *note: the witness is referring to Florence Violet Joseph,*
24 *cf. Statement Volume 178(a)*] and then finding out who he
25 was while I was still in my addictions. I literally wanted

1 to shoot his head off. That's how angry I was because I
2 loved my aunt so much.

3 And when I heard about him he was in the
4 States. I heard he was living in the States and I said,
5 "Well, he better stay there."

6 And then, you know, well, I've been sober
7 for quite a few years now and worked on myself and then I
8 found out he was at [Assisted living facility 1]. So I had
9 to push through all that negativity that I had with him to
10 face him again. And that was another struggle in itself
11 and I was like, oh my God, now you got to be a professional
12 here.

13 So when I walk around I walk around with
14 this face that looks like it's happy to see you and you
15 know, how are you? And I'm like, why are they sending me
16 up here? It's how I felt.

17 And then I start thinking at the back of my
18 mind, well, maybe I could start probing and finding out
19 what led to this if he was comfortable with me. And if he
20 didn't know who I was maybe he would start talking to me.
21 But that didn't work.

22 But I know I was trying to find my answers
23 too as to why that happened because I knew who my aunt was.
24 And you know, she was a kind, loving, caring person who had
25 two beautiful children. And I just couldn't understand why

1 someone would do that to her.

2 But today, you know, I don't go up to
3 [Assisted living facility 1] very much anymore because he
4 quit wanting to talk too, so that ended that.

5 But you know, like I was saying, that anger
6 hung on to me for many, many years and it was probably 1991
7 when I finally quit going to her gravesite and sitting
8 there with a beer at 2:00, 3:00 in the morning crying over
9 her. It's when I finally said, "I have to let you go now.
10 I have to. I'm getting married," I said. "I'm going to
11 get married." And that's when I finally just let it go.

12 But it took that long and I don't -- you
13 know, I don't think I've gone back to that gravesite since
14 then. But I know that it's caved in a few times. People
15 have tried to push the gravel back on it but that's what
16 happens.

17 As for Anne, I held a lot of anger over that
18 one too. Just, you know, I had sat on the sidelines
19 listening too. Like, I'd say, "What's going on? What are
20 they doing? Are the cops involved?" All these questions I
21 was talking to my brother about.

22 And he goes, "We can't do anything. They're
23 waiting."

24 "How come?"

25 He said, "Well, it's up to the siblings, the

1 children."

2 And I went, "Oh, that's -- well, I hope they
3 do something." That's all I said.

4 And then see, him too, the guy that, well,
5 beat her, I was very upset and angry about that too. And
6 how could he want to be associating with our family again,
7 you know, after doing something that drastic? Pissed right
8 off.

9 And I'm just really glad that I'm able to
10 find other ways to release that anger because before, it
11 was through the bottle I went. Now, even though I've done
12 their job, I -- it's safe.

13 I just wanted to share that, you know.

14 **MR. BREEN OUELLETTE:** Thank you. And I
15 noticed -- so I've been referring to her as Shirley but she
16 went by the name Anne?

17 **[MS. MAUREEN KNIGHTON]:** Yes.

18 **MR. BREEN OUELLETTE:** Okay. I apologize for
19 that.

20 So Anne -- what were Anne's strengths, her
21 resiliencies?

22 **MS. JOLENE JOE:** Very smart. She was a
23 bookkeeper at the time. Before she hurt her wrists and
24 that she Native danced. She was -- she danced.

25 **[MS. JULIA IDA JOSEPH]:** Didn't she work in

1 daycares too?

2 **MS. JOLENE JOE:** Yeah. She worked in
3 daycares in Ahousaht.

4 **[MS. JULIA IDA JOSEPH]:** And Port Renfrew.

5 **[MS. JULIA IDA JOSEPH]:** I thought she said
6 she didn't work in Port Renfrew.

7 **MS. JOLENE JOE:** Yeah. Oh, yeah. So she
8 really worked -- liked working with kids and I think that's
9 where I get it from because I like working with kids.
10 Just a kind, loving person.

