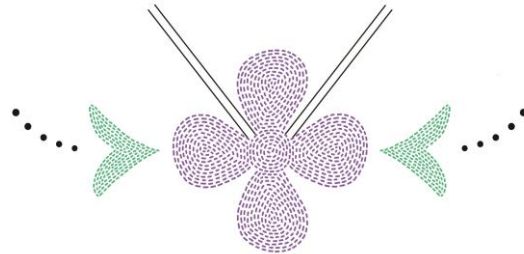


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2 --- Upon commencing on Monday, October 16, 2017

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

1 you introduce yourself?

2 **MS. LISA HARTWICK:** Sure. My name is Lisa
3 Hartwick (phon). I'm here for health support for the
4 family.

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

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

13 **MS. MARIE AUDREY GIRARD:** Okay.

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

23 It's no phone call, nothing. So, it was
24 either the second or third day, finally, as I was asking
25 around, phoning around for him. I phoned the police. They

1 came the next day, I believe. And, I told them that I
2 haven't heard from my son. I gave them all the
3 information. And, it was that day he went out to get stuff
4 he needed for fishing. He was supposed to leave that
5 Friday to go fishing with my brother, Chris, but he never
6 showed up. He said he was on a bus when I last talked to
7 him, on his way back to my place. And, that was the last I
8 heard of him.

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

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

1 couldn't look at me.

2 And, I found out she is no longer there.

3 And, this person that's supposed to be taking over,
4 [Detective D] -- see, I can't remember his name either.

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

7 **UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER:** Mm-hmm.

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

10 **UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER:** That was this past
11 month.

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

23 So, I guess my brother is angry, too, and he
24 got angry at him, you know, wanting information from him.
25 He can't even go anywhere. He's in a wheelchair. But,

1 anyways, that's been going on like that. The last time I
2 heard from him was that last meeting we had in Pine Falls.
3 I think he phoned once. And, I leave numerous messages for
4 him. I don't hear from him.

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

7 **MS. DOROTHY STARR:** April 7 of 2015.

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

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

14 **MS. MARIE AUDREY GIRARD:** So, the family of
15 your son's girlfriend was threatening him?

16 **MS. DOROTHY STARR:** Yes.

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

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

1 morning."

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

9 MS. MARIE AUDREY GIRARD: No problem. No
10 problem.

11 MS. DOROTHY STARR: But ---

12 MS. MARIE AUDREY GIRARD: Who was his
13 girlfriend?

14 MS. DOROTHY STARR: [Girlfriend].

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

17 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Her brothers.

18 MS. DOROTHY STARR: Her brothers.

19 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: And, her dad, I
20 think.

21 MS. DOROTHY STARR: Yes.

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

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

1 **MS. MARIE AUDREY GIRARD:** And ---

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

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

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

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

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

20 **MS. DOROTHY STARR:** Yes.

21 **MS. STEPHANIE STARR:** He's done a lot of
22 crazy things.

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

25 **MS. STEPHANIE STARR:** He was mostly a good

1 guy. Like, he was very helpful, loved people. He did a
2 lot of side jobs for, you know, people that he knew. And,
3 he was just -- like, he'd be out there to help you. Do you
4 know what I mean?

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

7 **MS. STEPHANIE STARR:** Stephanie.

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

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

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

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

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

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

25 **MS. MARIE AUDREY GIRARD:** And, you were

1 telling about his siblings. Do you have other ---

2 **MS. STEPHANIE STARR:** Yeah, we have others.
3 Yeah, there's four boys, three girls.

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

7 **MS. DOROTHY STARR:** Oh, that's a lot to go
8 through.

9 **MS. MARIE AUDREY GIRARD:** Well, I want you
10 to feel really comfortable. I don't want to ask questions
11 that you don't want to answer.

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

21 **MS. DOROTHY STARR:** No, Tim didn't have any.

