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MS. WENDY VAN TONGEREN: All right, so look at the time, everyone. It's 10 minutes after 2:00. And what's the date?

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: The 13th.

MS. WENDY VAN TONGEREN: You get the prize. Okay, it's September 13th. Is your brother in the room?

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: No, he's in Campbell River.

MS. WENDY VAN TONGEREN: Okay. That's too bad. Yeah. Okay, and so we're about to start an interview. And I'm meeting these wonderful people for the first time. Very pleased about that.

So my name is Wendy van Tongeren, V-A-N, T-O-N-G-E-R-E-N. And as I've indicated, I'm a lawyer with the Inquiry. And I'm going to hand this over to my dear colleague who will introduce herself and then we'll go to this beautiful woman.

ELDER GERTIE PIERRE: My name is Gertie Pierre and I'm an elder worker for the Inquiry.

MS. SIOUXSAN MARTIN: My name is Siouxsan Martin.

ELDER GERTIE PIERRE: Siouxsan Michael?
MS. SIOUXSAN MARTIN: Siouxsan Martin.

ELDER GERTIE PIERRE: Martin? Okay.

MS. WENDY VAN TONGEREN: And spell your last name if you don’t mind.

MS. MARTHA STEWART: My name is Martha Stewart.

ELDER GERTIE PIERRE: She wants you to spell your last name.

MS. SIOUXSAN MARTIN: M-A-R-T-I-N.

ELDER GERTIE PIERRE: And what's yours?

MS. MARTHA STEWART: Martha Stewart.

ELDER GERTIE PIERRE: Martha Stewart.

MS. WENDY VAN TONGEREN: Is it S-T-E-W-A-R-T?

MS. MARTHA STEWART: Yeah.

MS. CAROL FRANK: And my name's Carol Frank.

MS. WENDY VAN TONGEREN: F-R-A-N-K?

MS. CAROL FRANK: Yes.

MS. CECELIA ARNET: My name's Cecelia Arnet, A-R-N-E-T.

MS. WENDY VAN TONGEREN: What's your first name?

MS. CECELIA ARNET: Cecelia.

MS. WENDY VAN TONGEREN: C-E-C-I-L-I-A?

MS. CECELIA ARNET: C-E-C-E-L-I-A.
ELDER GERTIE PIERRE: Cecelia?

MS. CECELIA ARNET: Cecelia Arnet. I got candy in my mouth.

MS. WENDY VAN TONGEREN: Oh, where's the candy? Oh, the bathroom?

[ELDER GERTIE PIERRE]: Upstairs.

MS. WENDY VAN TONGEREN: So what you do is you go up the stairs. And then when you get to the conference room turn right.

Did you say your name?

MS. CECELIA ARNET: Cecelia.

MS. WENDY VAN TONGEREN: Oh, you're Cecelia?

MS. CECELIA ARNET: Yeah, I’m Cecelia.

MS. WENDY VAN TONGEREN: Okay.

MS. CECELIA ARNET: M'hm.

MR. MOSES MARTIN: And I'm Moses Martin, M-A-R-T-I-N.

MS. WENDY VAN TONGEREN: Moses?

MR. MOSES MARTIN: Yeah.

MS. WENDY VAN TONGEREN: Okay. And I didn’t hear your name, so it's just Siouxsan?

MS. SIOUXSAN MARTIN: Siouxsan.

MS. WENDY VAN TONGEREN: Oh, that's the name of my sister.

ELDER GERTIE PIERRE: Oh, Susan.
MS. WENDY VAN TONGEREN: My daughter.


MS. WENDY VAN TONGEREN: You’ve got to be kidding. So can you do that again for me please?


UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: This is Siouxsan.

ELDER GERTIE PIERRE: That's nice. It's different.

MS. WENDY VAN TONGEREN: Do you mind if I put it on here? You do mind?

MS. SIOUXSAN MARTIN: Go.

MS. WENDY VAN TONGEREN: Go ahead?

MS. SIOUXSAN MARTIN: Yes.

MS. WENDY VAN TONGEREN: Okay. S.

ELDER GERTIE PIERRE: And where did you get your name?

MS. WENDY VAN TONGEREN: I.

MS. SIOUXSAN MARTIN: No.

MS. WENDY VAN TONGEREN: O.

MS. SIOUXSAN MARTIN: My -- well, I had a friend in school. She was from North Dakota.

ELDER GERTIE PIERRE: M’hm.

MS. SIOUXSAN MARTIN: And my husband decided that he wanted her to be Susan. And because of the
uniqueness of her name, the way it's written.

ELDER GERTIE PIERRE: Yeah. Is that always?

MS. WENDY VAN TONGEREN: X-S-A-N?

MS. SIOUXSAN MARTIN: X.

MS. WENDY VAN TONGEREN: X-S-A-N?

MS. SIOUXSAN MARTIN: X.

[MS. WENDY VAN TONGEREN]: Nearly got it, yes.

MS. WENDY VAN TONGEREN: S-I-O-U?

MS. SIOUXSAN MARTIN: X.

MS. WENDY VAN TONGEREN: X. Oh, X. I spelled it wrong?

ELDER GERTIE PIERRE: Yeah.

[MS. WENDY VAN TONGEREN]: Here you go.

MS. WENDY VAN TONGEREN: Oh, X. Even more interesting. Talk about an X factor. Wow. Would you like to draw anything on here? Anybody like to add something to Siouxsan's -- is that the way you pronounce it actually, Susan?

MS. SIOUXSAN MARTIN: It's Susan, yes.

MS. WENDY VAN TONGEREN: Susan?

Cecelia, would you like to add something?

[MS. CECELIA ARNET]: So just to be a grandma.

MS. WENDY VAN TONGEREN: Yeah, exactly.
ELDER GERTIE PIERRE: Wow.

MS. WENDY VAN TONGEREN: It's our job. Are you a grandfather?

MR. MOSES MARTIN: Yes.

MS. WENDY VAN TONGEREN: Okay. Would you like to add something?

MR. MOSES MARTIN: No.

MS. WENDY VAN TONGEREN: Well, I'll tell you something. Siouxsan, do you mind if I ever have another grandchild that I put that name in as an option? I don't get a really huge vote but nevertheless I like it.

[MS. MARTHA STEWART] My daughter is (inaudible).

ELDER GERTIE PIERRE: And you're Martha?

MS. MARTHA STEWART: Yeah.

[ELDER GERTIE PIERRE] I just love that name. It's so unique. I've never ever heard a name like that.

MS. WENDY VAN TONGEREN: And what's so wonderful about it is that it's easy to say. It's just you have to learn how to spell it.

[ELDER GERTIE PIERRE]: Yes.

MS. WENDY VAN TONGEREN: Okay. So I've actually been a lawyer for almost 40 years. And I think you all know that I'm not an Indigenous woman. I was -- I think I was hired because I have got a lot of experience in
interviewing people and because I was a -- I worked in the Crown's office as a Crown prosecutor and specialized in prosecuting cases where people, particularly vulnerable people, have been hurt by others. And it was my job and my responsibility to try and help that person tell their story. So I did that for, well, 33 years as a Crown prosecutor.

So I think that's why I'm here, because I know that the Terms of Reference talk about the Inquiry being steered by Indigenous women. And it was because that I had a specialty that was kind of unusual to have dealt so much in this area involving violence against women and girls -- and babies even -- and in homicide. So I have kind of developed ears to listen and so -- and it's an honour for me to have an opportunity to meet you all today.

MR. MOSES MARTIN: For us as well.

MS. WENDY VAN TONGEREN: Okay. So have you designated a person who is going to tell the story or are you all going to add or what did you decide to do?

Does this mean that Moses leaves or?

[ELDER GERTIE PIERRE]: Moses is a funny man.

MS. WENDY VAN TONGEREN: Okay, and for me, this is going now so the reason why it's being on a visual as well is that everything that is being said here goes to
the Commissioners. So it's as if we have a Commissioner in
the room because they will be -- they will get a transcript
as well as look at the visual.

And the visual helps because there's so many
female voices, particularly here.

Moses, I think that the Commissioners will
recognize your voice on the audio but it may be they get
confused with the different women. So it would be helpful
when you speak if you say something like, "Siouxsan here,"
or you know, say your name before you speak.

[MS. MARTHA STEWART]: M'hm.

MS. WENDY VAN TONGEREN: And so it's
Siouxsan, Martha, Carol, Cecelia, and Moses.

[MS. MARTHA STEWART]: M'hm.

MS. WENDY VAN TONGEREN: And in terms of --
I gave you the segue -- the introduction to a very serious
issue for the Commissioners, which is the systemic violence
or the systemic conduct that is carrying on in -- it's not
only in Canada; it's throughout the world -- that is
resulting in many, many women finding the end of their life
or violence or -- and so you know, when you're trying to
prevent killing or violence against women, when you think
about it, if you think about okay well, let's try and
identify all the people who are doing it and try to do
something about it?
But that is so difficult. Like, we're finding that throughout the world. It's so difficult to stop the people who are the perpetrators. And so it actually makes a lot of sense to start to examine the vulnerability of the person who ended up being either targeted or just being in the wrong place at the wrong time or whatever it was and trying to create a community, like, a society in a world where there -- these safety nets that are developed really don’t have any holes in them.

And so that's what this is about. So it's -- I've seen it analyzed, like, in the areas where I have done work. They call it like, City A and City B and we say, "Okay, City A, when the child went to the police they told her to come back the next day because the officer who does that type of thing wasn’t there. City B, the officer's not there so they immediately bring in a substitute who also specializes in that area." Okay?

It's time for going for court. City A, they did not meet the prosecutor before the trial. City B, they always -- they have a policy that they meet the prosecutor five weeks before the trials so the witness is prepared for court.

Okay, so we're trying to create a City B, which makes a huge difference to the service that is provided.
So that means that when you tell your story, whether it be Moses -- or all of you might have something to add and I hope you do feel confident to do that including you, Siouxsan -- that it's -- you tell the story and then you say, "And then we spoke to the police," or "Then we only spoke to Victim Services or the hospital" or whatever. So if you can include that in it, so -- and you don't even have to form a judgement. I mean, you could say, "We thought they did a good job because," or you could say, "We thought that they weren't doing a good job."

But if you say that you also have to show -- give some indication of why that is because that's -- then you're a part of reform, you know? You're a part of making it better for your children and grandchildren of the future.

And you can either intertwine that in the story as you go or at the end we can have a discussion about the vulnerabilities and see if we can identify them together and that will help the Commissioners. Because there are patterns, right, the patterns that develop across the country where we've seen the same thing over and over again. So we know that it's -- something has to be done about it.

Are there any questions about that?

[MR. MOSES MARTIN]: No.
MS. WENDY VAN TONGEREN: Does it make sense to you?

[MS. MARTHA STEWART]: Yeah.

MS. WENDY VAN TONGEREN: Yeah, you think about it even when you -- whatever you are running in your house, whatever you are in charge of, whether it be something on your reserve or in the government or even in your family or -- that's exactly what the thinking is. You look to what systemically is getting in the way of it operating properly and we change it.

So Moses?

ELDER GERTIE PIERRE: I was just wondering if you wanted to have that picture stood up in front of the people there?

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: M'hm.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Yeah, I'm trying to get it ---

ELDER GERTIE PIERRE: Yeah, you can come put it over here.

MR. MOSES MARTIN: Okay, thank you. This is mother.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: The mother (inaudible).

MS. WENDY VAN TONGEREN: Oh, we saw that.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: My daughter passed
away three months ago.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Your mother?

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Yeah.

MS. WENDY VAN TONGEREN: Oh, so there's two of them?

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: So we're representing her.

MS. WENDY VAN TONGEREN: Oh, okay.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: She's the mother of Lisa Marie so ---

MS. WENDY VAN TONGEREN: Oh, okay.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: It was the grandparents of Lisa Marie. So we're speaking for my daughter who just passed away. You want yours here too?

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Yes. You can have this. I kept all them. Okay?

MS. WENDY VAN TONGEREN: Yeah. So this is Lisa Marie?

[MS. CECELIA ARNET]: Yes.

MS. WENDY VAN TONGEREN: What's her last name?

[MS. CECELIA ARNET]: Young.

MS. WENDY VAN TONGEREN: And this on her left is?

[MS. CECELIA ARNET]: Marlene Joanne Martin
UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: She was legally Martin.

MS. WENDY VAN TONGEREN: So that is Martin and then something on the bottom?

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Young.

MS. WENDY VAN TONGEREN: Oh, Young.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Should be there. You see it?

MS. WENDY VAN TONGEREN: Hi.

[MS. CARLA MOSS]: Hi.

MS. WENDY VAN TONGEREN: I'm just introducing everybody so are you able to tell us your name?

MS. CARLA MOSS: My name's Carla Moss.

MS. WENDY VAN TONGEREN: Carla Moss? Okay.

MS. CARLA MOSS: Yeah.

MS. WENDY VAN TONGEREN: Now, are you here for the pizzas by any chance?

[MS. CARLA MOSS]: Any pizzas.

MS. WENDY VAN TONGEREN: Well, I interpret to mean that if around Siouxsan we have to order two pizzas. She gets one and the rest of us -- so it's obvious you're not here for pizza but ---

[MS. CARLA MOSS]: Yeah.

MS. WENDY VAN TONGEREN: And so I'd like to
-- if you wouldn't just mind just putting your ---

MS. WENDY VAN TONGEREN: What's that?

[ELDER GERTIE PIERRE]: Lisa?

MS. WENDY VAN TONGEREN: And your name is?

MS. CARLA MOSS: Carla Moss.

MS. WENDY VAN TONGEREN: M-O-S-S?

MS. CARLA MOSS: Yes.

MS. WENDY VAN TONGEREN: Okay, great. Thank you, Carla. And do you know everybody here?

MS. CARLA MOSS: Yes.

MS. WENDY VAN TONGEREN: Okay.

MS. CARLA MOSS: (Inaudible) I'll stay.

MS. WENDY VAN TONGEREN: Okay, so my name is Wendy van Tongerden. I work as a lawyer with the National Inquiry.

MS. CARLA MOSS: Okay.

MS. WENDY VAN TONGEREN: So it's my job to help people tell their story or tell their narrative about their experience.

MS. CARLA MOSS: Thank you for the work you do.

MS. WENDY VAN TONGEREN: Okay.

ELDER GERTIE PIERRE: And my name is Gertie Pierre and I'm and elder in the Inquiry and I help the family.
MS. WENDY VAN TONGEREN: Where are you from?

ELDER GERTIE PIERRE: Sechelt.

MS. WENDY VAN TONGEREN: Okay. Not far from here.

ELDER GERTIE PIERRE: No.

MS. WENDY VAN TONGEREN: So I kind of feel like I'm in front of the -- one of those talent judge things. I'll tell you guys, I do know how to juggle a little bit. But what are your talents?