11 **[MS. MAUREEN KNIGHTON]:** Sensitive. Always
12 wanted to see how you're doing.

13 **[MS. MARCINA JOE]:** M'hm.

14 **[MS. MAUREEN KNIGHTON]:** Very respectful.

15 **[MS. MARCINA JOE]:** M'hm.

16 **[MS. MAUREEN KNIGHTON]:** And wanted to make
17 you laugh.

18 **MS. JOLENE JOE:** Yeah.

19 **[MS. MAUREEN KNIGHTON]:** I always hear her
20 laughs though.

21 **MS. JOLENE JOE:** Yeah.

22 **[MS. MARCINA JOE]:** She used to phone every
23 day.

24 **MS. JOLENE JOE:** To this day I still get a -
25 - like, hard feelings or something whenever I go to Duncan.

1 **MR. BREEN OUELLETTE:** M'hm.

2 **MS. JOLENE JOE:** It's still hard to go
3 there. I went to her place where she lived at her
4 apartment a couple of months ago now. She planted flowers
5 outside there and I went to look at them. I'll always keep
6 going there. It just gives me strength knowing that my mom
7 planted those.

8 **MR. BREEN OUELLETTE:** So was there anything
9 that could have been made available to Anne that would have
10 helped her, any supports, anything that could have
11 prevented this from happening?

12 **[MS. BERNICE TOUCHIE]:** I think some kind of
13 women's services for -- I think of Anne and it's probably
14 her kindness that she got involved with men in need, you
15 know, who were maybe addicted but some of them were
16 artists. But her relation -- her -- they didn't last. But
17 she tried. But surprisingly, the longest one was this man
18 that was very abusive to her. She stayed there the
19 longest. Yeah, a very people person. Like I said, she
20 helped me type out a curriculum without any problem.

21 **MR. BREEN OUELLETTE:** So ---

22 **MS. JOLENE JOE:** I'm wondering if she had
23 like, a maid or something. She -- because I remember every
24 time I wanted to see her it was always a hard time with
25 this for cooking or that for cleaning or you know, stuff

1 like that. I just found out it was a daily struggle for
2 her.

3 **MR. BREEN OUELLETTE:** House care?

4 **MS. JOLENE JOE:** Yeah.

5 **MR. BREEN OUELLETTE:** Yeah.

6 **MS. JOLENE JOE:** Yeah, I think if she had
7 someone to help a little bit every day like that, that
8 would have took a lot off of her.

9 **MR. BREEN OUELLETTE:** It would have reduced
10 her pain; is that ---

11 **MS. JOLENE JOE:** Yeah, yeah, because I
12 remember her saying, like, [A.J.] would get mad because she
13 couldn't can open cans with a can opener. And she'd have
14 to -- she like, made it like it was a bother to ask [A.J.]
15 to open it for her. She didn't even want to ask him for
16 help.

17 **MR. BREEN OUELLETTE:** M'hm.

18 **MS. JOLENE JOE:** So I think if she had
19 somebody -- like, I was even willing to but I had my own
20 kids, right, to -- or else I would have went and helped her
21 every day if I could have.

22 **MR. BREEN OUELLETTE:** Yeah.

23 **MS. JOLENE JOE:** Prep or whatever she
24 needed.

25 **MR. BREEN OUELLETTE:** M'hm.

1 **MS. JOLENE JOE:** But yes, I know she told me
2 a lot of times that she was in pain and that she doesn't
3 want to be in pain any more. But it's sad that it had to
4 be that way.

5 **MR. BREEN OUELLETTE:** M'hm. I thought of a
6 question that I might not have asked. How long was she
7 with him? How long was ---

8 **[MS. BERNICE TOUCHIE]:** With [A.J.]? Let me
9 think.

10 **MR. BREEN OUELLETTE:** --- Anne with [A.J.]?

11 **[MS. BERNICE TOUCHIE]:** I just remember the
12 one ---

13 **[MS. JOLENE JOE]:** Because they only went
14 (inaudible) then Duncan. About five years?

15 **[MS. MARCINA JOE]:** Yeah. (Inaudible).
16 Timothy.