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

24 **MS. DOROTHY STARR:** 1993. And, that one
25 wanted to be a priest, I guess. He knew the Bible, so he

1 would just flip a page to what he wanted. He used that
2 book a lot on her and Sean when they started arguing. He
3 would sit down and take out his Bible. But...

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

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

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

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

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

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

17 **MS. DOROTHY STARR:** [Daughter 1] just turned
18 21, I believe. And, how old are -- Chris ---

19 **MS. STEPHANIE STARR:** I don't remember.

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

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

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

25 **MS. STEPHANIE STARR:** Thirty-one.

1 MS. DOROTHY STARR: Thirty-one?

2 MS. STEPHANIE STARR: They're the same age
3 (indiscernible).

4 MS. DOROTHY STARR: Shirley would be 34.

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

7 MS. STEPHANIE STARR: Yes.

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

10 MS. DOROTHY STARR: I don't even see the
11 kids.

12 MS. CAITLIN HENDRICKSON: Okay.

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

15 MS. DOROTHY STARR: Or B.C.

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

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

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

22 MS. DOROTHY STARR: It's the grandchildren
23 that are making it.

24 MS. CAITLIN HENDRICKSON: So, you are a
25 great grandmother, too?

1 MS. DOROTHY STARR: Great grandmother, yes.

2 MS. CAITLIN HENDRICKSON: Any great greats?

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

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

11 MS. DOROTHY STARR: Forty-eight.

12 MS. CAITLIN HENDRICKSON: Forty-eight?
13 Okay. And, there was some mention of struggling with
14 addiction. How long did that go on for?

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

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

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

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

25 MS. STEPHANIE STARR: Getting more jobs,

1 like I said, working for people (indiscernible), and doing
2 side jobs for people. He would be busy with that stuff.
3 He would go to church. He was doing a lot of things to
4 better himself.

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

9 **MS. DOROTHY STARR:** No.

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

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

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

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

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

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

24 **MS. MARIE AUDREY GIRARD:** And, after Chris
25 went missing, I was wondering if you received any support

1 with the police. You told us that the police was not --
2 you didn't have all the information. But, did you have any
3 other support?

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

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

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

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

19 **MS. DOROTHY STARR:** Well, there was one time
20 I went -- well, Chris says, "Mom", he says, "I'm going to
21 go play Bingo." So, we went to Bingo. And then we were
22 waiting for a bus, and I don't know what was going on, she
23 was hitting him. "Ouch", he says, "Leave me alone." And
24 then she -- oh, okay. I remember what she was mad about.
25 Tylenol 3s.

1 **MS. STEPHANIE STARR:** She wanted pills?

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

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

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

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

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

15 **MS. CAITLIN HENDRICKSON:** Go ahead.

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

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

25 **MS. DOROTHY STARR:** Okay. Well, he was

1 close to his dad. And, especially Chris and Jenn, they
2 were close to him. And, the other ones, they were small
3 when we separated. So, it's the two older ones that were
4 close to their dad, and they would go spend time with their
5 dad, too. And I believe that's why when he turned 18, 17
6 to 18 ---

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

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

15 **MS. DOROTHY STARR:** 1975.

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

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

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

21 **MS. DOROTHY STARR:** Yes.

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

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

25 **MS. CAITLIN HENDRICKSON:** Okay.

1 MS. DOROTHY STARR: The dad.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

24 MS. MARIE AUDREY GIRARD: And, do you think
25 -- well, I will just go maybe a little bit away from that

1 topic. I would like to know, like, in the perfect world,
2 when Chris disappeared, how you would have liked the police
3 and the support to be? What would have been the best
4 scenario that you have? Remember, we talked a little bit
5 about the investigation?

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

21 **MS. JENNIFER GUIMOND:** (Indiscernible).
22 And, going to the areas where you suggested that he was
23 last.

24 **MS. DOROTHY STARR:** Yes.

25 **MS. JENNIFER GUIMOND:** Because, we were in

1 the whole area, there was five of us on a search, on a
2 group. We never seen anybody in those areas to help us.
3 Because we had the Bear Clan help us, too. We got them
4 involved. Just for a while though, eh?

