National Inquiry into Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls
Truth-Gathering Process
Part 1 Statement Gathering
Radisson Hotel
Winnipeg, Manitoba

PUBLIC

Monday October 16, 2017

Statement - Volume 30(a)

Dorothy Starr, Jennifer Guimond & Stephanie Starr,
In relation to Chris Guimond

Statement gathered by Marie Audrey Girard & Caitlin Hendrickson

INTERNATIONAL REPORTING INC.
41-5450 Canotek Road, Ottawa, Ontario, K1J 9G2
E-mail: info@irri.net – Phone: 613-748-6043 – Fax: 613-748-8246
## TABLE OF CONTENTS

**Statement Volume 30(a)**  
October 16, 2017  
Witnesses: Dorothy Starr, Stephanie Starr & Jennifer Guimond

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Witness Testimony</th>
<th>Page</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Testimony of Dorothy Starr et al</td>
<td>1</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Reporter’s Certification</td>
<td>54</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

**Statement gatherers:** Marie-Audrey Girard & Caitlin Hendrickson

**Documents submitted with testimony:**

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Item</th>
<th>Description</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Item 1</td>
<td>Missing persons poster for Christopher Guimond</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Item 2</td>
<td>Handwritten and dated notes of Statement Provider, detailing the investigation for Christopher Guimond (4 pages)</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
Winnipeg, Manitoba

--- Upon commencing on Monday, October 16, 2017

**MS. MARIE AUDREY GIRARD:** So, this is Marie Audrey from the National Inquiry into Murdered and Missing Indigenous Women. I am today with my colleague, Caitlin. Can you just state your name and your position, please?

**MS. CAITLIN HENDRICKSON:** Hi there, this is Caitlin Hendrickson with the National Inquiry. I am the statement gathering team lead here in Winnipeg.

**MS. MARIE AUDREY GIRARD:** And, today, we are with Dorothy and her family. I will ask you to state your name, and tell us from which nation you are from, and from where you are visiting us this morning.

**MS. DOROTHY STARR:** My name is Dorothy Starr. I am from Fort Alexander (indiscernible). And, the reason I am here for is because my son is missing.

**MS. CAITLIN HENDRICKSON:** Can I get you to state your name, as well, please? We’re just going to go around and ensure that everybody is on the record.

**MS. JENNIFER GUIMOND:** My name is Jennifer Guimond. I’m here for my brother, Chris.

**MS. CAITLIN HENDRICKSON:** Thank you.

**MS. STEPHANIE STARR:** My name is Stephanie Starr. Again, I’m here for my brother, Chris.

**MS. CAITLIN HENDRICKSON:** Thank you. Could
you introduce yourself?

MS. LISA HARTWICK: Sure. My name is Lisa Hartwick (phon). I’m here for health support for the family.

MS. MARIE AUDREY GIRARD: So, we are here today for you to share your story. So, would you like to tell us about the story you would like to share with us, that you would like the Commissioners to know today, please?

MS. DOROTHY STARR: Yes, I do. Okay. Where do I start from? I’ll talk about my son, the day he went missing.

MS. MARIE AUDREY GIRARD: Okay.

MS. DOROTHY STARR: That was 2015, April 7th. Okay. He always -- he always phoned wherever he was at. When he got to work, he would phone me. When he was leaving from work, he would phone and tell me he was on his way home. And, he usually talked to me until his bus came. And, when he got off the bus, he would ask if I needed anything from the store. It was always like that. So, I knew something was wrong when he didn’t show up on that evening on the 7th of April.

It’s no phone call, nothing. So, it was either the second or third day, finally, as I was asking around, phoning around for him. I phoned the police. They
came the next day, I believe. And, I told them that I haven’t heard from my son. I gave them all the information. And, it was that day he went out to get stuff he needed for fishing. He was supposed to leave that Friday to go fishing with my brother, Chris, but he never showed up. He said he was on a bus when I last talked to him, on his way back to my place. And, that was the last I heard of him.

And, from there -- well, I kept phoning the police. Then, [Detective A] -- I can’t remember her last name -- what I know is she was the one that took that case. What bugs me most of all is last spring, I think it was, we would meet with [Detective S]. She was the head boss for the detectives, I guess. So, I went there with my youngest daughter, Bobbie, and my son, Sean, and my granddaughter was there, too, Cassidy, and the reports that she was reading, none of it was really done, what she put on the report, her report. She never -- a lot of stuff she didn’t do that she said she did, she didn’t.

And, that’s what I told that [Detective S] straight out. I says, “All the stuff that’s written, most of it is bull.” And, she couldn’t really look at me after that. She kept looking around, looking at the other kids, the kids. But, she would not -- like, I’m looking at you straight, right now, and that’s what I did to her. She
couldn’t look at me.

And, I found out she is no longer there.

And, this person that’s supposed to be taking over,

[Detective D] -- see, I can’t remember his name either.

But, I leave messages for him to call me. Since last summer, was it, we had that meeting in Sagkeeng?

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Mm-hmm.

MS. DOROTHY STARR: Okay. I think I heard from him once or twice.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: That was this past month.

MS. DOROTHY STARR: And, that’s about a month ago I finally -- a month and a half ago, I guess, my brother phoned me and he says -- well, he wanted my brother’s phone number, Norman Guimond, that knew who was threatening my son. I don’t know if he ever called him, but about a month ago or so, he finally called my brother. He was asking him for information, what kind of information he can give to. And, actually, my brother got angry with him, and told him, “Why don’t you learn to do your job? I’m just a regular person. I don’t know everything. It’s your job to know what you’re supposed to be looking for.”

So, I guess my brother is angry, too, and he got angry at him, you know, wanting information from him. He can’t even go anywhere. He’s in a wheelchair. But,
anyways, that’s been going on like that. The last time I heard from him was that last meeting we had in Pine Falls. I think he phoned once. And, I leave numerous messages for him. I don’t hear from him.

MS. CAITLIN HENDRICKSON: Sorry, what year did your son go missing?

MS. DOROTHY STARR: April 7 of 2015.

MS. MARIE AUDREY GIRARD: And, you mentioned that your son was being threatened. Do you have any information about that? Do you know who was threatening him?

MS. DOROTHY STARR: Apparently, the woman he was with family.

MS. MARIE AUDREY GIRARD: So, the family of your son’s girlfriend was threatening him?

MS. DOROTHY STARR: Yes.

MS. MARIE AUDREY GIRARD: And, do you know if it has been on for a long time? Do you know a little bit about it, what happened?

MS. DOROTHY STARR: No. He didn’t really tell me nothing. But, the strange thing was before this happened, she would get a phone call, and then she would go lock herself in the bathroom. And you would hear her arguing with him all night long. He would tell her, “Shut up, I need to sleep. I’ve got to go to work in the
morning.”

We’d hear her picking arguments, this and that. But, when the phone calls started coming in for her, she would lock herself in the bathroom and -- I don't know. I don't know what she was so secretive about. Even Chris would ask her, “What was that about?” “Nothing for you to know”, she would say. So -- but -- oh geez, I guess I’m getting confused.