[ELDER GERTIE PIERRE]: I feel like I'm in [with] family.

MS. WENDY VAN TONGEREN: My juggling wasn't so hot.

MR. MOSES MARTIN: I guess, Wendy, my concern that I have is with many many grandchildren that I have, how do we make this a safe place for young people like my granddaughters and the many others that I have? How do we move forward from the residential school days where we weren't taught anything except to pray?

I have -- I had grandchildren of my own and not one of them can speak their language. Why? Because somebody tried to beat it out of me when I went to school.

So I guess there's a way of protecting my family that I never thought I can speak their language fluently. And I had no interest in teaching any of my
grandchildren.

So that's one of the things that I see need to be done, is for us to begin teaching our grandchildren again our very beautiful valuable language that we had that said so many things with some few words, things that we forgot.

One of the things that we forgot is we forgot how to be parents. We forgot how to teach our kids about different things of life; we forgot how to teach our kids about the principles of life. One of those very important principles is that one we have that we say (Speaking in Tla-o-qui-aht / Nuu-chah-nulth language), two different things. One says that we are all connected and the other one says that we are all one.

That's kind of where I'd like to start from is where, you know, the case of Delgamuukw in 1998 that when that was over Delgamuukw said, “So we're all here to stay.”

And that's something that we need to not only hear but really understand what that's saying. We were all abused, eh? That means people like other -- come from other races, they're here to stay. We're all here to stay. We're not going anywhere so why -- how is that we learn how to live together and work together and play together?

Whatever it is that we have to do to make
this a better community for our children, a safer community for our children. Because right now we have no respect for each other. I know that. I see it. I hear it. And those things hurt.

I wanted to talk a little bit about recommendations that we made when we were a part of this gathering up in Prince George and they were asking for things from the people that attended.

And what we recommended was at least the information that was for all missing and murdered Indigenous women. The information that's out there should be centralized somewhere, easier somewhere in a central place where we as family have easier access to that information.

Because right now we know nothing. Today we know nothing about what happened or what's going on with our granddaughter's file. Never have had anything. Spent 15, 16 years and we have none.

And the other recommendation that we made was that RCMP members -- my son is a member of the RCMP. And when he took his training in Saskatchewan, his six months, he wasn’t told about how to treat First Nations people.

People don’t understand this. People don’t know what we are. They think we’re just a pile of garbage
and pieces of crap or something.

And no, that we're all human, so how do we learn how to respect and live with one another?

We teach our language. There's so many things in it that we need to understand.

My mother used to say, (Speaking in Tla-o-qui-aht / Nuu-chah-nulth language). And what she was saying was quite simple. "You cannot demand respect; you have to earn it." So simple and yet such a difficult way to live and understand each other.

My father said that (Speaking in Tla-o-qui-aht / Nuu-chah-nulth language).

Again, a very powerful, simple message, that respect is the very first law of our people. And if you always live by that there isn't much that you're going to do wrong.

They also understood that we’re just human beings and we're going to make mistakes, understood that you learn from your mistakes. You learn from your mistakes so you don’t keep repeating them in your lives.

All those little simple things but we need to understand each other. We as First Nations have many things that we can contribute. I’ll leave it at that for now.

ELDER GERTIE PIERRE: This is really
powerful words that you’ve shared from your -- is it your
grandfather -- your grandmother?

MR. MOSES MARTIN: Grandfather, yeah.

ELDER GERTIE PIERRE: Yeah.

MR. MOSES MARTIN: And Mom and Dad.

ELDER GERTIE PIERRE: M'hm. I think that
was kind of awesome for you to share the words because
that's exactly what we need to go back to in our culture.

MR. MOSES MARTIN: It’s a big part of our
lives.

ELDER GERTIE PIERRE: It is. M'hm. Thank
you for sharing that.

MS. WENDY VAN TONGEREN: And that is a
beautiful language. I had the benefit of a translation.
It was a beautiful language.

ELDER GERTIE PIERR: What is your language?

MS. WENDY VAN TONGEREN: You probably enjoy
speaking it, do you?

MR. MOSES MARTIN: Yeah. No, it's -- I've
forgotten a lot of the things to as well. Many things that
I grew up with as a kid, a little kid, and not speak in any
other language when I go to residential school and for
three years being beaten because I'm speaking this. And on
account of that, and knowing English and ---

MS. WENDY VAN TONGEREN: M'hm.
MR. MOSES MARTIN: And spent six hours a day
on our knees in church.

[MS. CECELIA ARNET]: Yeah.

MS. WENDY VAN TONGEREN: So what is the --
is your relationship here with everybody?

MR. MOSES MARTIN: She is my [ex wife
of mine] (inaudible). And Carol's my daughter and Martha's
my daughter-in-law, Siouxsan's my granddaughter. And Carla
is my wife.

MS. WENDY VAN TONGEREN: So who is the
spokesperson who's going to speak about Lisa or sorry, what
was the other woman's name again?

[MS. CAROL FRANK]: Marlene Joanne.

MS. WENDY VAN TONGEREN: Marlene.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Joanne.

MS. WENDY VAN TONGEREN: Marlene Joanne
Martin Young.

[MS. CAROL FRANK]: Who is to speak about
what happened to Lisa?

MS. WENDY VAN TONGEREN: M’hm. And it does
-- before they do that, as I think I indicated, if you can
speak about people who aren't here to spell their last
names and if you can remember dates, that would be helpful.
And if anybody needed to draw something up
there, if you try to kind of remember dates or things then
I can give you some paper to draw on and anything that we can to help you so that we -- because the Commissioners won't have heard this story so although there is the possibility that we could order some records it might not -- it may -- might not -- we don’t know how timely that would be. Like, it might take months to get records, but nevertheless, eventually it could come together.

So I'm not relying on the fact that we'll get records so as much information that you can give as possible.

[MS. CAROL FRANK]: M'hm. Okay.

MS. CECELIA ARNET: Yes, she went out. I was in Nanaimo at that time with my late husband. So Lisa in her apartment (inaudible) [next door to] her mom. She was (inaudible) that we came to visit. It was a long weekend.

She was (inaudible) since she was getting another job she was excited about. She told us, “I’m moving to a better apartment” and excited about her new job the following Tuesday.

Saw her Friday night and she went out again Saturday. In the afternoon, back to my daughter's place. Lisa come in. She was always bubbly; she was always happy. And she was ordering pizza at her mom's.

And Joanne says, "Well, are you packed now?"
You got to move on Sunday, all your stuff that you (inaudible) still?"

"Oh, yeah, we got pretty well everything."

I give her a kiss goodbye.

So the next day she went out Saturday night with friends. It was her friend's birthday, one of her friends. And she went to (inaudible). And then it was ---

MS. CAROL FRANK: Just tell you a little bit about Lisa. She was ---

MS. CECELIA ARNET: Okay.

MS. CAROL FRANK: She came up. She was brought up by a loving family so she wasn’t -- she didn’t have no (inaudible).

MS. WENDY VAN TONGEREN: Okay. So that's Carol speaking and that's Cecelia.

MS. CECELIA ARNET: Her mom and dad were very -- they were a close-knit family. She's got two brothers, Robin and Brian. She was a happy young lady. You know, she was wanting to go back to school to become a -- what was it she -- sports writer.

MS. WENDY VAN TONGEREN: Oh, really?

MS. CECELIA ARNET: Yeah, she was planning to do that.

MS. WENDY VAN TONGEREN: That's terrific. I was worried that Moses was blocking it out. He's still
here but he's not (inaudible).

[MS. CECELIA ARNET]: M'hm.

MS. WENDY VAN TONGEREN: So you're both in there.

MS. CECELIA ARNET: Are we? We're talking to the same camera ---

MS. WENDY VAN TONGEREN: No, I was just checking here.

MS. CECELIA ARNET: --- blocking him.

MS. WENDY VAN TONGEREN: No, I was just checking. I can see an image of what has been picked up. I was told that one of my jobs is to make sure that everyone can be seen, so that's -- okay, so sorry, I just did that. But continue on from where you were. So she was a happy young lady.

MS. CECELIA ARNET: Very happy and she's got loving parents. And her whole family loved her. I was there all the time visiting the family all the time. I knew her since she was a baby so I knew her quite a while.

MS. WENDY VAN TONGEREN: Where did everyone live that time? Like, where were you living?

MS. CECELIA ARNET: She came in Ahousaht on an island, yeah.

MS. WENDY VAN TONGEREN: How do you spell that?

MS. WENDY VAN TONGEREN: Ahousaht?

And you were telling me about Lisa Marie?

MS. CECELIA ARNET: Yes.

MS. WENDY VAN TONGEREN: And where did Lisa Marie live?

MS. CECELIA ARNET: In Nanaimo.

MS. WENDY VAN TONGEREN: Okay, and her mom lived in Nanaimo as well?

MS. CECELIA ARNET: Yes. They were ---

MS. WENDY VAN TONGEREN: And not far away from each other?

MS. CECELIA ARNET: They lived next door to each other in ---

MS. WENDY VAN TONGEREN: Yeah.

MS. CECELIA ARNET: --- the same apartment building.

MS. WENDY VAN TONGEREN: Okay.

MS. CECELIA ARNET: Yeah. And she was always working, Lisa.

MS. WENDY VAN TONGEREN: And what relationship were these people to you, Lisa and Cecelia? I'm sorry, Marlene and -- yeah, Lisa and Marlene. What relationship were they to you?

MS. CECELIA ARNET: She was my daughter.
MS. WENDY VAN TONGEREN: This was your daughter?

MS. CECELIA ARNET: This one, Marlene Joanne. She called -- she liked to be called Joanne.

MS. WENDY VAN TONGEREN: Okay.

MS. CECELIA ARNET: And it's Martin.

MS. WENDY VAN TONGEREN: Yeah, if you just make a quick -- I have that. So there's Moses and Cecelia?

MS. CECELIA ARNET: M'hm.

MS. WENDY VAN TONGEREN: And then who were your children?

MS. CECELIA ARNET: Joanne was ours and Carol. Do you want all their names?

MS. WENDY VAN TONGEREN: Yeah, how many are there?

MS. CECELIA ARNET: Okay. And there's my son Dennis, Brian.

MS. WENDY VAN TONGEREN: Brian?

MS. CECELIA ARNET: Yes. Richard. And we had other children and ---

MS. WENDY VAN TONGEREN: Okay. And so where was Marlene in here? And where's Marlene? There's Joanne, Carol, Dennis, Brian, Richard. Didn’t you say that Marlene ---

MS. CECELIA ARNET: She passed away.
MS. WENDY VAN TONGEREN: Okay.

MS. CECELIA ARNET: She did (inaudible).

MR. MOSES MARTIN: Yeah, she's ---

MS. CECELIA ARNET: She -- that was our child.

MR. MOSES MARTIN: Yeah.

[MS. CARLA MOSS]: She's the second youngest.

MS. WENDY VAN TONGEREN: So where -- like, was she born -- because she was born and I know she passed away but when was she born?

MR. MOSES MARTIN: November ---

[MS. CAROL FRANK]: Nineteen sixty-two (1962).

MS. WENDY VAN TONGEREN: Huh?

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Nineteen sixty-two (1962).

MS. WENDY VAN TONGEREN [MS. CAROL FRANK]: Nineteen sixty-two (1962). Okay, and so your -- Joanne, Carol, Dennis, Brian, and Richard are her siblings?

MS. CECELIA ARNET: No.

MS. WENDY VAN TONGEREN: Okay, but ---

[MS. CAROL FRANK]: Her name's Marlene but she liked to go by Joanne.

MS. WENDY VAN TONGEREN: Oh.
MS. CECELIA ARNET: So that was her (inaudible).

MS. WENDY VAN TONGEREN: I was on the moon and you were on planet.

MS. CECELIA ARNET: And did (inaudible)?

MS. WENDY VAN TONGEREN: Yeah, I did. Sorry about that.

[MS. CECELIA ARNET]: That's okay.

MS. WENDY VAN TONGEREN: Okay, so -- yeah, so that's the key factors. We've got Joanne here with us and we've got Carol here with us? Okay.

[MS. CECELIA ARNET]: Carol.

MS. WENDY VAN TONGEREN: You mean Joanne and Marlene are the same person, right? Yeah. I got it written here. Now I do. At first I was just looking for Marlene.

[MS. CAROL FRANK]: Oh, okay.

MS. WENDY VAN TONGEREN: Marlene wasn’t there so I have to ask these questions but it shows my true frailties.

[MS. CECELIA ARNET]: M'hm.

MS. WENDY VAN TONGEREN: So thank you for your patience. Okay, so back to this -- to what happened. So Lisa is planning on moving to a better apartment?

MS. CECELIA ARNET: M'hm.
MS. WENDY VAN TONGEREN: She's got her stuff packed up.

MS. CECELIA ARNET: Yeah.

MS. WENDY VAN TONGEREN: And her mom is saying, you know -- do you not want ---

MS. CECELIA ARNET: Well, apparently she decided to go out after we left their apartment.

MS. WENDY VAN TONGEREN: Yeah.

MS. CECELIA ARNET: Because it was one of her friends' birthday party. But her dad said, "You shouldn't go out, Lisa, because you have to move tomorrow and did you get all your stuff in the car?"

MS. WENDY VAN TONGEREN: Yeah.

MS. CECELIA ARNET: But she went out anyways. And she always carried her cell phone with her all the time ---

MS. WENDY VAN TONGEREN: M'hm.

MS. CECELIA ARNET: --- to make sure if she got stuck she would phone her parents or her parents would arrange a cab for her if she was really stuck somewhere. But she never did call much that night or the morning. It's not like her not to phone, right? She (inaudible) [So they got] worried.

And my daughter phoned me. She didn't chat. She says, "Oh, Mom, you better come. Lisa didn't make it
home and I’m getting worried."

So I did go to my daughter's place and we did call the cops but they said, "Oh well. Maybe she's just having fun and she's just young."

And we said, "No. She never phoned. That's why we gave her the cell phone, so she can phone if she's stuck."

It took a while for them to come back to talk to us again because I was there with my daughter, to be serious, like.

**MS. WENDY VAN TONGEREN:** M'hm.

**MS. CECELIA ARNET:** It's not like our Lisa to do that. She was responsible, you know.

**MS. WENDY VAN TONGEREN:** Did you say when this happened, what year it was that ---

**MS. CECELIA ARNET:** Two thousand two (2002).

[MS. CAROL FRANK]: June 30th, 2002.

**MS. WENDY VAN TONGEREN:** And so June 30th, was that the day that you're describing when she went to this party?

[MS. CAROL FRANK]: Yeah, it was the night.

It was the night.

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

When was it that you went to the police?

Was it that night?
MS. CECELIA ARNET: We phoned the next morning. Later on that afternoon when I was at my daughter's ---

MS. WENDY VAN TONGEREN: So that would be --

MS. CECELIA ARNET: --- they came up.