5 **MS. DOROTHY STARR:** Yes.

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

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

10 **MS. STEPHANIE STARR:** Yes.

11 **MS. JENNIFER GUIMOND:** April to snowfall.
12 And, we went right along the whole Red River, on each side.
13 We went in different areas, such as, like, Pembina Highway.
14 Like, in the last areas where he said he was, we went and
15 searched the train tracks. We even went on the perimeters
16 of the city. And, you know, how if somebody did do
17 something, they may have just dumped him somewhere. So, we
18 went along all of the perimeters, most of the perimeter.
19 And, we did that all summer.

20 **MS. STEPHANIE STARR:** And, we never found
21 nothing.

22 **MS. JENNIFER GUIMOND:** We never found
23 nothing.

24 **MS. MARIE AUDREY GIRARD:** You never received
25 information or any leads that could tell you what happened?

1 **MS. DOROTHY STARR:** No.

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

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

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

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

22 **MS. STEPHANIE STARR:** A trail.

23 **MS. JENNIFER GUIMOND:** A trail of blood.
24 And, there was rain that night, but that's under the
25 bridge, so it didn't get washed away. And, she was trying

1 to say that was blood -- you know how blood coagulates? It
2 was starting to look like that, but she was saying it was
3 rust from the bridge. But, that bridge didn't have rust.
4 It was a painted bridge.

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

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

14 **MS. JENNIFER GUIMOND:** They didn't take it
15 seriously.

16 **MS. MARIE AUDREY GIRARD:** They didn't really
17 investigate that?

18 **MS. JENNIFER GUIMOND:** No.

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

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

23 **MS. DOROTHY STARR:** Yeah.

24 **MS. STEPHANIE STARR:** The night he didn't
25 come home, the next day she went to her parents, or

1 something like that?

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

4 **MS. STEPHANIE STARR:** That morning.

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

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

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

25 **MS. DOROTHY STARR:** Yeah.

1 **MS. STEPHANIE STARR:** [Girlfriend] was
2 asking my mom to help [Girlfriend] move Chris' electronics,
3 his movies, anything that was worth money like that, she
4 wanted over at her parents' place. And, she was asking my
5 mom to help her do it. Why would she do something like
6 that if ---

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

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

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

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

18 **MS. CAITLIN HENDRICKSON:** Okay.

19 **MS. STEPHANIE STARR:** It was that evening he
20 didn't come home.

21 **MS. CAITLIN HENDRICKSON:** Okay.

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

25 **MS. DOROTHY STARR:** About two -- yeah,

1 two/three days later.

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

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

8 **MS. STEPHANIE STARR:** Yes.

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

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

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

23 **MS. JENNIFER GUIMOND:** Because he's Native.

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

25 **MS. STEPHANIE STARR:** That's the biggest

1 reason, we believe, why this case was just kind of just
2 shoved aside and not taken seriously about it.

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

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

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

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

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

21 **MS. DOROTHY STARR:** Yes.

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

24 **UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER:** She's gone to check
25 the parking.

1 **MS. MARIE AUDREY GIRARD:** So, maybe we
2 can ---

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

6 **MS. DOROTHY STARR:** Okay.

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

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

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

14 **MS. JENNIFER GUIMOND:** Okay. We'll wait for
15 her to get back.

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

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

21 --- Upon recessing at 10:57

22 --- Upon resuming at 11:22

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

1 statement.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

25 **MS. DOROTHY STARR:** Okay. I was raised by

1 my grandmother. Actually, I wasn't the only one. There
2 was other siblings -- or grandkids. Because our moms
3 passed away. Mine passed away when I was six months old,
4 and my brother was two. It was me and Louis on my mother's
5 side. And the aunties, there was Charlie, Mary, and Danny.

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

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

13 **MS. DOROTHY STARR:** I don't think so. Not
14 that I know of.