**MS. MARIE AUDREY GIRARD:** No problem. No problem.

**MS. DOROTHY STARR:** But ---

**MS. MARIE AUDREY GIRARD:** Who was his girlfriend?

**MS. DOROTHY STARR:** [Girlfriend].

**MS. MARIE AUDREY GIRARD:** And, do you know who in her family was threatening him?

**UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER:** Her brothers.

**MS. DOROTHY STARR:** Her brothers.

**UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER:** And, her dad, I think.

**MS. DOROTHY STARR:** Yes.

**MS. MARIE AUDREY GIRARD:** Do you know their names?

**MS. DOROTHY STARR:** I don’t know the guys’ names, but I know the dad’s name is [Girlfriend’s Father].

INTERNATIONAL REPORTING INC.
MS. MARIE AUDREY GIRARD: And ---

MS. DOROTHY STARR: I think the only one that was decent with him there was the mom. She always stuck up from him when her old man would start saying mean things to Chris. But, Chris would just walk away.

MS. MARIE AUDREY GIRARD: And, would you like to give us some information about Chris? How was your son, his relationship with the family? Tell a bit about him as well?

MS. CAITLIN HENDRICKSON: Maybe what are some of his strengths? What was he like growing up with you, and ---

MS. DOROTHY STARR: Well, he went back and forth to me and their dad when their dad was alive. He liked hunting, he liked fishing. Stuff like that he was taught to do. And, he liked being in the water, doing stuff in the bush, hunting, whatever. What else?

MS. CAITLIN HENDRICKSON: Do you have a favourite memory of Chris?

MS. DOROTHY STARR: Yes.

MS. STEPHANIE STARR: He’s done a lot of crazy things.

MS. CAITLIN HENDRICKSON: What kind of crazy things? Anything you want to share?

MS. STEPHANIE STARR: He was mostly a good
guy. Like, he was very helpful, loved people. He did a lot of side jobs for, you know, people that he knew. And, he was just -- like, he’d be out there to help you. Do you know what I mean?

**MS. CAITLIN HENDRICKSON:** Sorry, can you just state your name?

**MS. STEPHANIE STARR:** Stephanie.

**MS. CAITLIN HENDRICKSON:** Just so that the camera knows who was speaking.

**MS. STEPHANIE STARR:** But, yeah, I miss him a lot already.

**MS. MARIE AUDREY GIRARD:** Of course.

**MS. STEPHANIE STARR:** There’s a lot of things in the past that personally, like, sibling rivalry, stuff like that. But, you know, we always kind of forgave each other, you know, no matter how mad we would get at each other.

**MS. MARIE AUDREY GIRARD:** Mm-hmm.

**MS. STEPHANIE STARR:** The last two to three years of his life, he was finally beating a severe addiction he had for a long time. And, our relationship was improving because, you know, he was cleaning himself up, bettering himself. And then all this came about. You know, he’s just gone. It hurts.

**MS. MARIE AUDREY GIRARD:** And, you were
telling about his siblings. Do you have other ---

MS. STEPHANIE STARR: Yeah, we have others.

Yeah, there’s four boys, three girls.

MS. MARIE AUDREY GIRARD: And, would you like to let us know a little bit about your family, about your other sons and daughters?

MS. DOROTHY STARR: Oh, that’s a lot to go through.

MS. MARIE AUDREY GIRARD: Well, I want you to feel really comfortable. I don’t want to ask questions that you don’t want to answer.

MS. DOROTHY STARR: Actually, it’s my grandkids that are making it big. Okay. Chris has two sons, one daughter, and -- okay. Jenn, she had four kids, three boys, one girl. And, she lost one when the boy was about 12 years old. It was by hit and run. Okay. What’s the next one? Stephanie has two daughters; they are 20 and 21. I have to think. And then Sean has one son and two daughters. That’s the youngest boy. And, Brad. I’m not too sure about Brad. Two girls. Tim never had any.

MS. DOROTHY STARR: No, Tim didn’t have any.

MS. STEPHANIE STARR: We lost my brother, Tim, a long time ago, too.

MS. DOROTHY STARR: 1993. And, that one wanted to be a priest, I guess. He knew the Bible, so he
would just flip a page to what he wanted. He used that book a lot on her and Sean when they started arguing. He would sit down and take out his Bible. But...

**MS. CAITLIN HENDRICKSON:** Would you like to let us know what happened to Tim exactly?

**MS. DOROTHY STARR:** Pretty well the same way, I guess, because of a female.

**MS. STEPHANIE STARR:** It was about a woman. It was a jealousy thing. It’s a shame to lose two brothers the same way.

**MS. CAITLIN HENDRICKSON:** You mentioned Chris has children?

**MS. DOROTHY STARR:** Yes. He has two sons, and one girl.

**MS. CAITLIN HENDRICKSON:** And, how old are they?

**MS. DOROTHY STARR:** [Daughter 1] just turned 21, I believe. And, how old are -- Chris ---

**MS. STEPHANIE STARR:** I don’t remember.

**MS. DOROTHY STARR:** [Son 1] is the same age as Tasha. So, Tasha is 27. So, [Son 1] ---

**MS. STEPHANIE STARR:** [Son 1] is somewhere just beyond, beyond his other one.

**MS. DOROTHY STARR:** Thirty-four.

**MS. STEPHANIE STARR:** Thirty-one.
MS. DOROTHY STARR: Thirty-one?

MS. STEPHANIE STARR: They’re the same age (indiscernible).

MS. DOROTHY STARR: Shirley would be 34.

MS. CAITLIN HENDRICKSON: So, they were already adults when he disappeared?

MS. STEPHANIE STARR: Yes.

MS. CAITLIN HENDRICKSON: And, how have they dealt with it since?

MS. DOROTHY STARR: I don’t even see the kids.

MS. CAITLIN HENDRICKSON: Okay.

MS. STEPHANIE STARR: [Son 2] was living in Manitoba.

MS. DOROTHY STARR: Or B.C.

MS. STEPHANIE STARR: I don’t remember last where he was. I just now he’s back here in Manitoba.

MS. DOROTHY STARR: [Son 1] lives out here. Last time I seen him, he already had five kids.

MS. MARIE AUDREY GIRARD: So, when you said you had a big family, that’s true. That’s a big family.

MS. DOROTHY STARR: It’s the grandchildren that are making it.

MS. CAITLIN HENDRICKSON: So, you are a great grandmother, too?
MS. DOROTHY STARR: Great grandmother, yes.

MS. CAITLIN HENDRICKSON: Any great greats?

MS. DOROTHY STARR: Not yet. But, my great ones are just starting to grow now. My kids only had, what, at most -- she had four. She is the one with the most kids. Steph had two. Bobbie had one. Chris three -- no, four. Sean has three. It’s the grandchildren that are making us old.

MS. CAITLIN HENDRICKSON: If we can go back to Chris, how old was he when he disappeared?

MS. DOROTHY STARR: Forty-eight.

MS. CAITLIN HENDRICKSON: Forty-eight?

Okay. And, there was some mention of struggling with addiction. How long did that go on for?

MS. DOROTHY STARR: Oh, geez, he was quite young when he got involved in it. But, he cleaned himself up. It’s about three years?

MS. STEPHANIE STARR: About three years before he went missing. He was turning his life around. He was just making so much improvements.

MS. CAITLIN HENDRICKSON: And, how did he -- what was he doing that was helping to address that for him?

MS. DOROTHY STARR: He spent more time with the family.

MS. STEPHANIE STARR: Getting more jobs,
like I said, working for people (indiscernible), and doing side jobs for people. He would be busy with that stuff. He would go to church. He was doing a lot of things to better himself.