MS. WENDY VAN TONGEREN: --- July 1st?

MS. CECELIA ARNET: Because it was a July occasion next day, yeah, that they came up.

MS. WENDY VAN TONGEREN: Which was the Sunday?

MS. CECELIA ARNET: They -- two cops came up and ---

MS. WENDY VAN TONGEREN: And when did they --

MS. CECELIA ARNET: --- they just said, "Well, young girls were having a party."

And we said, "No, she has plans to move today, her stuff. Her dad said."

MS. WENDY VAN TONGEREN: M'hm.

MS. CECELIA ARNET: So just the way (inaudible). And like, my daughter was scared to tell them she was half-breed, eh, that she was part Native. She didn’t want to tell them because I asked her what -- that her (inaudible) tell them anything.
MS. WENDY VAN TONGEREN: M'hm.

MS. CECELIA ARNET: My daughter was afraid of them being prejudiced.

MS. WENDY VAN TONGEREN: M'hm.

MS. CECELIA ARNET: Yeah, so we didn’t tell them right away that she was part Native.

MS. WENDY VAN TONGEREN: Was that Carol or which daughter was afraid to tell?

MS. CECELIA ARNET: Joanne.

MS. WENDY VAN TONGEREN: Oh.

MS. CECELIA ARNET: Joanne didn’t want to tell. Carol wasn’t there at the time.

MS. WENDY VAN TONGEREN: Okay.

MS. CECELIA ARNET: M'hm.

MS. WENDY VAN TONGEREN: And you said the police eventually came back. Do you remember when that was?

MS. CECELIA ARNET: So they finally came and then they told my daughter to phone again in a few days when -- was it Friday or something?

[MS. CECELIA ARNET]: Yeah, come back on Friday and he said he was off.

MS. CECELIA ARNET: He's off -- both off work for a few days. Yes, he said to call him again.

MS. WENDY VAN TONGEREN: M'hm. Okay, so
this information, was it mostly coming from Marlene or Joanne?

MS. CECELIA ARNET: Her name's Marlene Joanne.

MS. WENDY VAN TONGEREN: But you found out what was going on with the police because she would ---

MS. CECELIA ARNET: I was right there.

MS. WENDY VAN TONGEREN: Oh, you were right there?

MS. CECELIA ARNET: I was right there listening to it all.

MS. WENDY VAN TONGEREN: Okay.

MS. CECELIA ARNET: I was with my daughter.

MS. WENDY VAN TONGEREN: So the police actually came to her house?

MS. CECELIA ARNET: Oh, yes. Yeah, it was a policewoman and another cop.

MS. WENDY VAN TONGEREN: Okay, continue. What's the next thing?

MS. CECELIA ARNET: So anyways, we were waiting and then we didn’t know what to do because they (inaudible) [nothing like that happened before in my entire family] my jewellery box. They forced us -- the police (inaudible) [to hang things into different] (inaudible) to these places in town. So we did that. There was a
MS. WENDY VAN TONGEREN: M'hm. Did she call herself Lisa Marie or just Lisa?

MS. CECELIA ARNET: Just Lisa.

MS. WENDY VAN TONGEREN: Okay, and when was Lisa born?

MS. CECELIA ARNET [MS. CAROL FRANK]: Oh, May 5th, 1981.

MS. WENDY VAN TONGEREN: Nineteen eighty-one (1981). And this goes from 2002 is the -- so she was 21 at that time?


MS. WENDY VAN TONGEREN: Okay, so she was a very young mom [woman]?

MS. CECELIA ARNET: (Inaudible) [21] years old. Twenty-one (21) was missing.

MS. WENDY VAN TONGEREN: M'hm.

[MS. CAROL FRANK]: Her parents always told her Lisa then that if she was going out with friends to make sure she didn’t go out alone and just to be careful. And we spoke to her because she was a young girl.

She said, "Yeah, Dad. I will."

But that night she just -- she let her guard down because they went to a nightclub with her friends and
they decided to go to a house party with friends after the nightclub closed.

So they met this guy that had a car. He offered to give them a ride to the party and that's where they went to the party in the Harewood area.

MS. WENDY VAN TONGEREN: In which area?
[MS. CAROL FRANK]: Harewood area.

MS. WENDY VAN TONGEREN: Harewood?
[MS. CAROL FRANK]: In Nanaimo.

MS. WENDY VAN TONGEREN: How do you spell that?
[MS. CAROL FRANK]: H-A-R-E-W-O-O-D.

MS. WENDY VAN TONGEREN: Okay, thank you.

[MS. CAROL FRANK]: And it was the friends that told my sister that were at the party with her that Lisa got hungry so this same guy in this car -- he had a Jaguar -- he offered to give Lisa a ride to get something to eat. It was probably like, 2:00, 3:00 in the morning by then.

So she left with him and it was Lisa that phoned her friend on the phone and she said, "Make this stop because this guy's not letting me out of the car."

That was the last call that went -- that she made from her phone, was to her friend.

MS. WENDY VAN TONGEREN: What was the
friend's name?

[MS. CECELIA ARNET]: I can't remember.

MS. WENDY VAN TONGEREN: Okay. It's okay.

Okay, and what happened next?

[MS. CAROL FRANK]: So then the police investigated that after and they found -- well, I mean, it took them a while to find out who the driver of the car was.

MS. WENDY VAN TONGEREN: M'hm.

[MS. CAROL FRANK]: And I think they brought it -- the car in to go over it but there was no evidence in the car. And they spoke to the guy and he said that he had dropped her off and that she took a taxi. But there was no records of her taking a cab at all in that area.

MS. CECELIA ARNET: Anyways, that's what she said. This Jaguar that the young man was driving that night belonged to his grandma. She was at (inaudible) Road in Qualicum. She lent it to her grandson. His name is [Suspect].

It took them a week to finally take the car in to dust it off to -- for fingerprints.

MS. WENDY VAN TONGEREN: M'hm.

MS. CECELIA ARNET: Apparently they knew (inaudible) just like it was cleaned right off. No fingerprints. Not even his.
MS. WENDY VAN TONGEREN: And you think that young man's name is [Suspect]?

MS. CECELIA ARNET: [Suspect].

MS. WENDY VAN TONGEREN: And I know it was something like [name] or something?

[MS. CECELIA ARNET]: [Suspect].

MS. WENDY VAN TONGEREN: [Suspect]? Oh.

MS. CECELIA ARNET: Anyways ---

MS. WENDY VAN TONGEREN: That's okay.

MS. CECELIA ARNET: --- they took a while.

I stayed with my daughter all the time. I don't know how long after that. Do you remember?

Anyways, it's maybe three weeks after and there was (inaudible). They released his name was what, three weeks after my granddaughter went missing. And we was in the -- me and my daughter went to the court case. It was just that young man and he denied everything.

MS. WENDY VAN TONGEREN: The guy in the Jaguar car?

MS. CECELIA ARNET: Yes. Well, Joanne had to go see a person in -- was questioning suspects.

MS. WENDY VAN TONGEREN: M'hm.

MS. CECELIA ARNET: She had to go in there with pictures of Lisa to show that guy the story about Lisa, to break him down. But that guy wouldn't look at
Joanne, and she said. "This was Lisa when she was a baby," and just different stories.

All he said was, "I'm sorry. I can't say anything."

He would have been in jail overnight, a couple of days. And they had the court case. Joanne and I went to that. And they let him go because there was nothing of evidence.

But he's still a suspect today.

My daughter has talked to that cop, she (inaudible) this cop, George something; he was in that case.

MR. MOSES MARTIN: Yeah, I don't know nothing.

MS. CECELIA ARNET: All he said was the case is still open. That didn’t help us any. But just before Christmas last year he said it's still open but nothing new.

MS. WENDY VAN TONGEREN: So Lisa has been found?

MS. CECELIA ARNET: Pardon?

MS. WENDY VAN TONGEREN: Was Lisa ever found?

MS. CECELIA ARNET: Pardon?

MS. WENDY VAN TONGEREN: Was Lisa ---
MR. MOSES MARTIN: No.

MS. WENDY VAN TONGEREN: --- found? Was she found?

MS. CECELIA ARNET: Oh, no.

MR. MOSES MARTIN: No, she's never ---

MS. CECELIA ARNET: She's never -- they said the case is still open. She's never been found. Her father (inaudible).

MS. WENDY VAN TONGEREN: M'hm.

MS. CECELIA ARNET: Lots of -- oh, phone calls, eh?

MR. MOSES MARTIN: M'hm.

MS. CECELIA ARNET: But we’ve had a lot of -- saying, "Oh, yeah. We saw Lisa here and there." All we know was she (inaudible), things like that.

MS. WENDY VAN TONGEREN: M'hm.

MS. CECELIA ARNET: And no trace (inaudible) that calls.

[MS. CARLA MOSS]: M'hm. For the longest time as a family we'd follow up every lead.

MS. CECELIA ARNET: Yeah.

[MS. CARLA MOSS]: And that became really hard because some -- I don't know, some ill people thought at this -- it's just they're telling terrible things. And it became really hard for everybody to hear these terrible
things and then they'd follow the lead and there'd be nothing there. And we'd hear another story and that was really re-traumatizing over and over again. So the police would investigate some of these things we reported.

MS. CECelia ARNET: Yeah.

[MS. CARLA MOSS]: We couldn't really rely on the police, like ---

MS. CECelia ARNET: No.

[MS. CARLA MOSS]: --- because like she said they would tell us nothing.

MS. CECelia ARNET: Yeah.

[MS. CARLA MOSS]: Or that they -- they didn’t even do a search until September. We -- (inaudible) [as a family] were searching almost (inaudible) [right away].

[MS. CARLA MOSS]: Ironically, Carol's daughter went missing for a day a few months after, eh?

[MS. CECelia ARNET]: M'hm.

[MS. CARLA MOSS]: And we had to get on the phone and threaten the police. Like, Moses at that point met one of the head of the RCMP and we had to call them. Like, you had to like, yell at them and repeatedly call and harass them. It was like, why would you do this for? Because she had been missing between Nanaimo and Tofino. So say, "Get -- could you please help us look before dark
because she's had a crash. She could still be alive."

And they just didn’t even want to talk to us. Fortunately, all that had happened, she ran out of gas and we had a good family discussion after that about phone calls. Well, you know, we couldn't -- just couldn't get down.

MS. WENDY VAN TONGEREN: Yeah, (inaudible).

[MS. CARLA MOSS]: Remember that time?

MS. WENDY VAN TONGEREN: Did you get your voice heard?

[MS. CARLA MOSS]: Yeah, made (inaudible).

MS. WENDY VAN TONGEREN: What's your daughter's name?

[MS. CAROL FRANK]: Barbara.

MS. WENDY VAN TONGEREN: That's (inaudible).

[MS. CAROL FRANK]: That was in ---

MS. WENDY VAN TONGEREN: That was in 2002, right?

[MS. CAROL FRANK]: Yeah, she's around the same age as Lisa. Yeah. She was born in '83.

[MS. CAROL FRANK]: Yes, so she would have been 23.

[MS. CECELIA ARNET]: I don't know.

MS. WENDY VAN TONGEREN: She's a bit younger than -- is she younger than Lisa?
[MS. CAROL FRANK]: Oh, yeah. Yeah.

MS. WENDY VAN TONGEREN: So how did she get in a very sticky wicket that she didn’t have enough gas on the highway somewhere? Is that ---

[MS. CARLA MOSS]: She was in Port Alberni and ran out of gas.

MS. WENDY VAN TONGEREN: Yeah.

[MS. CARLA MOSS]: And she -- her parents were in Burnett's.

[MS. CAROL FRANK]: Were in Burnett's Lake.

[MS. CARLA MOSS]: Burnett's Lake, so she didn’t think anyone would notice her not being there. But we all knew and of course, you know, very sensitive at that time, extremely. We were driving the highways. And we had to start yelling at the police for help, like.

MS. WENDY VAN TONGEREN: So just tell me how Barb got out of the sticky wicket and then I'll ask you more about the police and yelling at them. But how did she -- who helped her in the end with her being out of gas?

[MS. CAROL FRANK]: She ended up -- I think she had left her purse or something and she didn’t have enough gas so she went back to Port Alberni and went to go see her auntie, her Auntie Anne. So that's where she ended up because she -- I don't think it was that she didn’t have enough money for gas but she had forgotten her
purse. And that time we all didn’t have, like, cell phones to call each other.

MS. WENDY VAN TONGEREN: Yeah.

[MS. CAROL FRANK]: And we thought, well.

MS. WENDY VAN TONGEREN: Okay.

[MS. CECELIA ARNET]: M’hm.

MS. WENDY VAN TONGEREN: Okay, so let's go back to the police. So here's a family who has been in this situation where their -- one of their loved ones has been missing for -- how many months would that have been? Was this in -- did you say it was in September when ---

MR. MOSES MARTIN: June.

MS. WENDY VAN TONGEREN: --- Barbara went missing?

MR. MOSES MARTIN: About two and a half months or so.

MS. WENDY VAN TONGEREN: And so two and a half months. And so it's -- their hearts are raw. And so you're phoning -- the first time it was the Nanaimo police, right, that were ---

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Yeah.

MS. WENDY VAN TONGEREN: --- searching for Lisa. And what police were called when you were searching for Barbara?

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: It was the
[MS. CARLA MOSS]: I think actually it was just a 9-1-1 call and it happened because we were (inaudible) [travelling between] Tofino (inaudible) [Qualicum, we were on the island highway searching too. He was crying].

MR. MOSES MARTIN: (Inaudible).

[MS. CARLA MOSS]: And we were on the highway for a while searching too. And he was crying. He probably didn’t want me to tell you that. He was really scared.

MS. WENDY VAN TONGEREN: M’hm.

[MS. CARLA MOSS]: And I just -- I don't remember that point and which cop it was that -- or which city. We were calling just 9-1-1 and then finally -- this was a few years ago.

MS. WENDY VAN TONGEREN: And actually when you make those calls you don’t always know who you're getting anyway, do you? So did you refer to the fact that Lisa was missing when you were trying to convince them to do something?

[MS. CARLA MOSS]: I know I did at the end when I was getting really angry and saying, "Look, how long does it take you to help us? We've already got one granddaughter missing. Are you really going to deny us
MS. WENDY VAN TONGEREN: Yeah.

[MS. CARLA MOSS]: "--- when there's a chance that she could be alive?" This is what the most likely -- the likely scenario that we just -- that she went off the road and the car fell down an embankment. That happens all the time between, you know, the highway turnoff at Tofino. And that's what we were doing. We were just searching the highways for a car in the ditch.

MS. WENDY VAN TONGEREN: M'hm. Well, thank goodness she was okay.

[MS. CARLA MOSS]: She doesn’t leave us un-communicated with anymore. She lets us know where she is now.

[MS. CECELIA ARNET]: M'hm.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Raising kids, eh?