15 **MS. CAITLIN HENDRICKSON:** Okay. Can I ask
16 you, do you know anything about the circumstances around
17 your mother's passing?

18 **MS. DOROTHY STARR:** As far as I know, I
19 guess she had TB. That's all I know.

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

23 **MS. DOROTHY STARR:** Well, she, as I say,
24 pulled me out of school because she didn't want another one
25 like my sister. Well, we called each other brother and

1 sister, because we were all raised by the grandma.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

24 **MS. MARIE AUDREY GIRARD:** Are you still
25 eating the same thing today?

1 **MS. DOROTHY STARR:** I wish I could. If I
2 have the chance, yes, I do.

3 **MS. CAITLIN HENDRICKSON:** It's always nice
4 to have those traditional foods; right?

5 **MS. DOROTHY STARR:** Yes. That's ---

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

11 **MS. STEPHANIE STARR:** Deer is good, too.

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

16 **MS. CAITLIN HENDRICKSON:** There's always one
17 in the family.

18 **MS. DOROTHY STARR:** Yes. And, he would lie
19 for me, too. But, he would pay for it. He would get home
20 6:00 in the morning, and try and sneak in, or sleep in the
21 vehicle. Bang, "Get up, you're not sleeping. Go and do
22 your chores." And, yet, we never learned. When the
23 evening came along, (indiscernible). "I just want to go
24 get my car fixed. I have something to be fixed."

25 **MS. MARIE AUDREY GIRARD:** And, until what

1 age are you living with your grandmother?

2 **MS. DOROTHY STARR:** Eighteen.

3 **MS. MARIE AUDREY GIRARD:** Eighteen? Okay.

4 Can you tell us more about what happened after you turned
5 18, and you were not living with your grandmother anymore?

6 **MS. DOROTHY STARR:** I got married.

7 **MS. STEPHANIE STARR:** To our dad.

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

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

13 **MS. DOROTHY STARR:** Eleven years.

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

24 **MS. DOROTHY STARR:** Well, I used to drink,
25 too. And, just before I turned 21, he got me to go into

1 the bar, and he knew the people. So, I started drinking,
2 too. But then after a while, all we did was fight, argue,
3 physical fighting. And, that's where I decided, okay -- as
4 soon as he started picking on the kids, that's where I draw
5 the line.

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

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

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

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

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

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

23 **MS. DOROTHY STARR:** Because I wasn't going
24 to hold the kids against him. And, the kids had their own
25 rights to where they want to be. I tried to be fair that

1 way.

2 **MS. MARIE AUDREY GIRARD:** So, if I
3 understand well, when you separated, and sorry if I
4 misunderstood, you came to the city, and then the children
5 decided if they wanted to stay with you or with their
6 father?

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

9 **MS. STEPHANIE STARR:** Summer holidays.

10 **MS. DOROTHY STARR:** Yeah. Because through
11 the school years, they can't leave the school.

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

14 **MS. DOROTHY STARR:** Yeah, but when summer
15 holidays came along, that's where they would be.

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

19 **MS. CAITLIN HENDRICKSON:** No, I don't think
20 so.

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

24 **MS. DOROTHY STARR:** Okay.

25 **MS. MARIE AUDREY GIRARD:** To know a little

1 bit about -- a little bit more about him, because I think
2 that's why we are here today, as well.

3 **MS. DOROTHY STARR:** Yes.

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

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

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

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

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

23 **MS. DOROTHY STARR:** No.

24 **MS. MARIE AUDREY GIRARD:** They were adults;
25 right?

1 MS. DOROTHY STARR: Yes.

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

4 MS. DOROTHY STARR: No.

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

7 MS. DOROTHY STARR: Or foster homes, yeah.

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

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

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

15 MS. DOROTHY STARR: Yeah, I guess.

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

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

21 MS. STEPHANIE STARR: She's been in care
22 since she was ---

23 MS. JENNIFER GUIMOND: --- yeah, under CFS
24 care, and stuff like that. And, little [Son 1], he was
25 with his mom.

1 **MS. STEPHANIE STARR:** Yeah, he was with his
2 mom, but maybe he's one of the five kids, maybe seven now.