**MS. MARIE AUDREY GIRARD:** And, you mentioned, Dorothy, that Chris was threatened by his in-laws. Are you aware of any history of violence between Chris and the family, or if ---

**MS. DOROTHY STARR:** No.

**MS. STEPHANIE STARR:** Not officially. Like, we never really witnessed anything, but there is someone else I know of, she knows that family as well. She says they are not good people. They are people that will do things. She says they’re just not good to be around. They’re bad people, just don’t want to be involved with.

**MS. CAITLIN HENDRICKSON:** Where did they live?

**MS. STEPHANIE STARR:** Here in the city.

**MS. CAITLIN HENDRICKSON:** They lived in Winnipeg? So, they were living together?

**MS. STEPHANIE STARR:** Apparently, oh yeah, with her dad or something.

**MS. CAITLIN HENDRICKSON:** Oh, okay.

**MS. MARIE AUDREY GIRARD:** And, after Chris went missing, I was wondering if you received any support
with the police. You told us that the police was not —
you didn’t have all the information. But, did you have any
other support?

**MS. DOROTHY STARR:** Just the family.

**MS. STEPHANIE STARR:** We -- the police did
say they searched and whatnot, but a lot of times that we
were out, Jenn did more searching, I think, than any of us,
but never saw nothing go on about -- never heard nothing
about them actually doing anything. There were no -- there
was no actual physical evidence of seeing anything that
they were doing. And, it was us that were searching.

**MS. DOROTHY STARR:** There was no search,
there was no dogs, there was no reports on anything
(indiscernible). Where would they have an idea to go look,
they never went and looked.

**MS. CAITLIN HENDRICKSON:** And, was there any
history of violence between himself and his girlfriend,
like specifically partner violence?

**MS. DOROTHY STARR:** Well, there was one time
I went -- well, Chris says, “Mom”, he says, “I’m going to
go play Bingo.” So, we went to Bingo. And then we were
waiting for a bus, and I don’t know what was going on, she
was hitting him. “Ouch”, he says, “Leave me alone.” And
then she -- oh, okay. I remember what she was mad about.
Tylenol 3s.
MS. STEPHANIE STARR: She wanted pills?

MS. DOROTHY STARR: She wanted pills, but Chris wouldn’t buy them for her. So, she started getting mad at him and hitting him.

MS. CAITLIN HENDRICKSON: So, how long were they together before he disappeared?

MS. DOROTHY STARR: Oh, geez, maybe a year and a half.

MS. JENNIFER GUIMOND: Well, she was supposed to have been the one to help him get out of his addiction. That’s what I heard anyways. I don't know.

MS. DOROTHY STARR: Yes. But, it was actually -- I mean, he was trying to stop her from taking those pills. You know how skinny she was.

MS. CAITLIN HENDRICKSON: Go ahead.

MS. DOROTHY STARR: No, just -- yes, she was addicted to those pills.

MS. MARIE AUDREY GIRARD: If you let me go back, just a little bit back, you were talking about Chris’ father. You said at that time, earlier, the father wasn’t there. Can you tell us a little bit about the family and the dynamic of the family as well? Just for us to know -- have a good idea of who is who, and what Chris is doing, to have, like, a complete perspective?

MS. DOROTHY STARR: Okay. Well, he was
close to his dad. And, especially Chris and Jenn, they were close to him. And, the other ones, they were small when we separated. So, it’s the two older ones that were close to their dad, and they would go spend time with their dad, too. And I believe that’s why when he turned 18, 17 to 18 ---

**MS. JENNIFER GUIMOND:** Well, I was (indiscernible). But, anyways, yeah, we stayed with Dad back on -- and, Chris always did the hunting, the fishing with them, and my uncle Clifford. He would always go with them. Just about 14 was when Chris stayed more in the city after that. Yeah.

**MS. CAITLIN HENDRICKSON:** Sorry, can I clarify, when did you separate from their father?

**MS. DOROTHY STARR:** 1975.

**MS. CAITLIN HENDRICKSON:** Okay. And, where did you live?

**MS. DOROTHY STARR:** I moved into the city.

**MS. CAITLIN HENDRICKSON:** So, you lived in Winnipeg?

**MS. DOROTHY STARR:** Yes.

**MS. CAITLIN HENDRICKSON:** And, where did he live?

**MS. DOROTHY STARR:** In Sagkeeng.

**MS. CAITLIN HENDRICKSON:** Okay.
MS. DOROTHY STARR: The dad.

MS. CAITLIN HENDRICKSON: Just to understand where the kids were when you were apart.

MS. DOROTHY STARR: Oh no, the kids were all with me, but the dad stayed behind. Well, we separated.

MS. CAITLIN HENDRICKSON: Do you mind if I ask why you separated?

MS. DOROTHY STARR: There was quite a bit of violence going on, alcohol.

MS. CAITLIN HENDRICKSON: So, there is some history of your children witnessing that?

MS. DOROTHY STARR: Well, especially the two, yeah.

MS. CAITLIN HENDRICKSON: Thank you. Did you have any support around that, when you separated?

MS. DOROTHY STARR: Not really, just always family members.

MS. CAITLIN HENDRICKSON: Yeah. It’s got to be difficult moving into a city and ---

MS. DOROTHY STARR: Yeah, but I had my sister-in-law living out here. There’s two of them. So, the younger one, Margaret, was the one that helped me get settled in.

MS. MARIE AUDREY GIRARD: And, do you think -- well, I will just go maybe a little bit away from that
topic. I would like to know, like, in the perfect world, when Chris disappeared, how you would have liked the police and the support to be? What would have been the best scenario that you have? Remember, we talked a little bit about the investigation?

**MS. DOROTHY STARR:** Oh yes.

**MS. MARIE AUDREY GIRARD:** I would like to go a little bit more details about that. Like, what would have been the perfect, for you, perfect situation, and how would you answer that?

**MS. CAITLIN HENDRICKSON:** And, what would have been helpful?

**MS. MARIE AUDREY GIRARD:** What would have been helpful for you? What kind of support?

**MS. DOROTHY STARR:** Like I say, if they would have done what they are supposed to do. But, I know for a fact they didn’t know what she said they did.

**MS. JENNIFER GUIMOND:** Meaning the search party.

**MS. DOROTHY STARR:** Searching. He was ---

**MS. JENNIFER GUIMOND:** (Indiscernible).

And, going to the areas where you suggested that he was last.

**MS. DOROTHY STARR:** Yes.

**MS. JENNIFER GUIMOND:** Because, we were in
the whole area, there was five of us on a search, on a
group. We never seen anybody in those areas to help us.
Because we had the Bear Clan help us, too. We got them
involved. Just for a while though, eh?

MS. DOROTHY STARR: Yes.

MS. MARIE AUDREY GIRARD: So, how long were
you searching on yourself?

MS. JENNIFER GUIMOND: Yes. We did it from
April to snowfall, eh?

MS. STEPHANIE STARR: Yes.

MS. JENNIFER GUIMOND: April to snowfall.

And, we went right along the whole Red River, on each side.
We went in different areas, such as, like, Pembina Highway.
Like, in the last areas where he said he was, we went and
searched the train tracks. We even went on the perimeters
of the city. And, you know, how if somebody did do
something, they may have just dumped him somewhere. So, we
went along all of the perimeters, most of the perimeter.
And, we did that all summer.

MS. STEPHANIE STARR: And, we never found
nothing.