[MS. CECELIA ARNET]: M'hm.

MS. WENDY VAN TONGEREN: So there was a period of time from July 2002 until when Marlene Joanne passed. And when was that that Marlene Joanne died?


MS. WENDY VAN TONGEREN: How did she die?

[MS. CAROL FRANK]: She was quite sick. She got so that she went downhill after (inaudible). She was (inaudible) after losing Lisa Marie passed away, her
daughter.

MS. CECELIA ARNET [MS. CAROL FRANK]: No, when she went missing. And her kidneys shut down. She was on dialysis all these years. And she wasn’t getting any better.

MS. WENDY VAN TONGEREN: Okay. So the kidney disease started before the death of Lisa?

MS. CECELIA ARNET: After Lisa passed away.

MS. WENDY VAN TONGEREN: After.

MS. CECELIA ARNET: And right after Lisa went missing.

MS. WENDY VAN TONGEREN: Yeah.

MS. CECELIA ARNET: Yes.

MS. WENDY VAN TONGEREN: Okay. So the -- was there enough information that the family has included that the fact that Lisa was missing contributed to Marlene Joanne's death? Is that what the family has concluded?

MR. MOSES MARTIN: That was my comment today is that I believe that she died of a broken heart and ---

MS. CECELIA ARNET: Yes, she did.

MR. MOSES MARTIN: Yeah, and then that drove her to alcohol.

MS. CECELIA ARNET: Yeah.

MR. MOSES MARTIN: And then not taking care of herself.
MS. CECELIA ARNET: M'hm.

MS. WENDY VAN TONGEREN: Did she have other offspring?

MR. MOSES MARTIN: Two, just Brian and then Robin.

MS. WENDY VAN TONGEREN: And Robin, was that a male or female?

MR. MOSES MARTIN: Pardon?

MS. CECELIA ARNET: He's a man.

MS. WENDY VAN TONGEREN: A man, okay.

MS. CECELIA ARNET: He was the youngest boy.

MS. WENDY VAN TONGEREN: Okay, and they're still alive today?

MS. CECELIA ARNET: Yes.

MS. WENDY VAN TONGEREN: Okay. So you had the situation where Marlene is not well and she deteriorated to the point where she died after about 15 years, right?

MR. MOSES MARTIN: M'hm.

MS. CECELIA ARNET: M'hm.

MS. WENDY VAN TONGEREN: What kind of help did she get from her community? By that I could mean that ---

MS. CECELIA ARNET: Well, she just really (inaudible) she was, (inaudible) [didn't really get any
help from anybody in there. She had her kidney keeping doctors but they [no help]. They just a social worker, I guess, eh?

[MS. CAROL FRANK]: The thing my sister was upset about that she brought up was there was a counsellor that she seen and the counsellor wanted them to do this religious stuff.

And my sister said, "I'm not religious and I don't want to do this."

And then the woman said that there was a lot of marriages don’t last after they lose their child. And that got my sister really upset that this counsellor was saying this to her. This was when my niece first went missing when they directed her to these -- I can't remember what kind of counsellor it was.

[MS. MARTHA STEWART]: I think she was (inaudible). She was talking to like, a priest or something for a little while too. But she -- because she didn’t really believe in the Christianity part of it. She just didn’t get comfort from going to the church to talk to anybody.

MS. WENDY VAN TONGEREN: Yeah.

[MS. CAROL FRANK]: (Inaudible) those papers. The guy was talking about that, a tribute for the (inaudible) [the reporter].
MS. WENDY VAN TONGEREN: These documents that you brought, are you leaving those with us or do you want us to take copies or are you just -- you brought them to assist you? What would you like to see done with those?

[MS. CARLA MOSS]: We left you copies.

MS. WENDY VAN TONGEREN [MS. CARLA MOSS]: Would they be useful to the Inquiry?

[MS. WENDY VAN TONGEREN]: Yeah.

[MS. CAROL FRANK]: Or was it Victim Services where they sent my sister?

MS. WENDY VAN TONGEREN: Oh, okay.

And it was the Victim Services that she thought that their information and advice wasn’t helpful to her?

[MS. CAROL FRANK]: Yeah, yeah. I guess they were wrong because her husband was -- they were kind of helping each other ---

MS. WENDY VAN TONGEREN: Yeah.

[MS. CECELIA ARNET]: --- focus on their daughter’s missing.

[MS. CARLA MOSS]: Is there (inaudible) copies of the papers in that file?

[ELDER GERTIE PIERRE]: I can go and ask them to do that. And then you want me to do that?

MS. WENDY VAN TONGEREN: That's the -- I
think we kind of discovered that that's the best thing in life, that -- to try and get it done when everybody is here.

**MS. WENDY VAN TONGEREN:** Everyone is here.

[**MS. WENDY VAN TONGEREN**]: Is Carol there? In Hawaii?

[**MS. WENDY VAN TONGEREN**]: In the Arctic?

[**MS. WENDY VAN TONGEREN**]: So did she leave an envelope for Wendy?

**MS. WENDY VAN TONGEREN:** Why don’t we deal with it now because it looks like -- who put that together, by the way, because that's the historian of the family who put that together? Is it Cecelia?

[**MS. CARLA MOSS**]: That was Carol.

**MS. WENDY VAN TONGEREN:** Carol?

**UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER:** Peggy did (inaudible).

**UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER:** Peggy (inaudible) was (inaudible).

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

[**MS. CECELIA ARNET**]: And the newspaper had kept it all.

**MS. WENDY VAN TONGEREN:** Oh, you did?

**MS. WENDY VAN TONGEREN:** Okay, I know. That's like your job to draw the heart, right? I know it's
like I'm the one who puts it on (inaudible).

[MS. WENDY VAN TONGEREN]: (Inaudible) for every day and like, he just comes and he says, "Mom, you remember back in 1997? Why was it that Bobo our dog died?"

[MS. WENDY VAN TONGEREN]: Okay, I'll look it up.

ELDER GERTIE PIERRE: I'll go upstairs and ask them to (inaudible).

[MS. CARLA MOSS]: Do you want to look at the pictures of the family too?

MS. WENDY VAN TONGEREN: Yeah, sure.

[MS. CARLA MOSS]: Well (inaudible) send pictures as well because it's -- Lisa was a normal young girl growing up in the community.

MS. WENDY VAN TONGEREN: Yeah.

[MS. CARLA MOSS]: Like, when I showed the family, like, (inaudible).

MS. WENDY VAN TONGEREN: If we had pictures -- I don't know how we're going to do that. There's a lot of pictures there.

MS. CECELIA ARNET: Here she is with her brothers.

MS. WENDY VAN TONGEREN: Oh, because we could just write on the back and tell who the people are. And it would be really helpful if you could (inaudible).
[ELDER GERTIE PIERRE]: So you (inaudible)?

MS. WENDY VAN TONGEREN: Yeah.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Okay.

MS. WENDY VAN TONGEREN: I don't know if there's someone who's free because I don't know (inaudible).

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: (Inaudible). You know, there (inaudible).

MS. WENDY VAN TONGEREN: Okay, but if there was (inaudible).

MS. WENDY VAN TONGEREN: Oh, it's kind of (inaudible).

[ELDER GERTIE PIERRE]: (Inaudible), yeah.

MS. WENDY VAN TONGEREN: How big are you guys (inaudible)?

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: There's a picture of the family with Joanne and (inaudible).

MS. WENDY VAN TONGEREN: Are you staying for the evening tonight?

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Yeah.

MS. WENDY VAN TONGEREN: Okay, so we've got a little time as long as you both (inaudible).

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: And a different one.

MS. WENDY VAN TONGEREN: We have a little time (inaudible).
UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: No.

MS. WENDY VAN TONGEREN: We didn’t want to act like it's urgent because the family is going to be here until later.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: (Inaudible) this (inaudible).

MS. WENDY VAN TONGEREN: (Inaudible) mind and see if he would go.

[Elder Gertie Pierre]: (Inaudible) coming here.

[Ms. Carla Moss]: Basically, you know, like, the man who killed Lisa also killed Jo.

MS. WENDY VAN TONGEREN: Oh, really. Oh, you mean ---

[Elder Gertie Pierre]: Getting rid of her children.

MS. WENDY VAN TONGEREN: Indirectly, yeah.

[Elder Gertie Pierre]: Yeah, indirectly. Like, when he killed Lisa it killed her.

MS. WENDY VAN TONGEREN: Yeah.

[Ms. Carla Moss]: It killed her mother.

MS. WENDY VAN TONGEREN: Oh.

MS. Cecelia Arnet: She just gave up after. Even though we were on there to support her and she just gave up.
MS. WENDY VAN TONGEREN: So I just need to - - not that I -- you know, I'm not trying to overdo my importance in this room but I need a little time out to send a message to someone to see if I could [inaudible] [find] someone. So maybe you could just talk among yourselves.

(Short Pause)

MS. WENDY VAN TONGEREN: Sorry, who chose the name Marlene?

MS. CECELIA ARNET: I did.

MS. WENDY VAN TONGEREN: And was there a relative or something with that name?

MS. CECELIA ARNET: She was a -- I went to school with her and her name was Marlene. I told her, "If I have a girl I'm going to name her Marlene." She passed away really young.

MS. WENDY VAN TONGEREN: Oh.

MS. CECELIA ARNET: Yeah. So she never got to see my daughter. Remember Marlene Morris?

MR. MOSES MARTIN: Maclean.

MS. CECELIA ARNET: Maclean. Morris Macleans's ---

MR. MOSES MARTIN: Aunt.

MS. CECELIA ARNET: She was my best girlfriend at school.
MS. WENDY VAN TONGEREN: Oh, okay.

MS. CECELIA ARNET: Yeah. So as I said, "I'll name her Marlene."

MS. WENDY VAN TONGEREN: Yeah.

MS. CECELIA ARNET: But Marlene didn’t like that name.

MS. WENDY VAN TONGEREN: Well, you know, once you got those two feet on the ground you can do whatever you want with your name.

[MS. CECELIA ARNET]: The girls.

MS. WENDY VAN TONGEREN: My daughter changed the spelling of her name.

[MS. CECELIA ARNET]: Did she?

MS. WENDY VAN TONGEREN: Yeah, and she liked it better without an H.

[MS. CECELIA ARNET]: Oh, really?

MS. WENDY VAN TONGEREN: Yeah.

[MS. CECELIA ARNET]: Oh.

MS. WENDY VAN TONGEREN: So who knows why?

It's not like ---

[MS. CECELIA ARNET]: (Inaudible) I would say.

MS. WENDY VAN TONGEREN: You're right, I think. To change your name they even have a statute allowing you to do it.
Okay, so you’ve got this situation where Lisa, a beautiful young 21-year-old who was excited about life and is told by her parents -- and I don’t know if I ever got the name of her dad.

**MS. CECELIA ARNET:** Don.

**MS. WENDY VAN TONGEREN:** Don?

**[MS. CAROL FRANK]:** Yeah.

**MS. CECELIA ARNET:** Don Young. His (inaudible) because Donald, Donald Young.

**MS. WENDY VAN TONGEREN:** Yeah. So and I don’t have it clear. Were Donald and Marlene Joanne together as a couple?

**MS. CECELIA ARNET:** Oh, yeah.

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

**MS. CECELIA ARNET:** M’hm.

**MS. WENDY VAN TONGEREN:** Yes, because he was going to move her on Sunday and ---

**MS. CECELIA ARNET:** Yeah.

**MS. WENDY VAN TONGEREN:** --- that’s the reason, moving around and all that. Okay.

Okay, so we’ve got this beautiful young girl who -- woman -- who is moving into a better apartment and she goes out partying and she's got the cell phone. She does actually call for help, right?

**MS. CECELIA ARNET:** I think she was
MS. WENDY VAN TONGEREN: She called her friend. And ---

MS. CECELIA ARNET: And at least Joanne and Don got her cell phone back from the cops.

MS. WENDY VAN TONGEREN: Who did, Joanne?

MS. CECELIA ARNET: Yeah, Joanne and Don.

MS. WENDY VAN TONGEREN: Okay.

MS. CECELIA ARNET: And just there was a recording saying she needed help. And they all were pissed off because this [car] guy wouldn’t let her out. Well, it was [one of those cars that, you can’t get to the driver’s side, except for the driver] a car search. They came over (inaudible).

MS. WENDY VAN TONGEREN: M’hm.

MS. CECELIA ARNET: Except when they're driving. And we listened to that recording.

MS. WENDY VAN TONGEREN: So who recorded?

MS. CECELIA ARNET: (Inaudible).

MS. WENDY VAN TONGEREN: So are you saying that Lisa recorded that?

MS. CECELIA ARNET: Well, like, her phone is (inaudible) [a voicemail]. I guess she was talking to somebody and a (inaudible) [voicemail] came up saying [you know, we can hear Lisa’s voice saying 'I’m] she was
(inaudible) pissed off. These guys won't let her out because (inaudible) [her friend] she was phoning. They didn't answer it so she left a message, I guess or something like that, whatever, I don't know how this worked.

**MS. WENDY VAN TONGEREN:** Yeah, because ---

**MS. ARNEET:** I just know that she heard her talking.

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

**MS. CECELIA ARNET:** Yeah.

**MS. WENDY VAN TONGEREN:** So but that's an interesting question, why you'd have her phone because ---

**MS. CECELIA ARNET:** We got it back from the police.

**MS. WENDY VAN TONGEREN:** Got it back from the police?

**MS. CECELIA ARNET:** They found it I don't know where.

**MS. WENDY VAN TONGEREN:** Yeah, okay.

**MS. CECELIA ARNET:** They never told us.

They never -- because my daughter had it for quite a while. I don't know what she did with it now. Yeah.

**MS. WENDY VAN TONGEREN:** And did you say that there were other belongings as well?

**MS. CECELIA ARNET:** No.
MS. WENDY VAN TONGEREN: That was it, just the cell phone?

MS. CECELIA ARNET: Yeah.

MS. WENDY VAN TONGEREN: Just the cell phone.

MS. CECELIA ARNET: Somehow, I don't know where they found it.

MS. WENDY VAN TONGEREN: Yeah, because when you think about it ---

MS. CECELIA ARNET: So we knew they weren't really listening to anybody.

MS. WENDY VAN TONGEREN: M'hm.

MS. CECELIA ARNET: Just [inaudible] [found it].

MS. WENDY VAN TONGEREN: Yeah, and ---

MS. CECELIA ARNET: (Inaudible) you know.

MS. WENDY VAN TONGEREN: There are other witnesses presumably at the party who knew this guy in the jag, right?

MS. CECELIA ARNET: No, they actually didn’t know him. They just met him that night.

MS. WENDY VAN TONGEREN: Okay.