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

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

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

9 **MS. CAITLIN HENDRICKSON:** Okay. Thanks.

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

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

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

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

24 **MS. DOROTHY STARR:** No.

25 **MS. MARIE AUDREY GIRARD:** Okay.

1 **MS. CAITLIN HENDRICKSON:** Do they all have
2 the same mother?

3 **MS. DOROTHY STARR:** No.

4 **MS. STEPHANIE STARR:** No.

5 **MS. JENNIFER GUIMOND:** All different moms.

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

8 **MS. JENNIFER GUIMOND:** [Son 2]'s mother,
9 Cheryl, she was my best friend at the time because,
10 actually, I was the one that brought them together. Yeah,
11 well, she was my best friend. She did everything with me,
12 anything. And, I helped with Chris' son, [Son 2], the
13 first few years, two/three years. And, I was only 15 and
14 16 myself when I was helping her. Even when I was 13 and
15 stuff, I'd help her as much as I could.

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

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

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

24 **MS. JENNIFER GUIMOND:** Yeah, now. Yeah. It
25 was a decision that the mom had made, because she was no

1 longer with Chris at the time. And, I guess, she felt --
2 she might have felt it was a bit much for her, still, so
3 she asked her mom to take over. And, she had him since.
4 Now, he's got his own girlfriend, and I think they're
5 having a baby. But, we don't have much contact with him.
6 Like, we tried, but I think -- I don't know why he doesn't
7 want to, but that's just -- there is no connection anymore.

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

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

14 **MS. CAITLIN HENDRICKSON:** He understood his
15 limitations.

16 **MS. JENNIFER GUIMOND:** I think so.

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

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

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

24 **MS. STEPHANIE STARR:** Well, he -- well,
25 [Daughter 3] once in a while. Yeah, [Daughter 3]. [Son 2]

1 is -- as we mentioned, there should be, but -- the other
2 ones, [Son 1] and [Daughter 1], I'm not too aware of that,
3 if there has been any contact.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

21 **MS. DOROTHY STARR:** But, there's nothing.

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

24 **MS. JENNIFER GUIMOND:** She's 21.

25 **MS. MARIE AUDREY GIRARD:** Twenty-one, sorry.

1 **MS. DOROTHY STARR:** She's the same age as
2 Marsh, eh?

3 **MS. JENNIFER GUIMOND:** Yeah. And, she's
4 only months older than Paige.

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

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

10 **MS. JENNIFER GUIMOND:** Four?

11 **DOROTHY STARR:** Five.

12 **MS. JENNIFER GUIMOND:** Four to five, yeah.

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

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

25 **MS. JENNIFER GUIMOND:** Definitely.

1 **MS. DOROTHY STARR:** Yes.

2 **MS. JENNIFER GUIMOND:** Nothing should be
3 left out.

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

12 **MS. JENNIFER GUIMOND:** Okay.

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

18 **MS. STEPHANIE STARR:** Meaning?

19 **MS. MARIE AUDREY GIRARD:** Somebody else in
20 you family, or around Chris' disappearance?

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

23 **MS. STEPHANIE STARR:** Oh, he had friends.
24 All those friends don't say nothing, though. We know words
25 are -- you know, things are being said, but nobody is

1 really coming out and really saying it, especially to the
2 family.

3 **MS. DOROTHY STARR:** Yeah.

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

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

12 **MS. JENNIFER GUIMOND:** Just like I started
13 earlier, what I was saying when we were doing the search,
14 we were on the search for the five days, but my sister
15 Steph, she come up with the plan of putting up posters.
16 So, we took a picture of him, and then she made at least
17 500 copies of these pictures of him.

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

25 We posted all these posters up on those

1 poles and every one of them got ripped off. And, I've seen
2 all these other posters they've been fading, and they're
3 still sitting there.