MS. JENNIFER GUIMOND: We never found
nothing.

MS. MARIE AUDREY GIRARD: You never received
information or any leads that could tell you what happened?
MS. DOROTHY STARR: No.

MS. JENNIFER GUIMOND: Even when we did find something odd, we tried to report it to that detective, [Detective A], but she wouldn’t respond to anything. She wouldn’t take it down seriously. Because, actually, there was one time I was taking -- we were doing a search from the Red River Bridge, the Louise Bridge, from bridge to bridge. We stopped one night at this area, then we start there in the morning.

The next morning, we started at that point, but we didn’t go under the bridge. When we last looked it was clear, but the next morning, we came back, there was blood splattered, and there was car tracks. There was, like, an evidence of something that went on there the night we left. And, we tried to report it to the detective the next day, but she says, “Oh, that’s just rust leaking from the bridge.”

MS. DOROTHY STARR: And, there was no rust.

MS. JENNIFER GUIMOND: There was no rust, and that thing looked like whatever was bleeding was dragged down to the river. Like ---

MS. STEPHANIE STARR: A trail.

MS. JENNIFER GUIMOND: A trail of blood.

And, there was rain that night, but that’s under the bridge, so it didn’t get washed away. And, she was trying
to say that was blood -- you know how blood coagulates? It was starting to look like that, but she was saying it was rust from the bridge. But, that bridge didn’t have rust. It was a painted bridge.

So, we just left it at that. She wouldn’t take note of it or nothing. So, we went along our way, and just did our search again, and we searched for another two kilometres that way. But, things like that, we tried to let her know about. And, she wouldn’t -- she would just brush it aside, and just -- that was it.

**MS. MARIE AUDREY GIRARD:** So, you have the impression that many things you told the police you didn’t get taken seriously?

**MS. JENNIFER GUIMOND:** They didn’t take it seriously.

**MS. MARIE AUDREY GIRARD:** They didn’t really investigate that?

**MS. JENNIFER GUIMOND:** No.

**MS. CAITLIN HENDRICKSON:** How did his girlfriend respond to his disappearance?

**MS. STEPHANIE STARR:** She was very shady about it.

**MS. DOROTHY STARR:** Yeah.

**MS. STEPHANIE STARR:** The night he didn’t come home, the next day she went to her parents, or
something like that?

MS. DOROTHY STARR: No, she took off. That morning ---

MS. STEPHANIE STARR: That morning.

MS. DOROTHY STARR: --- Chris was doing laundry and then, “Why is [Girlfriend] still in bed?” “Go get her up”, he says. “I tried to wake her up”, he says, “she didn’t want to get up.” So, I went in her room, all of her stuff was gone; she was gone. She took whatever she could take, I guess. And, Chris looked surprised. “What a little shit”, he says, “What’s going on?” I said, “I don’t know. I didn’t even see her leave. I thought she was still sleeping.” “Oh well”, he says, “Let her go to her dad, maybe she misses her dad or something.”

And so, around 12:00 that day he says, “Mom, can you finish doing the laundry?” I said, “Okay.” I was going to go with him. He says he wanted my grandson to go with him, but he didn’t want to go. So, I said, “I’ll go with you.” “No”, he says, “that’s okay. But, you can finish my laundry.” So, that’s what I did. And, that was the last time. That was the last time.

MS. STEPHANIE STARR: But, how she acted the day after he went missing, she called my mom asking her to help ---

MS. DOROTHY STARR: Yeah.
MS. STEPHANIE STARR: [Girlfriend] was asking my mom to help [Girlfriend] move Chris’ electronics, his movies, anything that was worth money like that, she wanted over at her parents’ place. And, she was asking my mom to help her do it. Why would she do something like that if ---

MS. DOROTHY STARR: And, she didn’t even ask for his clothing, nothing. Just all the electronics.

MS. STEPHANIE STARR: Just the electronics and, you know, like, something you’d probably be able to just sell on the street or something. She was, like -- I don't know what the word is I’m looking for.

MS. CAITLIN HENDRICKSON: So, what you're saying is, the morning before he disappeared, she had moved her things out?

MS. DOROTHY STARR: No, that -- she moved her stuff out the morning that Chris went missing.

MS. CAITLIN HENDRICKSON: Okay.

MS. STEPHANIE STARR: It was that evening he didn’t come home.

MS. CAITLIN HENDRICKSON: Okay.

MS. STEPHANIE STARR: Right? But, it was like after he went missing, it was a day or so after he was ---

MS. DOROTHY STARR: About two -- yeah,
two/three days later.

**MS. STEPHANIE STARR:** Yeah. She called requesting my mom for his stuff.

**MS. MARIE AUDREY GIRARD:** Okay. So, you have a feeling that there is known information that the police hasn’t been able to access. You think that people know stuff ---

**MS. STEPHANIE STARR:** Yes.

**MS. MARIE AUDREY GIRARD:** --- that police never really investigate into?

**MS. STEPHANIE STARR:** Yeah, exactly, because my mom or family members would find out little clues here and there, or hear something, and then would say, “Well, this is what we heard”; you know? She would call, leave messages, to kind of give direction, like, “This is what I’m hearing.” But, she never was taken seriously. Like, calls were never really being returned. Stuff like that. So, I mean, how can we help, when we’re trying to help, but they’re not really doing -- we feel like they’re not doing...

**MS. MARIE AUDREY GIRARD:** Why do you think, in your opinion, they’re not taking this seriously?

**MS. JENNIFER GUIMOND:** Because he’s Native.

**MS. DOROTHY STARR:** Yeah. Exactly.

**MS. STEPHANIE STARR:** That’s the biggest
reason, we believe, why this case was just kind of just shoved aside and not taken seriously about it.

**MS. MARIE AUDREY GIRARD:** And, do you know if [Girlfriend] and [Girlfriend]’s family have been investigated, and have been cooperating with the investigation?

**MS. DOROTHY STARR:** Well, [Detective A] said that she did. But, she says all [Girlfriend] did on camera, she said all she did was crying and crying. And, I even asked [Detective D], the one that took over that case, supposedly, I asked, when I talked to him, “Have you talked to those people?” “Oh, they had nothing to do with it. We talked to her. We talked to the family. Good, nice family”, he says. Little does he know.

**MS. CAITLIN HENDRICKSON:** I’m just wondering, can you tell me what police force were you dealing with?

**MS. DOROTHY STARR:** The police, Winnipeg Police.

**MS. CAITLIN HENDRICKSON:** Winnipeg Police?

**MS. DOROTHY STARR:** Yes.

**MS. MARIE AUDREY GIRARD:** Would you like to take the break while they are gone?

**UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER:** She’s gone to check the parking.
MS. MARIE AUDREY GIRARD: So, maybe we can ---

MS. CAITLIN HENDRICKSON: Do you want to take a few minutes break so that we can make sure that she gets back up?

MS. DOROTHY STARR: Okay.

MS. MARIE AUDREY GIRARD: So, it is 10:57 and we are putting the record off.

MS. JENNIFER GUIMOND: We were on that search of my sister’s stuff. We made a whole bunch of ---

MS. MARIE AUDREY GIRARD: Sorry, we just put the recorder off. So, I don’t know if you want to just wait for your sister to be back and tell it?

MS. JENNIFER GUIMOND: Okay. We’ll wait for her to get back.