17 **[MS. BERNICE TOUCHIE]:** Hank's not very long
18 and then another artist not very long and the one in
19 Vancouver not very long.

20 **[MS. JOLENE JOE]:** Jim. She was with Jim
21 for a long time.

22 **[MS. BERNICE TOUCHIE:]** ~~She was~~ [Was she]
23 with him quite a while [?]

24 **[MS. JOLENE JOE]:** Yeah.

25 **MR. BREEN OUELLETTE:** So three years?

1 **MS. JOLENE JOE:** Yeah, about three to five
2 years.

3 **MR. BREEN OUELLETTE:** Three to five?

4 **MS. JOLENE JOE:** Yeah.

5 **MR. BREEN OUELLETTE:** Okay.

6 **MS. JOLENE JOE:** Yeah, probably about four.
7 A couple in Port Renfrew, a couple in Duncan, eh?

8 **MR. BREEN OUELLETTE:** Okay.

9 **MS. JOLENE JOE:** Well, not even two in
10 Duncan, eh, because they just got that apartment. Yeah.

11 **MR. BREEN OUELLETTE:** And what's -- you said
12 "women's services, some kind of women's services". And I
13 hear that and I'm wondering if you have more specific
14 ideas. And everybody in the room, if they have more
15 specific ideas of what that means and what it looks like?

16 And just to think about it, I don't know
17 want to think about, okay, you know, is -- can it happen
18 today? What's the cost, any of that. I just want to
19 think, you know, how can women's services support people to
20 help them to avoid these terrible tragedies?

21 **[MS. BERNIE TOUCHIE]:** You know, thinking of
22 both specifically services for women when in the small
23 community, as I was saying, there's -- they tend to treat a
24 certain amount of nepotism and a certain clique get all the
25 services. And some are just sort of oh, you're not that --

1 in that clique so you don't get the same kind of attention
2 as someone else.

3 I remember her joining a women's group in
4 her own community. That women's group took a trip to
5 Hawaii and they didn't bring her. You know, isn't that
6 cliquey? You know, it's -- all of a sudden she's not
7 included in the high pricey things and whatever, however
8 they got money for that.

9 But just that kind of treatment, and it's so
10 much they can do for women's services is when it's the men
11 who need it, the abusive men. If they can get charged for
12 -- know that they're -- need some counselling if they're
13 known to abuse their spouse then they can -- by someone
14 else. And I know how it took a doctor to tell me I'm the
15 one that needed the doctor appointment when they charged my
16 ex-husband.

17 And I got beatings so bad that you know it -
18 - just slaps, but slapped right to the ground and sat on
19 and slapped and slapped over and over.

20 You're too ashamed to tell anyone that.
21 You're too ashamed to report and be an item in the news, in
22 abuse. So there needs to be more caring workers who care
23 for all women and not be selective and ---

24 **MR. BREEN OUELLETTE:** And when I hear you,
25 it sounds like you're also saying that there needs to be a

1 way that women in abusive relationships can be protected
2 from scrutiny by the community?

3 [MS. BERNICE TOUCHIE]: M'hm.

4 MR. BREEN OUELLETTE: And from people
5 knowing their business and judging them for it? Is that a
6 ---

7 [MS. BERNICE TOUCHIE]: M'hm.

8 MR. BREEN OUELLETTE: You know, is there a
9 privacy issue that if you speak out that that exposes you
10 to vulnerability in the community?

11 [MS. BERNICE TOUCHIE]: Yeah.

12 MR. BREEN OUELLETTE: It does?

13 [MS. BERNICE TOUCHIE]: Small community
14 situations.

15 MR. BREEN OUELLETTE: How do you ---

16 [MS. BERNICE TOUCHIE]: Even if you get
17 raped you don't want anyone to know that because it's so
18 demeaning.

19 MR. BREEN OUELLETTE: M'hm. Do you have any
20 ideas how we protect women from that being shamed and the
21 demeaning exposure?

22 [MS. BERNICE TOUCHIE]: I don't know.