MS. CECELIA ARNET: They needed a ride to that party [inaudible] [he was the only sober one] in that Jaguar. So her friends -- one of her friends said, "We
didn’t even know him. We just asked him to bring us to the party." And the guy stayed at the party, I guess. They didn’t know him at all. He was from Qualicum. We found out after he was arrested.

MS. WENDY VAN TONGEREN: Okay, so and you said that you actually went to some of the court proceedings?

MS. CECELIA ARNET: I did ---

MS. WENDY VAN TONGEREN: Yeah.

MS. CECELIA ARNET: --- to be with my daughter.

MS. WENDY VAN TONGEREN: And that took place in?

MS. CECELIA ARNET: In Nanaimo.

MS. WENDY VAN TONGEREN: In Nanaimo. And so you actually ---

MS. CECELIA ARNET: I saw the guy.

MS. WENDY VAN TONGEREN: He was in the same room as you, sitting in the box?

MS. CECELIA ARNET: Yeah, he was in the courtroom.

MS. WENDY VAN TONGEREN: Yeah.

MS. CECELIA ARNET: I was looking right at him. He wouldn't look at me at all.

MS. WENDY VAN TONGEREN: And did you hear
him speak?

MS. CECELIA ARNET: Oh, yes.

MS. WENDY VAN TONGEREN: And what was going on when he was allowed to speak?

MS. CECELIA ARNET: He was saying he didn’t do it, he said.

MS. WENDY VAN TONGEREN: Oh.

MS. CECELIA ARNET: "I drove them that night to the party," he said.

MS. WENDY VAN TONGEREN: And did he move from one part of the courtroom to another part of the courtroom to say what he had to say?

MS. CECELIA ARNET: He moved behind the -- he had a glass.

MS. WENDY VAN TONGEREN: Okay.

MS. CECELIA ARNET: Yeah. It was glass. You could see. He could see us. Yeah.

MS. WENDY VAN TONGEREN: So I’m just going to put this in terms that I understand. Do you think he was still in a prisoner’s box when he was -- you know, did he -- was he moved -- did he move to the witness stand?

MS. CECELIA ARNET: No, he was like, behind the -- talking (inaudible) there.

MS. WENDY VAN TONGEREN: And do you remember what kind of procedure it was? Was it something to do with
whether or not he'd still be in jail or was it a trial?

**MS. CECELIA ARNET:** Well, he was charged

with something else. He had just went to court.

**MS. WENDY VAN TONGEREN:** M'hm.

**MS. CECELIA ARNET:** But it happened that

there's -- they were talking about Lisa's being missing.

**MS. WENDY VAN TONGEREN:** Oh, okay.

**MS. CECELIA ARNET:** That he was there.

**MS. WENDY VAN TONGEREN:** Yeah, okay.

**MS. CECELIA ARNET:** Yeah. And because she

spoke to -- my daughter spoke to that guy the day before --

well, or a few days before maybe. She spoke to him face to

face in that room. Yeah, there's a room I guess they call

that (inaudible). It's where they take suspects into a

room.

**MS. WENDY VAN TONGEREN:** But the police were

present, weren't they?

**MS. CECELIA ARNET:** Yeah.

**MS. WENDY VAN TONGEREN:** Yeah, so it was

part of a suspect interview.

**MS. CECELIA ARNET:** Interview, yeah.

**MS. WENDY VAN TONGEREN:** And they thought it

would be helpful to bring in ---

**MS. CECELIA ARNET:** Yeah.

**MS. WENDY VAN TONGEREN:** --- Marlene.
MS. CECELIA ARNET: And Joanne and faced him and showed pictures of Lisa when she was a baby, trying to break him down.

MS. WENDY VAN TONGEREN: And ---

MS. CECELIA ARNET: That's what the cops were trying to do.

MS. WENDY VAN TONGEREN: And you heard that from Marlene? You weren't there?

MS. CECELIA ARNET: Yeah. I wasn't in there.

MS. WENDY VAN TONGEREN: No.

MS. CECELIA ARNET: No, just -- she -- they just wanted her there.

MS. WENDY VAN TONGEREN: Yeah, wanted her.

MS. CECELIA ARNET: She told me she showed the pictures. I think she was showing this guy and telling stories about Lisa, what she used to do when she was a little girl and a baby. But it never worked on him.

MS. WENDY VAN TONGEREN: M'hm.

MS. CECELIA ARNET: And (inaudible) my daughter brought that man, that young man. And he just sort of went like that. "I'm sorry," he said. That was all he said.

MS. WENDY VAN TONGEREN: Where did you say he was from?
MS. CECELIA ARNET: He lives in Qualicum.

MS. WENDY VAN TONGEREN: In Qualicum.

MS. CECELIA ARNET: But he's moved to live somewhere else.

MS. WENDY VAN TONGEREN: And his name was something like [Suspect] (phonetic) or something?

MS. CECELIA ARNET: [Suspect].

MS. WENDY VAN TONGEREN: [Suspect]?

MS. CECELIA ARNET: [Suspect], yeah.

MS. WENDY VAN TONGEREN: [Spells name]?

MS. CECELIA ARNET: [Spells name].

MS. WENDY VAN TONGEREN: What is it?

MS. CECELIA ARNET: [Spells name].

MS. WENDY VAN TONGEREN: Oh, [Suspect].

MS. CECELIA ARNET: Yeah, [Suspect].

MS. WENDY VAN TONGEREN: [Suspect]. We got it.

MS. CECELIA ARNET: (Inaudible) yeah.

MR. MOSES MARTIN: Yeah, (inaudible).

MS. CECELIA ARNET: It's like (inaudible) [Siouxsan] [I] speak now [of]. I was spending my time with my daughters and I was there last Christmas. She was (inaudible), you know. But Christmas Eve or day -- I think Christmas Eve when she got a call from Australia, the radio station.
MS. WENDY VAN TONGEREN: M'hm.

MS. CECELIA ARNET: We saw it online probably it was on TV the next day.

MS. WENDY VAN TONGEREN: M'hm.

MS. CECELIA ARNET: (Inaudible) she said, "Jo, I'll (inaudible) with the reporters." They were showing her talking and they got a call from that [Suspect] fellow.

MS. WENDY VAN TONGEREN: From [Suspect]?

MS. CECELIA ARNET: I guess because they were talking about the story about Lisa Marie and that [Suspect] guy was trying to sue that radio station for using his name. But they talked to Joanne and Joanne said, "No, it's been all over the news (inaudible) Australia radio station." They talked to my daughter. And he's still alive but he's still a suspect today.

MS. WENDY VAN TONGEREN: M'hm.

MS. CECELIA ARNET: They're trying to break him, trying to find something to make him break, I guess.

MS. WENDY VAN TONGEREN: M'hm.

MS. CECELIA ARNET: Yeah.

MS. WENDY VAN TONGEREN: So sometimes it isn't the right time and for reasons that are difficult for us to understand.

MS. CECELIA ARNET: Yeah. Never said
(inaudible) he was sorry. And that's why I just came to my
daughter's just (inaudible), you know, that my daughter
phoned me.

"Mom, can you come over." The psychic was
coming Friday night. So I went and this lady showed up.

She said, "Lisa's been coming to me over the
last year or two in my house."

She didn't know my daughter at all or Lisa.
But she heard from her sister that (inaudible) [the girl
who's missing] her dad is a Purolator (inaudible) so that
psychic had a vision.

So she came to my daughter's house and she
said, "I was really nervous to come here but Lisa keeps
coming to me saying, 'Go see my mom.' She said that and
she said, 'You have to go see Mom. Tell her I'm okay.
Tell her to stop crying (inaudible) [I'm with family] right
now. I'm happy. I want her to laugh and smile like she
used to,'" she said.

I was kind of scared to come that day
(inaudible). And Joanne was scared to see the psychic
because she saw so many, you know, different psychics,
different stories.

And she said there's three suspects that
(inaudible) [murdered my ---]. She can feel them. She
said two of them are still alive. One killed himself. And
the other one's ready to commit suicide, she said. There's another guy very (inaudible) that he's killed. So he's just (inaudible). Yeah.

MS. WENDY VAN TONGEREN: Yeah, that must be a challenge for families to decide whether or not they're going to go the psychic route. There's probably elders that help with that stuff, are there? Are there elders? Do you know of any elders who -- I was just thinking of one interview I had, someone was suggesting that there are elders that you can go to help get the answers of where these people are.

MS. CECELIA ARNET: Shamans, I think they said. Some -- yeah. They don't have a whole lot of elders.

MR. MOSES MARTIN: (Inaudible) where (inaudible) is.

MS. WENDY VAN TONGEREN: They what?

MS. CECELIA ARNET: They don't have a whole lot of them today. No, not today. Yeah, yeah. They used to have them.

ELDER GERTIE PIERRE: M'hm.

MS. CECELIA ARNET: Is that what's they're called, shaman?

ELDER GERTIE PIERRE: Shamans, yeah. Not very many people do that today, that they're willing to do
it to become really strong in ---

**MS. WENDY VAN TONGEREN:** M'hm.

**ELDER GERTIE PIERRE:** --- their work as a shaman.

**MS. WENDY VAN TONGEREN:** M'hm.

**ELDER GERTIE PIERRE:** Yeah, you sacrifice a lot.

**MS. WENDY VAN TONGEREN:** M'hm.

**ELDER GERTIE PIERRE:** M'hm. Yeah.

**MS. CECELIA ARNET:** Because it was (inaudible) with my daughters. I refused to (inaudible) because (inaudible) let (inaudible) is that she has her mom with her. And Joanne wanted me because she was scared to hear the story again.

**MS. WENDY VAN TONGEREN:** M'hm.

**MS. CECELIA ARNET:** So I was there to support her and the other lady supported her daughter to tell a story to Joanne.

**MS. WENDY VAN TONGEREN:** M'hm.

**MS. CECELIA ARNET:** She said -- she would ask things (inaudible) spirit or you know? "When did they come to you?" he was saying to that lady.

She said, "It's funny," she said, "when I’m in the shower (inaudible) [they talk to me]." She doesn’t see them but they talk to her.
MS. WENDY VAN TONGEREN: M'hm.

MS. CECELIA ARNET: Lisa was there quite a bit. She said, "You better go see Mom tonight (inaudible) [in the morning, Friday morning]." She -- and she said, "That sounds like our Lisa." She was very efficient when she wanted something done.

MS. WENDY VAN TONGEREN: M'hm.

MS. CECELIA ARNET: So we believed that, that she's gone, you know?

MS. WENDY VAN TONGEREN: Did she -- this woman charge money?

MS. CECELIA ARNET: She didn’t. No, she didn’t. In fact, she was a neighbour to my daughter and that's too far away from (inaudible) [where] my daughter lives.

MS. WENDY VAN TONGEREN: M'hm.

MS. CECELIA ARNET: Yeah. No, she didn’t.

MS. WENDY VAN TONGEREN: No.

MS. CECELIA ARNET: No. She said no.

MS. WENDY VAN TONGEREN: Okay, so the -- we've all heard it now. Like, everyone in the room has heard kind of an accounting of -- or recounting of the steps that led up to what appears to be a death but we don’t really know. It's -- she's missing right now.

And so when you think about the
Commissioners' job to look at a situation like this and identify what it was, if anything, that was contributing to the vulnerability of Lisa so that it ultimately resulted in her being missing, so what do you think? What do you think would be ---

**MS. CECELIA ARNET:** She said too -- she said, "I can feel her remains are close by here," she said. But she didn’t know what area but it was close to our, like daughter that -- she said it's her but (inaudible) were (inaudible) really say it was belongs to some other -- belongs to some company or someone's got this property now.

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

**MS. CECELIA ARNET:** They said we can't look and we have to have permission, who it belongs to or apparently it belonged to the bikers at the time a few years ago.

**MS. WENDY VAN TONGEREN:** M'hm.

**MS. CECELIA ARNET:** But I don't know if they sold it or -- yeah.

**MS. WENDY VAN TONGEREN:** Okay, so let's talk about some things that we know that -- about Lisa. And I expect that all of you are kind of feeling something about -- and maybe even a bit nervous to say or don’t want to say or it's just private.

But if there is something that you think
could be said that would help the Lisas of tomorrow and what could be -- Moses, you started off with recommendations for example, and the point of the recommendations is, as you very eloquently stated, it's for our daughters and granddaughters of the future.

MS. CECELIA ARNET: M'hm.

MS. WENDY VAN TONGEREN: So what -- and again, another important thing that was integral to what you were talking about is appreciating that we can learn from these things that feel like tragedies. They feel like, you know, our feet are stuck in concrete.

MS. CECELIA ARNET: M'hm.

MS. WENDY VAN TONGEREN: Sometimes we can't breathe with the emotion and -- but actually there is a teaching in there that we can bring to our children and our grandchildren.

MS. CECELIA ARNET: M'hm.

MS. WENDY VAN TONGEREN: So the amazing thing about the Inquiry is that this is en masse, you know what I mean? It's en masse, that hundreds if not thousands of people are talking about what has happened to these women and girls in their lives. And the Commissioners are given the task, like, to give -- you can just sort of see how heavy and how light that is; heavy in the sense of the burden and light in that it is lighting the darkness.
MS. CECELIA ARNET: M'hm.

MS. WENDY VAN TONGEREN: That's their responsibility. But it's your responsibility to look into yourselves, into the violence [your lives and] in the relationships that we have to speak to the Commissioners about some ideas.

And sometimes it's obvious. It's right in front of you. But sometimes you have to actually look deeply into the -- not only the years and the months but even the minutes and the seconds of the lives that you have together and the clues that you have about how to keep the girls and women of the future safe.

So one thing I’ll recommends two pizzas for Siouxsan.

So do you want to -- does anyone want to add to that, to look to that, like, to what would have made a difference for ---

[MS. CARLA MOSS]: Cecelia is thinking that Lisa probably had a few that I could talk about. We heard Moses talk a bit at the beginning about the language.

MS. WENDY VAN TONGEREN: Yeah.

[MS. CARLA MOSS]: And we're like, one minute to midnight in terms of language loss in our community. Moses and Cecelia are the last generation and I know Moses is 76 but I don’t know how old Cecelia is. I
think she's around that age, maybe a bit younger.

MS. WENDY VAN TONGEREN: You’re 39, I think.

[MS. CARLA MOSS]: Yeah, they're 39. But like, I don’t -- any other elders who still speak, I would love to see none of them ever work again doing anything but language because it connects a community.

And even when we pray it's like, you know, I was in the cleanse today and I was understanding the prayer. And it was just so cool, like, I know your praying. We're working really hard but we also have to make a living to pay for our home and stuff. So we can only put so much time in right now.

MS. WENDY VAN TONGEREN: Right.

[MS. CARLA MOSS]: And Moses is teaching our boys to fish and there's just only so many hours in a day. So language is urgent.

And I think we did look into our family, especially with Barb. We talked a lot about communication after what happened with Barb and just how kids see -- you know, saw that control and we say, "Could you just tell us where you are? It's about we just want to know you're safe."