MS. MARIE AUDREY GIRARD: And, if you want to take a small break. If you’re hungry, would you like something to eat?

MS. JENNIFER GUIMOND: Where are you allowed to smoke?

--- Upon recessing at 10:57

--- Upon resuming at 11:22

MS. MARIE AUDREY GIRARD: So, this is Marie Audrey with Dorothy, Jenn, Stephanie, and Lisa, and Caitlin. It is 11:22, and we are continuing this

INTERNATIONAL REPORTING INC.
statement.

So, thank you for being back with us. I will maybe have a few questions for you personally. Can you tell me more a little bit about yourself, about how was your youth, and about your family a little bit? Just for us to know a little bit about you and your path.

**MS. DOROTHY STARR:** I don’t have a pet.

**MS. MARIE AUDREY GIRARD:** Path. Sorry, my -- this is my big accent; sorry. Sorry for that.

**MS. CAITLIN HENDRICKSON:** Also, one thing that we forgot to mention with the tissues here, if you are sharing any emotion, it is absolutely welcome here. If you use a tissue to dry your tears, we are collecting them in these paper bags, and from there, we’re taking those tears to the fire to release them in there. Just so you know. We forgot to go over that earlier. So, anyway, back to what Marie was asking.

**MS. DOROTHY STARR:** Okay. About myself?

**MS. MARIE AUDREY GIRARD:** Mm-hmm. And, your early life.

**MS. DOROTHY STARR:** My early life? I was raised by my grandmother. Is that the part you’re talking about?

**MS. MARIE AUDREY GIRARD:** Yes.

**MS. DOROTHY STARR:** Okay. I was raised by
my grandmother. Actually, I wasn’t the only one. There was other siblings -- or grandkids. Because our moms passed away. Mine passed away when I was six months old, and my brother was two. It was me and Louis on my mother’s side. And the aunties, there was Charlie, Mary, and Danny.

And, okay, where do we go from there? Well, we went to school. Me and (indiscernible) walked to school every day. But, my grandmother pulled me out when I was in grade four. She said she did not want to raise another lazy one in the family.

MS. CAITLIN HENDRICKSON: Did anyone in your family attend residential school?

MS. DOROTHY STARR: I don’t think so. Not that I know of.

MS. CAITLIN HENDRICKSON: Okay. Can I ask you, do you know anything about the circumstances around your mother’s passing?

MS. DOROTHY STARR: As far as I know, I guess she had TB. That’s all I know.

MS. CAITLIN HENDRICKSON: Oh, okay. So, you left school in fourth grade, and then your grandmother raised you?

MS. DOROTHY STARR: Well, she, as I say, pulled me out of school because she didn’t want another one like my sister. Well, we called each other brother and
sister, because we were all raised by the grandma.

**MS. MARIE AUDREY GIRARD:** So, how old were you, sorry, for grade -- what? Nine or ten?

**MS. DOROTHY STARR:** Around there, I guess, ten.

**MS. CAITLIN HENDRICKSON:** And, where did you grow up?

**MS. DOROTHY STARR:** In Sagkeeng, on a reserve.

**MS. MARIE AUDREY GIRARD:** And, what were you doing after your grandmother pulled you out of school? Like, what was a normal day for you?

**MS. DOROTHY STARR:** Well, I mean, I guess it was a normal thing, learning to clean house, how to clean, how to work in the bush, because we used to -- me and my grandmother used to cut wood to sell. And, hunting.

**MS. CAITLIN HENDRICKSON:** So, very traditional.

**MS. DOROTHY STARR:** Yes. It was mostly partridges and rabbits we were hunting for. The males hunt for the bigger stuff. And, we basically grew up on vegetables, wild meat, stuff like that. That was always good.

**MS. MARIE AUDREY GIRARD:** Are you still eating the same thing today?
MS. DOROTHY STARR: I wish I could. If I have the chance, yes, I do.

MS. CAITLIN HENDRICKSON: It’s always nice to have those traditional foods; right?

MS. DOROTHY STARR: Yes. That’s ---

MS. CAITLIN HENDRICKSON: That’s the nice thing about the meals here, is that they’re very specific about making sure that they’re traditional meals. In Smithers, we had moose and all sorts of other things. They were so good. So, I’m hoping that’s on the menu.

MS. STEPHANIE STARR: Deer is good, too.

MS. DOROTHY STARR: But, other than that, my grandmother was quite strict. If you did something wrong, you couldn’t go anywhere, couldn’t hunt. But, it was always my brother that used to sneak me out.

MS. CAITLIN HENDRICKSON: There’s always one in the family.

MS. DOROTHY STARR: Yes. And, he would lie for me, too. But, he would pay for it. He would get home 6:00 in the morning, and try and sneak in, or sleep in the vehicle. Bang, “Get up, you’re not sleeping. Go and do your chores.” And, yet, we never learned. When the evening came along, (indiscernible). “I just want to go get my car fixed. I have something to be fixed.”

MS. MARIE AUDREY GIRARD: And, until what
age are you living with your grandmother?

MS. DOROTHY STARR: Eighteen.


Can you tell us more about what happened after you turned 18, and you were not living with your grandmother anymore?

MS. DOROTHY STARR: I got married.

MS. STEPHANIE STARR: To our dad.

MS. DOROTHY STARR: But, I pretty well stayed at his mom’s or at my grandma’s until we built our own little log house.

MS. CAITLIN HENDRICKSON: How long were you married before you separated?

MS. DOROTHY STARR: Eleven years.

MS. CAITLIN HENDRICKSON: And, you know, you talked about some tough things about your relationship that led to your separation. And, I know it would be hard to talk a little bit more in detail, but it is information that would be important for the Commission to know, because one of the things that we’re looking for are patterns. You know, we are looking at intergenerational trauma and violence. And so, if you could give us some more details around the facts that led to your separation from your husband?

MS. DOROTHY STARR: Well, I used to drink, too. And, just before I turned 21, he got me to go into
the bar, and he knew the people. So, I started drinking, too. But then after a while, all we did was fight, argue, physical fighting. And, that’s where I decided, okay -- as soon as he started picking on the kids, that’s where I draw the line.

**MS. CAITLIN HENDRICKSON:** So, was Chris subjected to physical violence from your husband?

**MS. DOROTHY STARR:** Well, my dad would babysit the kids at my grandma’s. So, they didn’t really see that. They heard us argue, but physical fighting, I don’t think they seen it.

**MS. CAITLIN HENDRICKSON:** Okay. I was just asking if your husband had ever been violent with Chris or any of the other kids?

**MS. DOROTHY STARR:** Well, in a way, I guess, yeah. That was his way of disciplining, I guess.

**MS. MARIE AUDREY GIRARD:** Okay. Thank you for sharing. We are aware this is not easy information to share. So, are you still -- after your separation 11 years after, were you still in contact with him when you came to the city?

**MS. STEPHANIE STARR:** It was just for us.

**MS. DOROTHY STARR:** Because I wasn’t going to hold the kids against him. And, the kids had their own rights to where they want to be. I tried to be fair that
MS. MARIE AUDREY GIRARD: So, if I understand well, when you separated, and sorry if I misunderstood, you came to the city, and then the children decided if they wanted to stay with you or with their father?

MS. DOROTHY STARR: Well, they would go visit their dad.

MS. STEPHANIE STARR: Summer holidays.

MS. DOROTHY STARR: Yeah. Because through the school years, they can’t leave the school.