23 [MS. MAUREEN KNIGHTON]: I think there needs
24 to be more awareness of the violence against women, whether
25 it's your brother, your spouse, any men, and that there be

1 some sort of consequence for it within the community at
2 large. Because it's like when you live in a small
3 community like she's talking about, people don't say much
4 because they speak amongst themselves in the small
5 communities. And they say, "Don't say this, don't say that
6 or you're going to get so and so mad if you say this."

7 But then the only way that that will change
8 is if we all get together and start talking about the
9 abuses that happen and not make that woman feel bad about
10 the abuse and make them feel like it's their fault that
11 this happened because they had a drink.

12 That's the whole thing. We're all women and
13 go, "It's my fault. I shouldn't have had that much to
14 drink."

15 And the reality is, it's not their fault,
16 right? Everyone has the right to drink but they don't all
17 deserve to get hit.

18 So in having more awareness of that, I mean,
19 I talk about this with my staff that they need to aware --
20 make our communities aware of the violence that's going on
21 and that it's not going to be kept behind closed doors
22 because we talk about sexual abuse, we talk about spousal
23 abuse, mental abuse, all of these things. But we need to
24 have it more open so that then everybody's more aware of
25 it.

1 Like, the more I get aware of people who are
2 abusing, I don't keep that quiet. And I'm like, oh my God,
3 oh my God, this can't be happening and I bring awareness.

4 **MR. BREEN OUELLETTE:** So for you, you see
5 privacy necessarily can work against protecting women
6 because it keeps things quiet? And if I understand you
7 correctly, what needs to happen is that the pressure that's
8 put on women for this needs to be reversed. It needs to be
9 put where it belongs, on the men that are causing the
10 violence?

11 **[MS. MAUREEN KNIGHTON]:** Exactly, because
12 there is a stigma of that back -- probably started in the
13 fifties, sixties, maybe even before then where women were
14 told that you shouldn't do this, you shouldn't do that,
15 don't drink or you're -- that's going to happen, or if you
16 married him you -- now you got to stay with him.

17 So those kinds of things have been brought
18 down to the women and some women are still living by that,
19 thinking that they have to go through an abusive
20 relationship just to save their own self-esteem by the cops
21 about their ---

22 **MR. BREEN OUELLETTE:** So would that also
23 mean finding ways to teach the younger generation about
24 proper relationship responsibilities?

25 **[MS. MAUREEN KNIGHTON]:** M'hm.

1 MR. BREEN OUELLETTE: Yes?

2 [MS. JULIA IDA JOSEPH]: M'hm.

3 MR. BREEN OUELLETTE: Okay.

4 ~~UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER~~: The younger children
5 -- ~~the anger~~ [boys and girls].

6 [MS. MAUREEN KNIGHTON]: Yes, grandchildren.

7 [MS. JULIA IDA JOSEPH]: I'm already
8 teaching mine. Bernice lives on the reserve. I do too.
9 And I just experienced a home invasion and I didn't know
10 what to do because it's like she said, in the years, it's a
11 man's world. A woman can't get a house on there. I can't.
12 I've been there for four years. I live in a little
13 trailer. I bet you -- I don't know the last time I counted
14 there was eight and it might be less now but that many men,
15 single men, in a big house.

16 And it's backlash. I didn't know if I
17 should report this man because of what would happen to me.
18 I have to depend on these men that are there for fish, for
19 wood. They can quit doing that for you or their wives can
20 -- who works in the office cannot put your cheque through,
21 make you wait two weeks for your cheque. That's just how
22 it is.

23 So I don't know if a safe house would work.
24 Why did she have to leave? She had to leave home. She
25 could have stayed and kept her job. Not end up moving to

1 town and they have addictions she doesn't want.

2 **UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER:** M'hm.

3 **MR. BREEN OUELLETTE:** I ask something on
4 that. How do you see that we find the balance of holding
5 all our Indigenous governments and our Indigenous systems
6 accountable without relying too much on a federal or
7 provincial government and then they come in with their
8 colonial system and they don't necessarily make it better?
9 How do we regain that power for ourselves as Indigenous
10 people? Do you have any ideas?