And do you know what? James and Gary are 20 and 23, still messages from the market and say, "Leaving the market. Be home in an hour."
MS. WENDY VAN TONGEREN: M'hm.

MS. CECELIA ARNET: Yeah. (Inaudible)

Siouxsan.

[MS. CARLA MOSS]: Another non-Native side that you heard Moses make a recommendation about courses for the RCMP. I don't know how we deal with racism within the RCMP and in the paramedic community but I think we have to.

I can -- I don’t even want to say in front of you guys some of the stuff I've heard, to be honest. I don't want them to know what I know because it will hurt.

MS. WENDY VAN TONGEREN: Do you work in an area related to this?

[MS. CARLA MOSS: Yeah, and I'm getting nervous. So I don’t want to put my job in jeopardy.

MS. WENDY VAN TONGEREN: Yeah.

[MS. CARLA MOSS]: Like, if I did say it to you confidentially but I think one thing I can say -- this is just going to the Commissioners; but will it go to my employer?

MS. WENDY VAN TONGEREN: No.

[MS. CARLA MOSS]: At all?

MS. WENDY VAN TONGEREN: No.

[MS. CARLA MOSS]: So there's some people -- and I want to really emphasize “some” because it's
definitely not all because there’s some really wonderful people out there. I'm a medic and so [inaudible] [I’m in the medic] service -- who they use bad racist words when they're tending people and I have watched it the other day.

We were -- they were assuming the person was drunk and yes, they had been drinking, but they were obviously unstable and obviously needed to go to the hospital. I was fighting with the medic, the other -- my partner saying, "You can't just walk away."

And then I had to talk with my boss. So and that's not -- we're trained not to do. We had (inaudible).

**MS. WENDY VAN TONGEREN:** M'hm.

**[MS. CARLA MOSS]:** And there's words they use for people who were either on the streets or struggling with substance abuse that it reinforces patterns of behaviour and attitudes that aren't okay and put people at risk.

And then there's some people -- so that's that world. That's medic, police world. Then there's just human worlds. Siouxsan, I’m going to tell. Okay, this is hard.

There's some White boys who are shitheads. Those White boys are shitheads, period, you know what I mean? But there are some White boys who will (inaudible) [value (inaudible) women lower than white women]. And
they’re a nobody, you know, just stay away from them.

But we know they exist and we know that we have to be careful to be safe and maybe more careful than a non-Native girl in the same situation. And it's not fair and it's not right but that's just what I've seen.

**MS. WENDY VAN TONGEREN:** So this relates to recommendations around cultural competency and doing what can be done in the education system or the media or whatever in terms of a messaging around not only -- it's not a situation of tolerating as we live together. It's a situation of compassion and love is where we begin.

**MR. MOSES MARTIN:** M'hm.

**MS. WENDY VAN TONGEREN:** That's kind of where we're heading. That's where we need to be. And how do you move a generation forward like that? And this is something that the Commissioners (inaudible) now.

**[MS. CARLA MOSS]:** Education culture and also enforcement, that if people are -- if we're catching people professionally, acting in those ways, they should be disciplined. They should be fired or let go. Like, trained to do the job, I can do my job. It doesn’t matter who (inaudible) [you are. It doesn’t matter if you have money or not, race, nothing; do that job.

**MS. WENDY VAN TONGEREN:** M’hm.

**[MS. CARLA MOSS]:** Same for everybody.
MS. WENDY VAN TONGEREN: Now, were you trained at JIBC?

[MS. CARLA MOSS]: Yes.

MS. WENDY VAN TONGEREN: Okay, so I've done a lot of work at JIBC.

[MS. CARLA MOSS]: Yeah.

MS. WENDY VAN TONGEREN: And I've heard recently that in the police training they actually bring in elders as one of the ---

ELDER GERTIE PIERRE: Yes.

MS. WENDY VAN TONGEREN: Okay, so tell us about that. That's wonderful.

ELDER GERTIE PIERRE: Yeah.

MS. WENDY VAN TONGEREN: And isn't it part of your graduation that ---

ELDER GERTIE PIERRE: We -- myself and another elder, we go there to the Justice Institute and we talk to the new recruits at the RCMP that are going to graduate and the sheriffs that are going to graduate. And we talk to them about how residential school has affected us and how, you know, the -- like, we want, you know, the RCMP not only to treat Aboriginal people with respect but all cultures because they need to look at how they are treating other people.

And they -- you know, like I said, we all
bleed the same colour of blood, you know? We're all
related in one way or the other and we should be treated
with respect.

And I honestly -- all the people downtown
east side, I said, "They weren't born to be down there.
They're there because of residential school, because of the
trauma, the sexual, physical, emotional, and psychological
abuse that they suffered."

And I said that, "You have to be gentle with
them, respectful, caring, and not (inaudible) [loving] to
them. They're human beings like you and I."

And then I walked downtown and I said, "When
I see somebody living on the street, I'll go and ask them,
'Are you okay? Do you need some help? I'll call someone
to come and help you.'"

And I said, "It just takes a few seconds to
give some of your time." You know, you've got an RCMP is
walking downtown, you just pass them by and I've seen it.
They pass them by just as if they're animals and they're
not worth much.

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

**ELDER GERTIE PIERRE:** And you have to start
seeing that they are important and you have to start
treating them just like human beings. When we tell our
stories to the RCMP and the sheriffs ---
MS. WENDY VAN TONGEREN: Can I just -- like, the RCMP don’t go to the JIBC, so it's -- or it's all the municipal forces? So it would be Vancouver Police Department; it would be ---

ELDER GERTIE PIERRE: They're training to be RCMP.

MS. WENDY VAN TONGEREN: They are?

ELDER GERTIE PIERRE: They are.

MS. WENDY VAN TONGEREN: Are you sure?

ELDER GERTIE PIERRE: Yes.

MS. WENDY VAN TONGEREN: Okay.

ELDER GERTIE PIERRE: Yeah.

MS. WENDY VAN TONGEREN: Because they ---

ELDER GERTIE PIERRE: Because they come from -- they usually from -- there are already in, you know, like, North Vancouver, Surrey, and Langley.

MS. WENDY VAN TONGEREN: Okay, so ---

ELDER GERTIE PIERRE: Yeah.

MS. WENDY VAN TONGEREN: --- it's competency training for police?

ELDER GERTIE PIERRE: Yeah.

MS. WENDY VAN TONGEREN: So it's not the first training (inaudible)?

ELDER GERTIE PIERRE: It's not training.

Yeah, it's ---
MS. WENDY VAN TONGEREN: It's not really ---

ELDER GERTIE PIERRE: Yeah. So when they talk with us they ask -- they said, "You know, we've taken videos and saw videos. We've read stories about residential school. But to listen and to hear your story about what you suffered through is more heart-wrenching than to read about it or watch it on video."

MS. WENDY VAN TONGEREN: M'hm.

ELDER GERTIE PIERRE: And I said, "Well, you know, that is the true story, you know? Us Aboriginal people, we really suffered in residential school and you know, we -- the healing that we had to go through in trying to forgive those that have hurt us, why they’ve done that, we have no understanding. But you know, we had to forgive them and say, you know, get on with our lives and heal ourselves."

And I had to do a lot of healing. I was a chronic alcoholic for a few years and I had suddenly sobered up at 35 so I've been sober now for 36 years.

And I remember the success part of my life and tell them, you know, even though I was dragged down and I was dragged through the mud and you know, they didn’t look at me as being, you know, growing up to be a smart human being because they always called me dumb and stupid, ignorant.
And I said, "I graduated from UBC with my Bachelor of Social Work at 65 years old." I said, "I had to prove to myself and I was able to do that."

And the RCMP and the sheriffs, some of them break down and they start crying and you know, they have stories themselves, you know, because some of them are from different nationalities and they went through a lot of trauma.

**MS. WENDY VAN TONGEREN:** M'hm.

**ELDER GERTIE PIERRE:** And we have to make them aware that there's help out there and you can get support. And you know, you RCMP and sheriffs, you have to start working with the people and start, you know accepting them, you know, as human beings like you and I, you know, and be sensitive to their needs. Because I hear you about the medics, you know, and it happens now in town in the hospital. The hospital's built on our land.

**MS. WENDY VAN TONGEREN:** M'hm.

**ELDER GERTIE PIERRE:** But they still treat our people with disrespect, you know? And they're just -- and when they're alcoholic and they don't take care of them like other people. You know, like I know one person was walking in the door and see someone in Emergency who wanted some help. And they -- then they said that there was another alcoholic they walked out the Emergency door and he
died. So yeah, we have a lot of work to do around, you know working with the medical system, the education system, the RCMP, you know, and we all ---

MS. WENDY VAN TONGEREN: And there's many other police forces besides the RCMP in British Columbia.

ELDER GERTIE PIERRE: Yeah. M'hm.

MS. WENDY VAN TONGEREN: So like, you probably deal mostly with the RCMP but around Victoria there are like, Esquimalt.

ELDER GERTIE PIERRE: And there's (inaudible).

MS. WENDY VAN TONGEREN: There's the Victoria City Police. So it's not just RCMP that are ---

ELDER GERTIE PIERRE: No.

MS. WENDY VAN TONGEREN: --- that make them need to -- some help in sorting out how to do their work in a culturally competent way.

ELDER GERTIE PIERRE: We need to (inaudible) I think.

[MS. CARLA MOSS]: Yeah. We're trained that there's several things that mimic drunkenness or intoxication. It could be stroke or diabetic ketosis and high blood sugar. So you never assume that that person is just drunk. You don’t know if they fell on their head.

ELDER GERTIE PIERRE: M'hm.
[MS. CARLA MOSS]: So we can't make assumptions. So their vitals -- if something shows us there's something unstable, you've really got to make sure they get help.

MS. WENDY VAN TONGEREN: (Inaudible) see in enforcement that you’re satisfied with? And you were nervous to talk about this because you think that, you know, there would be a whistle blower, right?

[MS. CARLA MOSS]: Yeah.

MS. WENDY VAN TONGEREN: So that's -- can you address that culture? I mean, like, because are people always afraid of speaking out about that?

[MS. CARLA MOSS]: Well, you know there's this joke that Russell Peters says. I don’t know if you ever heard it?

MS. WENDY VAN TONGEREN: No.

[MS. CARLA MOSS]: I tried it out once actually on somebody. It says, "If you want to piss off a White man, call him a racist." So I experimented with it. It's quite funny because it worked. He turned beet red and starting yelling.

But you know, I think there's a fear of that. I think when they're so afraid of being called racist rather than say, "No, we need to look at this behaviour, deal with it." In a sense, it's not about being
racist or not racist in the sense that I talked about that one medic. It was just do your job. You know, whether you’re racist or not, just do your job. Don’t assume that that person is drunk. And if they are showing violence, like, they're unstable, do something about it, not just walk away.

MS. WENDY VAN TONGEREN: So ---

[MS. CARLA MOSS]: Yeah.

MS. WENDY VAN TONGEREN: And so some recommendations around the whistle-blowing thing, I think, to make — to — because it's not like they have to — when you look to policies and ways of opening the convo that might need some tweaking but the bottom line, it's got to do with people not feeling afraid to actually report things.

[MS. CECELIA ARNET]: M'hm.

MS. WENDY VAN TONGEREN: Like, having a system where somehow this is monitored more closely, like, a monitoring.

[MS. CARLA MOSS]: Maybe also amplify the complaint process, a complaint process that's more effective. So if you witness they can feel comfortable calling them and saying, "This is what I saw and I'm ---" you know, something won't happen. And then they know that they won't be treated badly in the future.
MS. WENDY VAN TONGEREN: Yeah, that's what they're afraid of.

[MS. CECELIA ARNET]: M'hm.

MS. WENDY VAN TONGEREN: Yeah, as well. One of my daughters was in hospital when she was three and I remember that I was constantly, "Do this, do that," and all that. And then I could feel the environment changing around me and I realized I had to -- because I eventually started staying with her 24/7 because I knew that I couldn't be because I had created this (inaudible). Oh-oh, you're not going to get (inaudible).

But it's good to laugh about it but (inaudible). But those are also some really good points. What else do you have?

[MS. CARLA MOSS]: Okay, so the language. We want to change -- this making sure, getting the news out about this. So like, one thing that happened, I was doing a memorial in (inaudible) centre where the (inaudible) [we are listing the names and] have a short story of everyone who's missing and getting the staff's help there a bit [stats out there that---]

And the statistics that are -- there’s a study (inaudible) for the recommendation that came from the RCMP. (Inaudible) [Do you guys] you know the study that
I've been talking about. There was ---

MS. WENDY VAN TONGEREN: Well, there's the RCMP one and there's -- that they have done. And they've got statistics on things.

[ELDER GERTIE PIERRE]: Not (inaudible).

MS. WENDY VAN TONGEREN: So they've got a database. But there's one in 2014 and one in -- okay, so you were starting to talk. Sorry.

[ELDER GERTIE PIERRE]: So I would just say we're not talking about the (inaudible) report and the recommendations.

[MS. CARLA MOSS]: This was a really simple set of stats that showed like, this many are being (inaudible) [killed by their spouse], this many are total strangers, and it shows -- and getting those stats out because I remember before this became an issue. I was a little bit frustrated too with the idea -- why are we talking about only missing and murdered Native woman? Why not all women?

And [I was a little annoyed with] a little about that. These guys are amazing because they're just like, you know, "Yeah, I want (inaudible)." They’re really clear about that. But me, I was still a little perturbed until Lillian Howard and I were sitting there in Prince George and she was like, "How many can we count?"
And we started counting on our fingers, all the people we knew, all the families we knew, and we were like, "Holy cow. This is why we're talking about-- we're focusing on Native women."

MS. WENDY VAN TONGEREN: M'hm. And the same can be said for why not Native men as well because those --

[MS. CARLA MOSS]: Yeah.

MS. WENDY VAN TONGEREN: --- figures are very high compared to non-Native men. But there's kind of an intersectionality here. It's -- like, it's again, got to do with vulnerability. You have a combination of the misogyny as well as the racism and it basically, you know, doubles the vulnerability.

[MS. CARLA MOSS]: The victimization is happening from the other end.

MS. WENDY VAN TONGEREN: Yeah. So it just means that that wouldn't necessarily have came up if it was -- there have been other studies that included men, Indigenous men, and so the vulnerability has been recognized by the residential school TRC and others.

But yes, it was just determined that there was a need to focus on the gender piece as well as the racist piece. So it's not that the men are forgotten, it's -- they're integral to women's lives and it's important...
that that's acknowledged in terms of the -- well, the
holistic nature of the impact of racism on all Indigenous
people. And also, it creates a whole environment for non-
Indigenous people.

[MS. CARLA MOSS]: It does. M'hm.

MS. WENDY VAN TONGEREN: Like, who the heck
wants to live in this place?