MS. MARIE AUDREY GIRARD: So, they would be staying with you and ---

MS. DOROTHY STARR: Yeah, but when summer holidays came along, that’s where they would be.

MS. MARIE AUDREY GIRARD: I see. I see. Okay. I understand. And, do you have any other questions about this?

MS. CAITLIN HENDRICKSON: No, I don’t think so.

MS. MARIE AUDREY GIRARD: So, thank you for sharing about your personal experience. I will maybe go back to Chris.

MS. DOROTHY STARR: Okay.

MS. MARIE AUDREY GIRARD: To know a little
bit about -- a little bit more about him, because I think that’s why we are here today, as well.

MS. DOROTHY STARR: Yes.

MS. MARIE AUDREY GIRARD: So, I know you described him a little bit, but I would like to know maybe a few things before he went missing, if you have any memories that you would like to share with us, and to tell us what happened a little bit, a little bit more in detail. I know, for instance, that [Girlfriend] moved the day after that Chris went missing, but ---

MS. DOROTHY STARR: No, she moved -- she left -- took off that morning, the day Chris went missing.

MS. MARIE AUDREY GIRARD: Yes. Uh-huh. So, if you have, like, to tell us, like, a little bit about Chris the day before he went missing, what he was doing, if you think that anything was abnormal, apart from what you already told us.

MS. DOROTHY STARR: Everything was normal with him. He was happy to leave to go fishing. We always played cards. We played Crib.

MS. MARIE AUDREY GIRARD: And, were his children living with him at the moment?

MS. DOROTHY STARR: No.

MS. MARIE AUDREY GIRARD: They were adults; right?
MS. DOROTHY STARR: Yes.

MS. MARIE AUDREY GIRARD: So, when they were younger, were the children living with Chris?

MS. DOROTHY STARR: No.

MS. MARIE AUDREY GIRARD: No, they were living with their mother?

MS. DOROTHY STARR: Or foster homes, yeah.

MS. MARIE AUDREY GIRARD: Okay. So, they have been -- all the three of them have been in foster family?

MS. DOROTHY STARR: Chris’ oldest daughter, she was brought up by her ---

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Foster mom? Foster mom, I guess.

MS. DOROTHY STARR: Yeah, I guess.

MS. STEPHANIE STARR: [Son 2] is living with his mom’s mom, the grandma. And then now the youngest – [Daughter 2] is the oldest -- or, is she younger?

MS. JENNIFER GUIMOND: No, [Daughter 2] is the youngest.

MS. STEPHANIE STARR: She’s been in care since she was ---

MS. JENNIFER GUIMOND: --- yeah, under CFS care, and stuff like that. And, little [Son 1], he was with his mom.
MS. STEPHANIE STARR: Yeah, he was with his mom, but maybe he’s one of the five kids, maybe seven now.

MS. CAITLIN HENDRICKSON: Did you have any connection to them, even though they were not with Chris?

MS. DOROTHY STARR: No, just [Son 1] -- I would run into him sometimes when I would go down to ---

MS. STEPHANIE STARR: [Son 1] she is talking about.

MS. CAITLIN HENDRICKSON: Okay. Thanks.

MS. DOROTHY STARR: At that Giant Tiger on Ellis, I believe it is.

MS. CAITLIN HENDRICKSON: So, right around the corner?

MS. DOROTHY STARR: Yeah, that’s the right one. I usually meet up with him there. Last time I seen him, he gave me his phone number, and I dropped that phone number somewhere. So, I’ve got to go back there, if I run into him, especially on child tax day or -- I can’t even remember when (indiscernible).

MS. MARIE AUDREY GIRARD: So, if I understand well, [Son 1] wasn’t with the mother for -- he got separated from the mother early? So, he wasn’t with the mother for many years?

MS. DOROTHY STARR: No.

MS. MARIE AUDREY GIRARD: Okay.
MS. CAITLIN HENDRICKSON: Do they all have the same mother?

MS. DOROTHY STARR: No.

MS. STEPHANIE STARR: No.

MS. JENNIFER GUIMOND: All different moms.

MS. CAITLIN HENDRICKSON: Okay. Do you know anything about his relationships with them?

MS. JENNIFER GUIMOND: [Son 2]’s mother, Cheryl, she was my best friend at the time because, actually, I was the one that brought them together. Yeah, well, she was my best friend. She did everything with me, anything. And, I helped with Chris’ son, [Son 2], the first few years, two/three years. And, I was only 15 and 16 myself when I was helping her. Even when I was 13 and stuff, I’d help her as much as I could.

MS. CAITLIN HENDRICKSON: So, she was really young when [Son 2] was born?

MS. JENNIFER GUIMOND: Well, before she even got pregnant with Chris’ child we were friends, so, yeah. But, I never got, like, close to the other women that he had kids with. No, just Cheryl.

MS. MARIE AUDREY GIRARD: And, you were saying that [Son 2] live with his grandmother?

MS. JENNIFER GUIMOND: Yeah, now. Yeah. It was a decision that the mom had made, because she was no
longer with Chris at the time. And, I guess, she felt --
she might have felt it was a bit much for her, still, so
she asked her mom to take over. And, she had him since.
Now, he’s got his own girlfriend, and I think they’re
having a baby. But, we don’t have much contact with him.
Like, we tried, but I think -- I don’t know why he doesn’t
want to, but that’s just -- there is no connection anymore.

MS. CAITLIN HENDRICKSON: And, how did Chris
feel about his children, and not really being able to be a
parent to them?

MS. JENNIFER GUIMOND: Guaranteed, you know,
he’d miss them and stuff like that but in a sense, in a way
he knew they should be where they were at, I think.

MS. CAITLIN HENDRICKSON: He understood his
limitations.

MS. JENNIFER GUIMOND: I think so.

MS. CAITLIN HENDRICKSON: And, during this
time, was he struggling with his addictions?

MS. JENNIFER GUIMOND: That was one of the
times, yes.

MS. MARIE AUDREY GIRARD: So, if I
understand well, before he went missing, he wasn’t in
contact with his children at that time?

MS. STEPHANIE STARR: Well, he -- well,
[Daughter 3] once in a while. Yeah, [Daughter 3]. [Son 2]
is -- as we mentioned, there should be, but -- the other ones, [Son 1] and [Daughter 1], I’m not too aware of that, if there has been any contact.

**MS. DOROTHY STARR:** And, even I tried to contact Child and Family in Sagkeeng --

**MS. STEPHANIE STARR:** To get a hold of her, like ---

**MS. DOROTHY STARR:** Yeah, to get a hold of [Daughter 1].

**MS. STEPHANIE STARR:** But, there was no help from them on that part.

**MS. CAITLIN HENDRICKSON:** They don’t want to give you contact information? And, they wouldn’t contact them to say that you were looking for -- okay. That’s really too bad.

**MS. JENNIFER GUIMOND:** Yeah, it is.

**MS. DOROTHY STARR:** Even Jerome was looking through Internet, looking for her.

**MS. STEPHANIE STARR:** On Facebook and stuff, yeah.

**MS. DOROTHY STARR:** But, there’s nothing.

**MS. MARIE AUDREY GIRARD:** And, how old is [Daughter 1], 17?

**MS. JENNIFER GUIMOND:** She’s 21.

**MS. MARIE AUDREY GIRARD:** Twenty-one, sorry.
MS. DOROTHY STARR: She’s the same age as Marsh, eh?

MS. JENNIFER GUIMOND: Yeah. And, she’s only months older than Paige.