11 **[MS. MAUREEN KNIGHTON]:** Are you talking
12 like, training?

13 **MR. BREEN OUELLETTE:** I don't know. But I'm
14 raising this personally now, as an Indigenous person. We
15 would want assistance to ensure that we have healthy
16 communities but I think a lot of Indigenous people have
17 found that a system from governments means interference and
18 it means meddling. And so I'm just wondering if anybody at
19 this table today has any ideas on how we avoid that? What
20 message do you want to send to the government about that,
21 about how they can assist without meddling?

22 **[MS. MAUREEN KNIGHTON]:** Well, one thing
23 that I thought about over the years, because I was in
24 politics a few years ago. I was a mayor for 13 years
25 working in the -- for our community. And looking at the

1 community, when I view it, they all -- they sat in this
2 meeting and they'll say, "We want a dry clean community,"
3 but there's only one house that says that. And then
4 there's only one council person that's in support of that,
5 and then that one council person gets shunned at.

6 So I've always said the only way we're going
7 to get there is if we have a healthy council all around and
8 an educated.

9 [MS. JOLENE JOE]: M'hm.

10 [MS. MAUREEN KNIGHTON]: That way you've got
11 your education, you've got your health, and then you'll be
12 able to start really looking at the community and keeping
13 it healthy. That was my views.

14 MR. BREEN OUELLETTE: So it's the
15 continuations of trying to overcome the damage that's been
16 ---

17 [MS. MAUREEN KNIGHTON]: M'hm.

18 MR. BREEN OUELLETTE: --- caused to our
19 people?

20 [MS. MAUREEN KNIGHTON]: And it's all -- a
21 lot of it is all -- I mean, let me go back to the thirties,
22 forties where we still have that generation around where
23 they still are dealing with the residential school traumas.
24 And some were just totally not willing to talk about it.
25 And then that just keeps getting passed down and passed

1 down.

2 But you -- it's then proven now to see how
3 your children really watch you and what you're doing. They
4 say, "I'm doing this because I saw you do this."

5 And I did that because I saw my mom sober
6 up. And then after a while my daughter said, "My mom is
7 sober. I'm going to do this now."

8 So it's the role modelling and it's true.

9 [MS. JOLENE JOE]: M'hm.

10 [MS. MAUREEN KNIGHTON]: So if we -- that's
11 why I go back into our government and say, "Well, if we're
12 going to want a healthy community we need a healthy
13 government as well."

14 [MS. JOLENE JOE]: M'hm.

15 [MS. JULIA IDA JOSEPH]: And maybe more
16 healthy events, I mean, like this.

17 [MS. JOLENE JOE]: Yeah.

18 [MS. JULIA IDA JOSEPH]: At the reserve
19 level because I never see (inaudible) down there. I see a
20 worker down there once in a while and we're not happy with
21 him.

22 MS. JOLENE JOE: Like, how much they want
23 our members to go to school to work for the band; when our
24 people do go to school and work for the band and they try
25 to come back they don't hire them. That's what I've seen a

1 lot of.

2 [MS. JULIA IDA JOSEPH]: They're scared of
3 educated people.

4 MS. JOLENE JOE: Like, my cousin [B.]
5 (phonetic), my Auntie Julie's son, he went to school to get
6 his PE to teach PE. He got it. He went back and they
7 didn't even hire him. How does that make us feel when they
8 were pushing us to go get our education and we come back
9 and then what, we got our education for nothing for you
10 guys?

11 Like, that hurts. That really hurt me when
12 I see it in my face like that. Like, I'm saying, what if I
13 am to go and get my teacher, right, and go back? And you
14 know how they hire, sorry, but White teachers, right? And
15 they come in and they get their rent paid, they get
16 everything.

17 If I were to go and get my teacher and move
18 home are they are going to do that for me? Like, that's
19 what I thought of, what I looked at. Like, why is it so
20 different when they're pushing us to get our education and
21 we go back but they don't help us after we got our
22 education?