[MS. CARLA MOSS]: Think of what you're
missing (inaudible) [out on if you] close the doors and not
let any other race in and then we say, "Oh well, there are
(inaudible) people but then we’re only going to see white
people."

MS. WENDY VAN TONGEREN: M'hm.

[MS. CARLA MOSS]: And that’s a lot of what
the White society does, right?

MS. WENDY VAN TONGEREN: Yeah.

[MS. CARLA MOSS]: All those other people in
this room (inaudible). Can you imagine kids living in that
world?

MS. WENDY VAN TONGEREN: No.

[MS. CARLA MOSS]: So it’s a really sad
world. We wouldn't even have to ask for (inaudible)
[aspirin].

[MS. CARLA MOSS]: You asked for the
(inaudible) [know that aspirin is an Indian medicine],

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right? Did you know that? That aspirin's an Indian medicine?

MS. WENDY VAN TONGEREN: No, I didn’t know that. No, I don’t personally take aspirin so -- not that I restrict everything I take but ---

[MS. CARLA MOSS]: A lot of people take it for heart attack prevention, right?

MS. WENDY VAN TONGEREN: Yeah.

[ELDER GERTIE PIERRE]: M'hm.

[MS. CARLA MOSS]: But yeah, it was introduced to Lewis and Clark to take it back to Europe.

MS. WENDY VAN TONGEREN: I'm sure there's much more that can be said about that.

[MS. CARLA MOSS]: Oh, yeah.

MS. WENDY VAN TONGEREN: So those are good. Anything else?

And by the way, it just so happens that today is September 13th, 2017. But the Inquiry is going to go on for some time so if you go home and wake up in the middle of the night and go, "Wow," make sure you write it down or call me. Don’t feel that this is your last chance. It's an open door.

[MS. CECELIA ARNET]: M'hm.

MS. WENDY VAN TONGEREN: Yeah.

[MS. CARLA MOSS]: Transportation.
MS. WENDY VAN TONGEREN: Transportation? Is that (inaudible) do you think?

[MS. CARLA MOSS]: Yeah. Maybe one of you guys can talk about transportation. I've talked too much now.

MS. WENDY VAN TONGEREN [MS. CARLA MOSS]: Do you want to talk about transportation?

[MS. CAROL FRANK]: M'hm. There's so many issues.

[MS. CARLA MOSS]: [There’s so many issues.]

[MS. CAROL FRANK]: Yeah.

MS. WENDY VAN TONGEREN: Oh, Moses has talked about that. And he made a recommendation about making sure there was a bus ---

[EDLER GERTIE PIERRE]: Because of the Highway of Tears.

MS. WENDY VAN TONGEREN: --- because of that situation and there is a bus, I understand, but now Greyhound has cancelled their bus.

[EDLER GERTIE PIERRE]: Yeah.

MS. WENDY VAN TONGEREN: M'hm. And in terms of, you know, Lisa and transportation, what could be said about that, right? Most parents looking at that would say, well, the parents did what they could to make sure that she didn’t do this. And it just so happened that night she did
do it. So she was playing Russian roulette.

[MS. CECELIA ARNET]: M'hm.

MS. WENDY VAN TONGEREN: And ---

MS. CECELIA ARNET: Well, it was -- apparently they trusted that guy and she was with friends. She was very safe.

MS. WENDY VAN TONGEREN: M'hm.

MS. CECELIA ARNET: But then they didn’t look after their friend.

MS. WENDY VAN TONGEREN: M'hm.

MS. CECELIA ARNET: It’s just (inaudible) [didn’t work].

MS. WENDY VAN TONGEREN: M'hm.

[MS. CAROL FRANK]: Even with me right now, my niece is living with me and she's 30. Yeah, well, she works in Tofino and I think it's 16 kilometres from Tofino. And a lot of times she was hitchhiking to work. That's the only way she could get to work. And she -- sometimes she'd be working late at night, like, late in the evening. If I wasn’t home to pick her up she'd be going online looking for a ride home.

[MS. CAROL FRANK]: There's a lot of our young people hurt.

[MS. CECELIA ARNET]: Even the young men hitch-hiking and I tell them, "Be careful. Be careful. It
doesn’t matter if you’re a man. It doesn’t matter
(inaudible) [big or whatever, you know?]

**MS. WENDY VAN TONGEREN:** But somehow at the
very least some information needs to be gathered again
about transportation in vulnerable areas ---

**[ELDER GERTIE PIERRE]:** Yeah.

**MS. WENDY VAN TONGEREN:** --- where young
people and others are having to resort to hitchhiking to
get there.

**[ELDER GERTIE PIERRE]:** Yeah.

**[MS. CAROL FRANK]:** You get a lot. Over in
Tofino we get over a million visitors in the summertime.

**MS. WENDY VAN TONGEREN:** M'hm.

**[MS. CECELIA ARNET]:** It’s dangerous.

**[MS. CAROL FRANK]:** Summer times. So
there’s a lot of people that we don’t know, like. When I'm
going to Tofino I pick up a lot of -- if they're couples
we'll pick them up or pick up the locals. But you know,
there’s a lot of people that we don’t know travelling that
road.

**MR. MOSES MARTIN [MS. CECELIA ARNET]:**
There’s lots of hitchhikers.

**MS. WENDY VAN TONGEREN:** Hitchhikers, yeah.

**[MS. CAROL FRANK]:** (Inaudible), yeah.

**[MS. CECELIA ARNET]:** Yeah. And vehicles
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1    too, eh?

    MS. WENDY VAN TONGEREN: Yeah.

2    [ELDER GERTIE PIERRE]: There's no bus
3    services?

4    [MS. CAROL FRANK]: There is one in the
5    summertime. It only goes to just past the information
6    centre.

7    [MS. MARTHA STEWART]: The info centre.

8    [MS. CAROL FRANK]: And it's -- a lot of our
9    people will catch the -- what's it called?

10   [MS. MARTHA STEWART]: The treatment bus out
11    to the -- oh, the shuttle thing?

12   [MS. CAROL FRANK]: Shuttle. They'll catch
13    the shuttle ---

14   [MS. MARTHA STEWART]: To the info centre.

15   [MS. CAROL FRANK]: --- to the info centre
16    which is about four kilometres out of Tofino and then
17    they'll hike from there. So what I was speaking to
18    somebody was well, they should go to council and then
19    council pay, like, put in money and have a bus go right out
20    to Long Beach and which would help.

21   MS. WENDY VAN TONGEREN: Yeah. That's
22    exactly the type of thing that needs to be looked at.

23   [MS. CECELIA ARNET]: Yeah.

24   MS. WENDY VAN TONGEREN: Because we can't
stop people from using the highway -- I mean the cars ---

[MS. CECELIA ARNET]: Yeah.

MS. WENDY VAN TONGEREN: --- to save more

lives.

[EELDER GERTIE PIERRE]: (Inaudible) yeah.

M'hm.

MS. WENDY VAN TONGEREN: There are a number

of things -- it's kind of like if -- I don't know, is there

-- there must be -- is there a game that -- an Indigenous

game that's like the game of chess where you have to

advance all these things for something to happen? You

can't just deal with one. So that's kind of like life.

But there's probably an Indigenous game that people could

relate to more than chess. I don't know. It's not just

one thing. Lots of things need to be thought of.

[MS. CAROL FRANK]: Another thing I found

with my sister, over the years, was -- her and her husband,

they were together like, 38 years and over the years she

would like, leave, leave him. And it was hard sometimes

for her to find a place because a lot of times the women's

shelter was full.

So that's another thing we're lacking, is

places for vulnerable women to go to like, to turn to, eh?

Sometimes my sister would get into the shelter. Other

times she couldn't so she'd find -- like, if she was living
in Nanaimo and all of us are living in Tofino so she'd find other ways, like, family or -- so that's ---

[MS. CECELIA ARNET]: I've got (inaudible) at home.

[MS. CAROL FRANK]: And what’s lacking is more places where women ---

MS. WENDY VAN TONGEREN: Yeah.

[ELDER GERTIE PIERRE]: Safe houses.

MS. WENDY VAN TONGEREN: Are you talking about Marlene Joanne?

[MS. CAROL FRANK]: Yeah.

MS. WENDY VAN TONGEREN: Or another sister?

[MS. CAROL FRANK]: Yeah.

MS. WENDY VAN TONGEREN: Yeah, because you know, Carol, I heard of a woman who actually said that she connected with transition homes while she was trying to get from one location in B.C. to another location.

MS. CAROL FRANK: M'hm.

MS. WENDY VAN TONGEREN: And they set it up in a way that she basically had a place to stay everywhere she went. So if she felt that -- and she was kind of being trapped by her ---

MS. CAROL FRANK: Yeah. M'hm.

MS. WENDY VAN TONGEREN: --- partner. And so she felt that she was going to be in danger.
MS. CAROL FRANK: M'hm.

MS. WENDY VAN TONGEREN: And so she had a place to go every time. So you know, that's quite impressive, I think, if that type of security can be offered.

MS. CAROL FRANK: M'hm.

MS. WENDY VAN TONGEREN: So that's a good point.

[MS. CARLA MOSS]: I wonder if there’s -- maybe you can address this too, if it's like having a discussion. I just think (inaudible) and like, your dad and I used to have this argument when our boys were small that you be on the ferry, for example, and I’d want to -- I'd always make sure I went to the bathroom with my boys while they were short.

My rule was when they can knock somebody out, they can go to the bathroom alone. And he was like, "You're crippling them in the sense that you're taking away their confidence that they can do things on their own."

So you know, we both were wanting the best for our boys and had different points of view. And I’m wondering if there's different things that keep us safe in different communities and sharing that back and forth.

Like, you know, in the university campuses there's a huge rape problem also. And there are certain
parties that you just know you don’t go to unless -- or you're going to get hurt.

MS. WENDY VAN TONGEREN: Yeah.

[MS. CARLA MOSS]: You don’t go to the football players' parties, right?

MS. WENDY VAN TONGEREN: M'hm.

[MS. CARLA MOSS]: And if you’re not sure --

MS. WENDY VAN TONGEREN: I’ve never been invited, actually, myself.

[MS. WENDY VAN TONGEREN]: You’ve been invited to football players' parties?

[MS. CARLA MOSS]: I’ve seen the invitations (inaudible) [I would’ve ignored the invitation]. But you really knew going in. It's you know, like don’t go to -- because we already knew what they did to women at these parties.

MS. WENDY VAN TONGEREN: M'hm.

[MS. CARLA MOSS]: And it wasn’t (inaudible) [a fun thing]. How we'd end those conversations where another girl who didn’t know would say, "Oh, this will be fun."

And like, you know, "Yay, great." Or if they went on a date not knowing what they were walking into at all.
MS. WENDY VAN TONGEREN: There's some -- my sister and (inaudible) sister-in-law has a theatre company. And she's put on, created a couple of plays that -- and I have a daughter who's RCMP in- [and does] First Nations policing.

So she's bringing these plays to the communities -- my daughter is bringing my sister-in-law's plays. And one is called "Dissolved". I don't know if anyone's seen that but it's a play where they talk solely about people putting roofies or some sort of drug in girls' -- women's drinks at some parties. And it's a whole play about that.

And so it's an education piece but they've put it together in a way that's it's actually entertaining and funny in places. And so that it's something that they can actually sit down and swallow, you know, because it's funny and it's good and ---

[ELDER GERTIE PIERRE]: M'hm.

MS. WENDY VAN TONGEREN: --- but the woman who wrote it, that's exactly what happened to her. She went to a party, somebody put something in her drink, she woke up in her bed with this absolute stranger the next morning that in her mind, she'd never seen before in her life.

And so she was studying here at UBC and she...
asked whether or not she could write her play about that experience for one of her projects. And so she did. And if you ever see it advertised it's a good play to watch.

But also, when I saw it I thought it was so fantastic that I bought -- I phoned up many of the police that I know in sex units and sex crime units and I bought them all tickets. Like, I bought them tickets to go. And so there were a number that went.

And I think that's why my daughter got encouraged to go. Because at the end they actually have a question and answer period too and so it's helpful to have police there, to have lawyer types there who know the law, sexual assaults so they understand consent.

And then the second one they’ve done which is now being toured, currently being toured and it will probably be in Nanaimo or Port Alberni shortly -- in fact, I have the schedule on here because my daughter wants me to know about it.

It's on trafficking and it's called "Love On". And it's a story of a young woman who goes missing and her mom is trying to find her. And then I won't spoil the end but basically she discovers that what has happened is that this -- her daughter has been involved with a pimp that's pretty much also her lover. And so they go through, like, all the nuances and merits and complexities of that.
And so that's being toured.

And so they're educational pieces; you know, they're social educational pieces using arts so that it's not -- you're almost like, listening to boring people like me sort of describe the intricacies of how serious this is. They do it through life’s drama and people who sound like real people who have experienced this.

And so those are kind of examples of how this awareness can develop because you're in the room at the end having watched this and you discuss it and ask questions, right? It's like, well, what about the fact that she loves the guy? Like, what do you do about that then? How do you get her away from him? Okay, well -- and then you discuss it.

So those are -- there's a lot of people who are kind of contribute to the critical mass that needs to happen to shift the orbit of our relationships on our -- to loving and compassionate ones.

And it does come through education in part, right? That's because sometimes it's ignorance that -- and sometimes it's fear of those guys who are racist. There just might be a fear underneath all that. And so it's pretty basic human behaviour stuff that sometimes a conversation is enough and sometimes life in jail is enough.
MS. WENDY VAN TONGEREN: Okay, what about the youth, Siouxsan, young people? How old are you, the way?

MS. SIOUXSAN MARTIN: Fourteen (14).

MS. WENDY VAN TONGEREN: Fourteen (14). And the fact that I'm talking to you is -- is that -- if you would prefer that I just be quiet right now then I'll do that. But may I talk to you?

MS. SIOUXSAN MARTIN: Yeah.

MS. WENDY VAN TONGEREN: Okay. So you're 14.

MS. SIOUXSAN MARTIN: M'hm.

MS. WENDY VAN TONGEREN: Which means that you are kind of like a gem. Like, you are like having sun in the room. Like, the sun actually being here. Like, it is absolutely precious that you're here. It's amazing that you're here.

[MS. CECELIA ARNET]: M'hm.

MS. WENDY VAN TONGEREN: And I know I personally can learn so much from you if I could figure out a way that you would want to talk to me.

And what I need to know is -- what I would like you to think about and see if you can speak about it is what do we do about making sure the youth are safe?
What are you seeing with your friends? What are you seeing about how you and other girls your age are treated that you think should be different?

And you know what? You're -- this is not going to go on TV tonight. This is going to go to Commissioners for writing something that is going to affect you as you grow up and your children and your grandchildren.

You know, one day you're going to be as old as this guy and you're going to be looking at your grandchildren and you're going to be thinking about wow, I remember going to that meeting with all my aunties and everybody. They were talking about making things better and I played a role in that because I was there. I had the courage to be there and I listened.