MS. MARIE AUDREY GIRARD: So, when was the last time you could see [Daughter 1]? When was the last contact with [Daughter 1]?

MS. DOROTHY STARR: Oh jeez, when she was about ---

MS. JENNIFER GUIMOND: Four?

DOROTHY STARR: Five.

MS. JENNIFER GUIMOND: Four to five, yeah.

MS. DOROTHY STARR: Because she came over there, back home, for Halloween that one weekend, I remember. She was just small.

MS. CAITLIN HENDRICKSON: So, as part of our truth-finding protocol with the Inquiry, part of what the Commissioners can do is they can request records to see if there is anything further that needs to be looked into. So, just around the police investigation when you said that you were dealing with Winnipeg Police, is that something that you feel that we should be looking into, is looking at those police reports, and seeing how they conducted their investigation?

MS. JENNIFER GUIMOND: Definitely.
MS. DOROTHY STARR: Yes.

MS. JENNIFER GUIMOND: Nothing should be left out.

MS. CAITLIN HENDRICKSON: And, they will look at what the quality of the investigation was, and who was operating those times, and see if they have records of you contacting them, and any of what you’ve shared today of what you told the police. And so, they will take a look at that, and as part of our forensic review team, they can -- I don’t know if it will get referred to them, but it will definitely -- it is definitely something they can request.

MS. JENNIFER GUIMOND: Okay.

MS. MARIE AUDREY GIRARD: And, do you think, in your opinion, is there any other people in your family that would like to give their statement in relation to what happened to Chris? Someone that would be willing to talk here, share their truth with us?

MS. STEPHANIE STARR: Meaning?

MS. MARIE AUDREY GIRARD: Somebody else in you family, or around Chris’ disappearance?

MS. CAITLIN HENDRICKSON: Anybody that knew him, friends ---

MS. STEPHANIE STARR: Oh, he had friends. All those friends don’t say nothing, though. We know words are -- you know, things are being said, but nobody is
really coming out and really saying it, especially to the family.

**MS. DOROTHY STARR:** Yeah.

**MS. STEPHANIE STARR:** It’s kind of like, you go by of mouth, the gossip that goes around; right? And, there are some ugly things that were said that we heard. And, it’s hard to find truth.

**MS. CAITLIN HENDRICKSON:** So, if you do know anybody that might have information that wants to share with us, we can give you the contact. They have to get to us.

**MS. JENNIFER GUIMOND:** Just like I started earlier, what I was saying when we were doing the search, we were on the search for the five days, but my sister Steph, she come up with the plan of putting up posters. So, we took a picture of him, and then she made at least 500 copies of these pictures of him.

And, we went around all of Main Street, straight down. We put one on every pole coming this way, and then going that way again. To Portage and Main, to Mountain and Main, that strip, all the way down on those light poles, we put all those posters up. We went down Burrows, Alfred, like, all the streets coming back. And, we go up to (indiscernible), going up and down.

We posted all these posters up on those
poles and every one of them got ripped off. And, I’ve seen all these other posters they’ve been fading, and they’re still sitting there.

**MS. STEPHANIE STARR:** We’re assuming that whoever knows something ---

**MS. JENNIFER GUIMOND:** Within the month after we put them up, they were all taken off. Like, is it somebody who couldn’t stand to see Chris’ face up there, you know? And, we tried to talk to that detective about those posters. We figured maybe we could strike a nerve, you know, putting up all these posters. We did hit a nerve. Somebody ripped them all down. And, the investigator never tried to look back at it.

And, there’s cameras down the streets, apparently, so that would probably show who was ripping those pictures down. But, we figured that would be some kind of information to see who was ripping them down, give us an idea that whoever’s nerve it’s striking -- you know what I mean?

But, nothing was ever done or said about it. So, I just left it alone, too. And, we always look back just to see, like, are we just seeing things that those pictures are gone down? And, it only took them a month to be ripped down. So, I don’t know.

**MS. MARIE AUDREY GIRARD:** And, nowadays, are
you still working, like researching? Because you said
you’ve been doing some researching about Chris. Are you
still working on this?

   MS. JENNIFER GUIMOND:   Well, we went out
this year. My van got written off that week we were coming
out to search. But, it’s like things are stopping us from
going about it.

   MS. STEPHANIE STARR: Like, slow us down, or
side track us, or just delay things, it felt like.

   MS. JENNIFER GUIMOND:   Delay, yeah.

   MS. CAITLIN HENDRICKSON: Do you have any
documents or anything that you would like to provide the
Inquiry? Do you have any of those posters of him?

   MS. STEPHANIE STARR: We still have some. I
still have some.

   MS. CAITLIN HENDRICKSON: So, if there is
anything that you’d like to share of Chris’, not just
around his disappearance, but anything that you want to do
to commemorate him, and honour him, and you want us to have
that, you’re welcome to provide that. You don’t need to do
that today. You can always connect to Health Support
another time. And, that just goes into the archive as part
of your testimony. And, we just want to know what it is
that you would like to see from the Inquiry, in terms of
what you would like to see to honour Chris.
MS. STEPHANIE STARR: Well, I mean, Jenn and I attended a meeting yesterday in Fort Alex about a monument going -- they talked about going to be put up to commemorate the murdered and missing. We were told to give something like that, something that could represent Chris and what he liked, and stuff like that. So, that’s kind of part of what’s going on. So, I think that’s nice.

MS. CAITLIN HENDRICKSON: And, part of our archive and collection process is we’re also -- if anybody in your family is artistic at all and wants to share anything with artistic expressions, we’re open to accepting art pieces, songs, anything that you want to share, poetry. Whatever you’d like to put in that archive as honouring Chris, we welcome you to do that.

MS. MARIE AUDREY GIRARD: Anything -- I was wondering if there is anything else that you would like to share with us today that you haven’t had time to share yet? If there is anything you would like to tell us, you would like the National Inquiry to know?

MS. DOROTHY STARR: Yes, there is one thing I had forgot to mention, that time when he -- that first week when he went missing. Just a group of friends were -- I was saying we were searching down that strip -- what do you call that street where he supposedly had gotten off by A&W? Okay, the person that was -- one of them that was
helping, his name was Rick, and he was good at searching.
And, he went into A&W and asked them, “Do you have
cameras?” And, that person told us that on the outside
there’s cameras on each wall, the four walls ---

MS. STEPHANIE STARR: Around the building.

MS. DOROTHY STARR: --- around the building.
And, that’s why I didn’t ---

MS. STEPHANIE STARR: That’s the thing we
thought the police messed up on.

MS. DOROTHY STARR: Should have done,
because ---

MS. STEPHANIE STARR: They could have asked
about that, but they didn’t.

MS. DOROTHY STARR: --- that’s where they
said he got off from. So, if they would have checked the
tapes ---

MS. STEPHANIE STARR: They could have seen
which direction, or if he got off, like, to meet with
somebody or something. But that was something that was
left out, and we thought that was a big mistake right
there.

MS. DOROTHY STARR: Yeah.

MS. STEPHANIE STARR: Right from the start,
because those cameras or whatever could have caught
something. Definitely the direction which way he headed.
MS. DOROTHY STARR: Or, if anybody approached him.

MS. STEPHANIE STARR: Yeah, exactly. Or, if he got into a vehicle after the bus. We don’t know. We just don’t know.