23 Even my late mom, she got her care aide to
24 look after elders, elderly. She went back to try and work
25 and they didn't hire her. So you know, that totally makes

1 people not happy. And it's important and what they want to
2 see, our people work for our people, you know, so they're
3 not just paying some stranger to come into the reserve that
4 you know everybody. But yet they don't help them.

5 **MR. BREEN OUELLETTE:** That funding, we're
6 getting into areas that are outside of my experience and
7 they might be outside of the experience of the people at
8 this table. But I'm going to ask the question.

9 By example, when I worked for the Métis
10 Nation of Saskatchewan almost all the funding came from the
11 federal government and a little came from the provincial
12 government.

13 Should the funding have a condition attached
14 that it's to be used to hire people from the community
15 first instead of from outside? Does that make sense? Does
16 that address some of what you've talked about, Jolene?

17 **MS. JOLENE JOE:** Yeah, like, see if they
18 have their education for it and then see if -- yeah, that's
19 what I think.

20 **MR. BREEN OUELLETTE:** Yeah?

21 **MS. JOLENE JOE:** Yeah, that people don't
22 just go and their education for nothing and if we want to
23 get our education we want to help our own people.

24 **[MS. BERNICE TOUCHIE]:** And when the tribe
25 does hire outside when there's no members available, the

1 condition of hiring is only interim and they're willing to
2 mentor somebody from the community as well. I've done a
3 lot of mentoring in my teachers and students.

4 And where (inaudible) of that is Treaty
5 Nation are slowly getting through better employment and
6 conditions by bylaws. We cannot just assign a job to
7 anyone. It's got to be advertised. There's no chance of
8 nepotism because they have to go through a process if
9 there's the family to hire.

10 And then -- even then all jobs are on --
11 more and more on a contract basis. So in the interest of
12 the community, if the Board decides you need to do more
13 training, I'm sorry, somebody else is going to have to take
14 over your job so that the hurt of being let go isn't so
15 severe. It's for their own interest. They may have a
16 condition of returning if they improve -- increase their
17 training.

18 Bylaws protect not favouring that, like sort
19 of cut out nepotism. And everybody reacts when they think
20 no, that's nepotism and they find out no, it wasn't. They
21 were fairly hired -- you know?

22 **MR. BREEN OUELLETTE:** M'hm.

23 **[MS. BERNICE TOUCHIE]:** I don't know if it
24 takes changing the government by treaty before they'll
25 change but that's what happened to our government in

1 Ucluelet.

2 **MR. BREEN OUELLETTE:** And so a lot of these
3 things that we've talked about, how to help the people, how
4 -- if the people who have been lost could have been helped
5 if things existed. Like, they're the same on this question
6 but I want to ask this question to make sure that we don't
7 miss anything.

8 How do we make things better for future
9 generations to increase safety and dignity and to get out
10 of or avoid violence for Indigenous women and girls? How
11 do we make things better for future generations?

12 **[MS. MAUREEN KNIGHTON]:** Through this
13 process by making awareness. And you know, to do this but
14 do it with our youth and all the women of all ages, not
15 just the people affected. That way the message gets
16 widespread.

17 **UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER:** M'hm.

18 **[MS. MAUREEN KNIGHTON]:** So that way our
19 younger generation here -- like I was saying in the
20 hearings, what happens with alcohol and drugs or spouses
21 who are violent? What can happen, what has happened, and
22 that they don't have to stay in it, like, you know? A lot
23 of us think that we have to stay in these relationships to
24 maintain our dignity. That's the stigma and we want to get
25 away from that.

1 **MR. BREEN OUELLETTE:** M'hm. I want to share
2 something about myself personally as a lawyer in this
3 Commission that helps me to inform the question.

4 One of the biggest concerns that I have as a
5 lawyer is that it's impossible under our terms of reference
6 as a National Inquiry, with the amount of time we've been
7 given and the amount of money that we've been given -- it's
8 not possible to hear everyone. It's not possible for
9 everyone to come before us and share their experience as we
10 have today.