So you're -- this is what it feels like to participate in life in a way that makes things a good way for you, for your children, for your grandchildren, for the people in your life.

So I don’t need to be shy about it and if you would like us all to turn the other way or put our hands on our ears or whatever you want or if you want to draw pictures of write something down you can use whatever way you want to tell because it's -- the thing is that we love you and we want to hear your wisdom because you have a
wisdom we don’t have any more because we've gone past the
14 years and our eyes look at different things now. So
what do you think?

MS. SIOUXSAN MARTIN [MS. MARTHA STEWART]:
(Inaudible) [It’s a safe] place where you can do whatever
you need to.

MS. WENDY VAN TONGEREN: Can you tell us an
example where you felt that somebody did something really
good to make sure that you or one of your girlfriends was
safe, that really helped you guys? Have you ever had to
step in somewhere and help make somebody safe?

MS. MARTHA STEWART: My husband and I have
always done our best to keep our children sheltered from a
lot of things. We drink and had like, two incidents of
assault. And she's never ever witnessed any of it. When
we are arguing she's not usually home.

I cannot easily understand how hard it is
for her to understand where we're coming from in terms of
what that means, what's happening to (inaudible) to protect
women because she's never seen it. She's never witnessed
the things that we have gone through in our life because
she's always had her dad Marcel and her brothers and her
sister, they're always there to protect her. She's the
youngest one of us, out of all of us or out of her siblings
and there's seven. And we have nine grandchildren.
And you know, I'm proud to say that my
daughter hasn't witnessed a lot of the things that, you
know, I've seen and her -- as a young girl, as a mother,
and as a wife. My husband and I have always tried really
hard to make sure that she never had to witness any of it,
any of our kids. None of our kids have ever -- you know,
we've -- yeah, we've had our shouting matches but that's
it.

Because I've -- you know, I listened to my
grandmother when she was still here. She always said, "The
only place you can ever learn respect is from home. You
can't learn it anywhere else."

Well, you're talking about our safety,
people only -- you know, the criminal justice trying to
figure out ways to get government officials, everybody you
know, that plays a part in the government -- they're never
going to know. Not when they didn't learn their respect
from home.

Because in our home we don't -- we've never
practised or even witnessed racism at home. Not in our
home.

One of my first cousins, a few months ago --
and this is -- it's not a family secret but nobody is
talking about it. She was in Nanaimo that the same thing
was based on a message phoned everybody, let everybody know
what she was doing. She went out to the bar and she met
her friends down there. And she started feeling like she
was starting to get a little bit too high so she was trying
to do the responsible thing and she called a cab.

And the cabbie noticed that she was, I
guess, getting -- feeling pretty intoxicated and she gave
him the address where -- to home and she noticed that he
was taking a different route so she started looking around.

He brought her to another house just on the
outskirts of Nanaimo. Two men, East Indian, she said in
the back of the cab. They both had (inaudible) and they
both got in in the back seat and she fought. She fought
like hell. She kept kicking, she kept punching, she was
pulling their hair. She was too much for them.

Those two guys jumped out of the cab and the
cabbie drove away and she jumped out of the cab when it was
speeding away. She had no idea where she was. She was
just on a dark street in Nanaimo.

And our family was so scared. Everybody was
so scared and my husband came and checked on me because I
couldn't say anything. I was telling him, I said it was
like reliving Lisa all over.

I was never close to Lisa. I never really
knew her on a personal level. But when she went missing we
came over. We stayed at family's place for five days.
Richard kept asking me, "Marlene, can we come see you?"

"No, baby brother. It’s okay. Go home."

But he couldn't.

One memory that always stuck with me about Lisa after she went missing — I don't remember how much longer it was but a bunch of the guys decided that they wanted to go and look in Nanaimo. There was lots of us from home. We all went at the junction, set up a meeting place for Nanaimo. We met at McDonald's in Nanaimo. There was the three of us. (Inaudible) and Carol and I were getting ready to help them.

I don't know; I guess just the way things were (inaudible) [moving]. We just assumed that we were going to go. And Moses and them picked up (inaudible) [on it]. We had a small meeting at McDonald's and Moses told us that the ladies were going to stay behind. And it was hard to (inaudible) [hear that].

And he explained to us the importance of women and how we're the backbones of the family. What I would like to see in our own community, I know growing up (inaudible) [we had a lot of] youth conferences, youth and parliament groups, respect starts at home.

I don't think I would have made a lot of the choices I made if I didn’t have the support or the teachings of these youth programs that we used to go to
because my parents were alcoholics. Because after my grandmother died there was nobody else to teach us -- to teach the girls anything.

**MS. WENDY VAN TONGEREN:** Thank you, Martha. What do girls need to know? We've got these people in the room who are in their seventies and the youngest is 14. So if you added all that up that's a lot of experience.

What do girls need to know? Who should teach them? I mean, it sounds simple. We can't say parents because the parents aren't always available one way or another. Is there a way to teach them that's guaranteed that it won't put them in a taxi that goes astray?

So much love in this room in the answers (inaudible) answers. So even if I didn’t find the right questions sometimes.

**[MS. CARLA MOSS]:** Good thing she knew how to fight. Okay. (Inaudible) fight?

**MS. WENDY VAN TONGEREN:** What happened to that woman who -- the girl who got in the cab with those guys, and then she kicked and they hopped out and then she was in a dark part of Nanaimo and what happened?

**[MS. MARTHA STEWART]:** One of our other cousins is a taxi driver and she phoned her and she was working, driving late that night. And usually there's --
you know, when my cousin is driving taxi she'll always let us know. She always lets us know, especially if she knows we're out drinking. She'll pick us up. We don't pay the tab. She just -- it's a comfort for her to know that we're getting home safely.

But she called my cousin and my cousin went to go and pick her up. And my cousin didn’t want to go to the RCMP. She didn’t want anything done. And as a family we know we had to respect her choice.

**MS. WENDY VAN TONGEREN:** M'hm.

**[MS. MARTHA STEWART]:** Because she said she knew -- she figured out who it was and the -- they called the cab station and they reported the driver and everything and that driver was fired. But as far as, you know, the RCMP or anything, you know, she didn’t want anything done.

**MS. WENDY VAN TONGEREN:** So I want to try is from my Crown prosecutor days. There's such a thing as third-party reporting ---

**[MS. MARTHA STEWART]:** M'hm.

**MS. WENDY VAN TONGEREN:** --- where you -- have you heard of that before? Okay, so it's where you to a third party and make your report and then an anonymous report is made to the police. So the police, they can act on things but they do not know who the complainant is.

So it would be like going to a lawyer for
example, and that's probably the best person to go to, and saying, "I want to make a third-party complaint."

[MS. MARTHA STEWART]: M'hm.

MS. WENDY VAN TONGEREN: And so a lawyer has such a thing as a privilege, client privilege so that as long as a person -- like, you know, I'll give you an example.

So if you say that -- was that your husband, the relative, or the one who was in the cab or was it a friend of a friend or ---

[MS. MARTHA STEWART]: It was a relative.

MS. WENDY VAN TONGEREN: Okay, so ---

[MS. MARTHA STEWART]: Yeah.

MS. WENDY VAN TONGEREN: So let's call her Debbie just so for a hypothetical. So Debbie has a scenario where she gets in a cab and it appears that she's actually being abducted. And it appears that this is some sort of organized thing where this cabbie is providing girls or women to men.

[MS. MARTHA STEWART]: M'hm.

MS. WENDY VAN TONGEREN: And by the way, I've heard that that happens. You know, that's a phenomenon beyond what you have just described happening.

[MS. MARTHA STEWART]: M'hm.

MS. WENDY VAN TONGEREN: So the only way to
end that is like what -- is it Carla, your name?

MS. CARLA MOSS: M'hm.

MS. WENDY VAN TONGEREN: It’s what Carla says. It's enforcement. You know, like some people do not stop doing wrong things without enforcement.

[MS. MARTHA STEWART]: M'hm.

MS. WENDY VAN TONGEREN: So yes, because of our system, the way -- we all know you don’t have to go look through many books or newspapers or TV programs to figure out what happens when Debbie actually goes to the police and complains.

So one procedure, Debbie would then go -- let's assume that Gertrude is a lawyer. So Debbie goes to Gertrude and Debbie would say, "Gertrude, a horrible thing happened to me in a cab and I'm too afraid to report it to the police and I can tell you the reasons why I am afraid. But I would like still something to be done about it because it just doesn’t disappear."

And so the lawyer would say, "Okay, well, I'll take that on and there's privilege so I won't be telling anybody anything other than what you say."

And then I would maybe make a statement about what happened. I would identify the people and then the lawyer, Gertrude would take my statement to the police and say, "I'm handing this over to you and I'm not telling
you the identity of the person because of solicitor and
client privilege. But what I'm asking you to do is to keep
this on your records. Keep this on your records or do what
you need to do but my client is not going to participate in
this. They're not going to give you a statement or
anything and I'm not going to tell you who that person is.
I'm not going to tell you who my client is. You don’t
know. So -- and don't do anything so that my client is
identified. That's another part of this."

So what happens is that in this case it's --
the cabbie was fired. Okay, but he might go to another cab
company or have his own cab company or whatever.

So down the road, let's say that the cabbie
does something similar to Jill. And so Jill actually goes
to the police and says, "I want to complain about a cabbie
who drove me where I didn’t want to go and he appeared to
be planning to set me up with guys that I didn’t want to be
with."

And so they would check the record and see
there was another situation where the same person had done
that.

And it's then that the lawyer Gertrude would
be approached by the police and Gertrude would talk to me
and say, "Look, this is what's happening. He did it
again."
Now, you have an option now. You could go to the police and what that would do is that there would be two of you. And that would support the other girl who she's made the complaint but she -- yes, it's going to be tough and you're not going to know who she is or you're not -- you mustn't talk to her before any of this happens, before it goes to court. But this just gives us a better opportunity for this truth to find its way into the system.

[MS. MARTHA STEWART]: M'hm.

MS. WENDY VAN TONGEREN: And so that's -- it's called third-party reporting and there's a policy that allows that to happen. But the people do have to tread carefully with this. You have to make sure that they go to a lawyer so there's solicitor and client privilege. They have to make sure that they make it very, very clear that this identity is not to be released except for under these conditions.

[MS. MARTHA STEWART]: M'hm.

MS. WENDY VAN TONGEREN: So that it doesn't end up being a scenario, like, you know, where things go sideways and before you know it someone's being harassed or can't get a cab in town any more or whatever. Because we all know that human beings can come up with this behaviour to try and maintain their power, right?

[MS. CECELIA ARNET]: Excuse me. She has to
go because her truck is in the service (inaudible).

MS. WENDY VAN TONGEREN: Oh.

[MS. CECELIA ARNET]: She's to go one more (inaudible).

MS. WENDY VAN TONGEREN: Okay.

[MS. CAROL FRANK]: Because of this stuff now. It's (inaudible).

MS. WENDY VAN TONGEREN: So how -- are you going to drive her? Are you driving her?

[MS. CECELIA ARNET]: No, well not me, no.

MS. WENDY VAN TONGEREN: Okay, so are you coming back or would you like some closure here?

[MS. CAROL FRANK]: Oh, yeah. Whatever works. Like, yeah.

MS. WENDY VAN TONGEREN: Is there anything that anyone would like to say before Carol leaves?

MR. MOSES MARTIN: (Inaudible) will mention myself, eh?

MS. WENDY VAN TONGEREN: Okay.

MR. MOSES MARTIN: Sometimes us First Nations people we're our own worst enemies, right? And I know that racism is alive and well in that community so that's why I'm saying that we need to learn and understand what we're talking about (inaudible) [the first law of the First Nations] this nation is (inaudible), not just talk

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about it but live it. I don't think we're living it; we're living what we talk about. And that doesn't get us anywhere.

So I -- my dad left us in 1968 and that's what he left me with, was he was teaching about that [the first] law. So after he passed on I wondered for 21 years if that's the first law, what are the other laws?

But Dad would visit me once a month. He'd never ever say anything. He'd just smile until I came to my own conclusion about laws, that (inaudible) it's the only law. It doesn't matter what you do, you have to do it with understanding.

So that's why we say that our teachings are so simple and it's so hard at the same time. When (inaudible) so that's why language is so important to us and we don't -- we're 1,200 members in our community and about 25 of us speak the language, our language. That's pretty sad.

And there's lots for us to teach and lots for us to understand how we came to live like we used to, taking care of each other and taking care of everything around us. Then we can go on and leave a healthy place for my grandchildren to be a place for them (inaudible). Lots of learning today [to do. Don't get mad at grandpa when he talks mean]. (Inaudible) these strong feet.
MS. WENDY VAN TONGEREN: Sounds like a lot of feet [law to me]. Thank you, Moses. And you know what? Respectfully, it's time for you to go get your car.

[MS. CAROL FRANK]: M'hm. (Inaudible) yeah.

MS. WENDY VAN TONGEREN: So is that a wrap everybody? And Siouxsan?

MS. SIOUXSAN MARTIN: Yeah.

MS. WENDY VAN TONGEREN: Yeah.

[MS. CAROL FRANK]: Just (inaudible).

MS. WENDY VAN TONGEREN: So we need to do something about this package. You're going to be -- later we'll find somebody for the copies and but why don't you just ---

[MS. CAROL FRANK]: Okay.

MS. WENDY VAN TONGEREN: If you want to (inaudible).

[ELDER GERTIE PIERRE]: I think the office is closed now.

MS. WENDY VAN TONGEREN: Oh, yeah?

[ELDER GERTIE PIERRE]: You've got to go out this way now.

MS. WENDY VAN TONGEREN: Okay.

[MS. CAROL FRANK]: Yeah.

MS. WENDY VAN TONGEREN: And I'd like to go someplace like Staples or something and get the
(inaudible).

But and so -- but please, Siouxsan, you’ve got to know, we’ve got to know, I’d love to know what you have to think -- what you have to say. And so even if you just write me a little letter and scan it and email it or put it in snails -- Her Majesty's snail mail or whatever you -- or text me -- you could text me. I’ll give you my phone number.

[ELDER GERTIE PIERRE]: She wants to (inaudible) Tofino. They investigate where we -- you know, with the police and see if it can (inaudible).

MS. WENDY VAN TONGEREN: Can you read that?

[ELDER GERTIE PIERRE]: (Inaudible) get (inaudible).

MS. WENDY VAN TONGEREN: And you can text me if you'd like. You can communicate to me any way you want and I will take it in serious. Okay? Thank you.

ELDER GERTIE PIERRE: And then I don't know if -- I know after hearings like this you may have ---

MS. WENDY VAN TONGEREN: Okay, that's the end of this session with the Young Frank family, Martin. And the time is a quarter to 5:00.

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