MS. CAITLIN HENDRICKSON: Is there anything you’d like to share about your family’s strengths and resilience about where you’ve been since he’s disappeared?

MS. DOROTHY STARR: It’s mostly the family that, on my part, they’re there for me. That’s pretty well -- you can’t really talk to people. We talk to the kids and they’re my support.

MS. CAITLIN HENDRICKSON: Are there any external supports that you feel like you might need? Is there anything that you’d like to see come from Health?

MS. DOROTHY STARR: That would be nice, I guess. Stephanie always looks after me, too.

MS. STEPHANIE STARR: If there was some form of counselling, something, because yeah, it would help immensely.

MS. CAITLIN HENDRICKSON: Are there any questions that you have for us, or anything that you’d like to share?

MS. STEPHANIE STARR: We appreciate you guys listening.
MS. DOROTHY STARR: Yeah, it’s ---

MS. MARIE AUDREY GIRARD: Well, it’s ---

MS. STEPHANIE STARR: I think this was something that was a long time coming.

MS. MARIE AUDREY GIRARD: Well, thank you very much for sharing this story with us, and to talk about Chris. And, we will make sure that everything that was said today will go to the Commissioners and that Chris is not forgotten. So, we really acknowledge your strength and courage to come. I know it must be really, really, really tough.

So, we acknowledge your strength and courage personally, and as a family as well. Thank you very much for sharing your story, and Chris’ story, your family’s story. We will really hope things will change in the future, and for the best.

MS. STEPHANIE STARR: Yeah, we hope so, too.

MS. MARIE AUDREY GIRARD: So, if you -- I think you will still be in contact with Lisa after. So, if you have any other questions, if you would like to add anything that you say, “Oh, I haven’t thought of it during the statement”, she can contact us.

MS. STEPHANIE STARR: Okay.

MS. DOROTHY STARR: Oh, okay.

MS. CAITLIN HENDRICKSON: And, you can
provide something written later to -- anything.

MS. MARIE AUDREY GIRARD: So, before we -- just the last thing before we are stopping the recorder, do you have anything else that you would like to add, or questions, or if you would like to say something? Or, we can just turn it off?

MS. STEPHANIE STARR: I just have a quick -- how are we going to -- like, if anything is to proceed further from this, who will contact us?

MS. LISA HARTWICK: Yes, what is the follow up from here? Because I will do my best to find out, follow up, like, around counselling, for example. If we have a few minutes after this, I don’t know if you have to rush away quickly, or if we have a few minutes, that would be great. But, also, what I’m hearing you say, Steph, is like, well, what about in terms of ---

MS. STEPHANIE STARR: Follow up, something that ---

MS. LISA HARTWICK: --- follow up. Like, the investigation and ---

MS. STEPHANIE STARR: Yeah, are we going to hear any more about this after, are we going to -- is there anything else ---

MS. CAITLIN HENDRICKSON: That’s my hope. I’m not too sure where it goes logistically from here,
because once we’ve taken the statement, it then goes to the Commissioners, and all of, like, the analysts that are going to review everything. And then from there it will flag everything that needs to be done. It’s a lot of work, and it may take some time to get back to you.

But, hopefully, we can, kind of, get some answers, and then maybe even Health can share what that’s going to be. Because Health will probably be your main contact. But, at any time, you can always call the toll-free number, because I believe that’s staffed 24 hours a day. So, if you have questions at any time you can call them, and then they can get back to you.

**MS. STEPHANIE STARR:** Okay.

**MS. JENNIFER GUIMOND:** There’s one question, I know it’s probably not -- it’s not in regards to this, but when you say -- how did you say this? Inquiry? Okay, well, I have an issue that I have been dealing with for a long time. My son got killed in 2006, and got hit by a drunk driver, and that drunk driver started off with nine charges. And, all the inquiry throughout, from 2006 to 2009, all his charges were dropped, all but one. He didn’t get charged for drunk driving. He didn’t get charged for speeding. He had nine charges. By the time it was all done, there was only one charge, and he only had a fine of $600.00.
MS. CAITLIN HENDRICKSON: And, your son was 12?

MS. JENNIFER GUIMOND: He was 12.

MS. STEPHANIE STARR: Shortly before turning 13.

MS. CAITLIN HENDRICKSON: I’m really sorry to hear that.

MS. JENNIFER GUIMOND: Yes. And, I tried to get a lawyer, but they didn’t let me. They said I had Justice -- what was her name again?

Anyways, in that time, like, I was coming to court every day, every time I was supposed to be at court. But, he’s in the same line as me, that guy that got charged with killing -- he didn’t get charged, but I asked for the help from the courts to charge him, but they said there was nothing they could do, because nothing was done right. They didn’t do a breathalyser on him, they didn’t do anything with him, and it turned out that the Crown, they called her, she was messing around with the cop, the cop that was supposed to be taking care of that case. And, it just -- like, it just blew over. Nothing happened from there.

MS. CAITLIN HENDRICKSON: So, what I can suggest for you is maybe -- Lisa, what you could do is maybe take her down to the registration table, and I’m not
sure if you want to do an intake, but what you can do is -- part of the intake is if there is anything that you want to share around your own personal struggle with going through the loss of your son, because of that. I’m not too sure if it’s going to fit the mandate of being able to look into it as part of the Inquiry.

So, that’s why I suggest going to the registration and seeing if there is anything they can do there. If not, I would suggest connecting you with the FILU, which is the Family Information and -- I can’t remember the whole acronym. But, anyway, what they can do is they can also seek out getting, like, records and information around your case there.

**MS. STEPHANIE STARR:** How do we find out about the FILU?

**MS. CAITLIN HENDRICKSON:** They were present in Smithers. I don’t know if they’re present here. You would have to check with Allison. But I would definitely look into that with them, and see if maybe Health could get you help -- or, provide you some numbers for an advocate. I would say get connected to an advocate, if this isn’t able to fit our mandate as part of the inquiry, because it does specifically look at systemic violence, all violence towards women and girl, as well as we’re also taking stories about your son, because we’re connecting it back to
our mandate.

So, unfortunately, I don’t think it would fit, but definitely talk to the supports here available to help you get some information about where to go from there, because I definitely think that there is a lot of injustice there, it sounds like.

**MS. JENNIFER GUIMOND:** Yeah, that is -- and, he’s still over there, and he comes into where I work. But, according -- like, he’s supposed to stay away from me, like, 100 feet or something. Like, what’s that? It doesn’t make any sense. Like, that guy got more privileges than me being there, you know?

**MS. CAITLIN HENDRICKSON:** So, we can keep talking about this, but I am going to ask that we just finish off our recording here, because we have gotten everything from you about Chris; is that right?

**MS. DOROTHY STARR:** Mm-hmm.

**MS. CAITLIN HENDRICKSON:** All right. Thank you, again, for providing your truth around that.

**MS. MARIE AUDREY GIRARD:** Thank you, again, for coming. We appreciate it. So, it’s 11:55, and we’re turning the recorder off.

--- Upon adjourning at 11:55 a.m.

INTERNATIONAL REPORTING INC.
LEGAL DICTA-TYPIST’S CERTIFICATE

I, Shirley Chang, Court Transcriber, hereby certify that I have transcribed the foregoing and it is a true and accurate transcript of the digital audio provided in this matter.

__________________________
Shirley Chang

February 21, 2018