11 Some people aren't ready yet. Some people
12 live too far away. Some people have things in their lives
13 that just -- they can't do this today.

14 Do you have recommendations about how we
15 take care of those people after this National Inquiry is
16 over? Do we need another process that continues after the
17 National Inquiry that gives those people a voice?

18 **[MS. MARCINA JOE]:** Maybe a website.

19 **MR. BREEN OUELLETTE:** So how do you see
20 that?

21 **[MS. MARCINA JOE]:** I don't know, just like,
22 adding somewhere to get help or just information upgrade.
23 And that's basically where they can get help and about the
24 processes and that.

25 **MR. BREEN OUELLETTE:** Okay. Is there

1 anything else?

2 [MS. BERNICE TOUCHIE]: Well, probably as
3 she was saying, the men, there's murdered men as well and
4 men who were affected from residential school. They're a
5 whole -- like, it can define with how we want ~~things~~
6 [change] from the culture as well, because when we went
7 through the Treaty process it was assumed that we were just
8 doing a template from other communities when in actuality
9 our own culture needs to be interpreted as a way of life
10 and then we feel like we're still of Aboriginal. Their
11 knowledge is coming from our ancestors.

12 That connection needs to be there. I don't
13 know. Because there's no accepting around, just changing
14 rules and just have to see where it originated from, how
15 our people survived before, and what were their ways of
16 thinking that you find out if you learn the language, some
17 of the ways of thinking.

18 MR. BREEN OUELLETTE: So language education
19 would be another thing to consider? I think I understand.
20 I've learned a little Cree and it -- when you learn -- when
21 I learned Cree it was a different way of looking at the
22 world.

23 [MS. BERNICE TOUCHIE]: M'hm.

24 MR. BREEN OUELLETTE: Is that what you're
25 talking about?

1 **[MS. BERNICE TOUCHIE]:** Yes. The world view
2 and the kind of moral teachings that was involved with the
3 original storytellers and what have you, our own education
4 system.

5 **MR. BREEN OUELLETTE:** Well, I think we've
6 reached a point where everybody has said what they want to
7 say but I want to ask to make sure, is there anything else
8 that anybody wants to say?

9 **MS. C.K.:** I wanted to ask about when a band
10 member lives off the reserve like I do, a lot of times they
11 say, "I can't help you because you're way over there." And
12 I don't know if that's telling me (inaudible) over there
13 but I have a good reason to be in -- living in town. I had
14 to move. I'm a stroke survivor. It just happened to be a
15 mild stroke, they said, and then so I have to be near a
16 hospital, not 60 miles as it is in Port Alberni to the band
17 or to the reserve, to be there and in order -- if you have
18 -- really have a stroke like that you have to go get help
19 right away. That's what they told me. And else it will
20 just -- you're a survivor or you're -- you just
21 (inaudible).

22 **MR. BREEN OUELLETTE:** M'hm.

23 **MS. C.K.:** But when you -- if you're closer
24 to a hospital then you have a better chance so you have to
25 do -- otherwise, I would try to see what I can try to live

1 there so that -- I miss it so much.

2 **[MS. JULIA IDA JOSEPH]:** (Inaudible) bigger
3 house.

4 **[MS. MAUREEN KNIGHTON]:** Build a hospital on
5 the reserve.

6 **[MS. JULIA IDA JOSEPH]:** Well, that is
7 another one too is that the women are -- like, I don't have
8 a vehicle, she doesn't have a vehicle, she doesn't have a
9 vehicle. But if we're living on the reserve and we don't
10 have a vehicle, what if you do have that emergency or
11 whatever?

12 **MR. BREEN OUELLETTE:** M'hm.

13 **[MS. JULIA IDA JOSEPH]:** Why don't we have
14 emergency vehicles?

15 **MR. BREEN OUELLETTE:** M'hm.

16 **[MS. JULIA IDA JOSEPH]:** Like, if somebody's
17 having a heart attack they'll send a helicopter but what if
18 it's not that serious? Why don't we have bigger
19 transportation? And like I said before, the entertainment
20 or events.

21 **MR. BREEN OUELLETTE:** M'hm.

22 **[MS. JULIA IDA JOSEPH]:** You know, in town
23 what I was hearing is, "We should go to a movie. It's on.
24 Let's go to a movie." You know, that -- you won't see that
25 happening at home. There's no movie theatre, you know,

1 that can be -- should be a part of the week. Everybody on
2 Tuesday gets excited about a movie.

3 **MR. BREEN OUELLETTE:** M'hm.

4 **[MS. JULIA IDA JOSEPH]:** Or I mean, like if
5 you're not a alcoholic or a addict or a gambler because
6 they have poker night even, you know, and I don't -- if I
7 don't want to do either one of that, what are you going to
8 do? You eventually run out of movies if you can't afford a
9 satellite dish.

10 **MR. BREEN OUELLETTE:** M'hm.

11 **[MS. JULIA IDA JOSEPH]:** It's the isolation
12 too.

13 **MR. BREEN OUELLETTE:** The isolation doesn't
14 afford a lot of opportunities to have healthy activities,

15 **[MS. JULIA IDA JOSEPH]:** M'hm.

16 **MR. BREEN OUELLETTE:** Yeah, right. And
17 [C.K.], you've been excluded from reserve services because
18 you have to live off-reserve?

19 **MS. C.K.:** Pretty much.

20 **MR. BREEN OUELLETTE:** Yeah.

21 **MS. C.K.:** Yeah, pretty much. They -- times
22 when they say, "Sorry, we can't help you. You're over
23 there." And then whenever there's a fish distribution they
24 say, like, "You got to go over there."

25 **MR. BREEN OUELLETTE:** And I suppose that

1 also isolates you from the community and makes it harder
2 for you to be part of the community?

3 **MS. C.K.:** To be part of -- yeah, which I
4 miss very much although I -- my late husband lived there
5 only three months, I think, since that reserve was there,
6 that community. Otherwise, we were all here and there and
7 there and there. But they said that was the only way they
8 could help us, if we were all together in one place because
9 they don't help you anywhere else over there.

10 **MR. BREEN OUELLETTE:** M'hm.

11 **MS. C.K.:** It's just the same but that's the
12 way it is, how -- why it's up there where it is, the
13 reserve is now.

14 **MR. BREEN OUELLETTE:** M'hm.

15 **MS. C.K.:** I forget what you call it now but
16 that's it, a lot of it.

17 **MR. BREEN OUELLETTE:** Okay.

18 **[MS. BERNICE TOUCHIE]:** Well, it's province.
19 Not even the -- I think the farmers were having a hard year
20 from a drought and they got compensated. I've never heard
21 of a west coast First Nations getting compensated for a
22 poor fish run.

23 And our mode of transportation used to be
24 always boat and traditionally you helped to make our own
25 before. But now that's gone. Has there been any way they

1 compensated by having buses around the west coast? No.
2 It's a struggle. We're not a tax base. Women are
3 hitchhiking left and right. That's not safe.

4 **MR. BREEN OUELLETTE:** Okay. I can tell
5 people are hot and just a little tired. And I just want
6 you to know that even though we're ending this now, you
7 have my contact information and you can contact me if
8 anything else comes to mind after this.

9 And I thank you all for having the courage
10 to come and share your experiences with us so we can try to
11 move this forward in a better way for future generations.
12 Thank you.

13 **[MS. C.K.]:** If I had some points to ask,
14 where -- do you live here?

15 **[MS. JULIA IDA JOSEPH]:** Did you get a card?

16 **[MS. C.K.]:** Yeah, I did.

17 **MR. BREEN OUELLETTE:** I'll tell you all
18 about it in a minute. I'll stop the recording so the
19 Commissioners don't have to listen to that. They know
20 about it. It will just take a second. Thank you.

21 **[MS. JOLENE JOE]:** Thank you.

22 **[MS. BERNICE TOUCHIE]:** And thank you.

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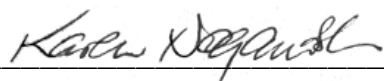
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