4 **MS. STEPHANIE STARR:** We're assuming that
5 whoever knows something ---

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

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

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

25 **MS. MARIE AUDREY GIRARD:** And, nowadays, are

1 you still working, like researching? Because you said
2 you've been doing some researching about Chris. Are you
3 still working on this?

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

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

10 **MS. JENNIFER GUIMOND:** Delay, yeah.

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

14 **MS. STEPHANIE STARR:** We still have some. I
15 still have some.

16 **MS. CAITLIN HENDRICKSON:** So, if there is
17 anything that you'd like to share of Chris', not just
18 around his disappearance, but anything that you want to do
19 to commemorate him, and honour him, and you want us to have
20 that, you're welcome to provide that. You don't need to do
21 that today. You can always connect to Health Support
22 another time. And, that just goes into the archive as part
23 of your testimony. And, we just want to know what it is
24 that you would like to see from the Inquiry, in terms of
25 what you would like to see to honour Chris.

1 **MS. STEPHANIE STARR:** Well, I mean, Jenn and
2 I attended a meeting yesterday in Fort Alex about a
3 monument going -- they talked about going to be put up to
4 commemorate the murdered and missing. We were told to give
5 something like that, something that could represent Chris
6 and what he liked, and stuff like that. So, that's kind of
7 part of what's going on. So, I think that's nice.

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

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

20 **MS. DOROTHY STARR:** Yes, there is one thing
21 I had forgot to mention, that time when he -- that first
22 week when he went missing. Just a group of friends were --
23 I was saying we were searching down that strip -- what do
24 you call that street where he supposedly had gotten off by
25 A&W? Okay, the person that was -- one of them that was

1 helping, his name was Rick, and he was good at searching.
2 And, he went into A&W and asked them, "Do you have
3 cameras?" And, that person told us that on the outside
4 there's cameras on each wall, the four walls ---

5 **MS. STEPHANIE STARR:** Around the building.

6 **MS. DOROTHY STARR:** --- around the building.
7 And, that's why I didn't ---

8 **MS. STEPHANIE STARR:** That's the thing we
9 thought the police messed up on.

10 **MS. DOROTHY STARR:** Should have done,
11 because ---

12 **MS. STEPHANIE STARR:** They could have asked
13 about that, but they didn't.

14 **MS. DOROTHY STARR:** --- that's where they
15 said he got off from. So, if they would have checked the
16 tapes ---

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

22 **MS. DOROTHY STARR:** Yeah.

23 **MS. STEPHANIE STARR:** Right from the start,
24 because those cameras or whatever could have caught
25 something. Definitely the direction which way he headed.

1 **MS. DOROTHY STARR:** Or, if anybody
2 approached him.

3 **MS. STEPHANIE STARR:** Yeah, exactly. Or, if
4 he got into a vehicle after the bus. We don't know. We
5 just don't know.

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

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

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

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

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

21 **MS. CAITLIN HENDRICKSON:** Are there any
22 questions that you have for us, or anything that you'd like
23 to share?

24 **MS. STEPHANIE STARR:** We appreciate you guys
25 listening.

1 MS. DOROTHY STARR: Yeah, it's ---

2 MS. MARIE AUDREY GIRARD: Well, it's ---

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

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

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

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

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

23 MS. STEPHANIE STARR: Okay.

24 MS. DOROTHY STARR: Oh, okay.

25 MS. CAITLIN HENDRICKSON: And, you can

1 provide something written later to -- anything.

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

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

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

17 **MS. STEPHANIE STARR:** Follow up, something
18 that ---

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

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

24 **MS. CAITLIN HENDRICKSON:** That's my hope.
25 I'm not too sure where it goes logistically from here,

1 because once we've taken the statement, it then goes to the
2 Commissioners, and all of, like, the analysts that are
3 going to review everything. And then from there it will
4 flag everything that needs to be done. It's a lot of work,
5 and it may take some time to get back to you.

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

13 **MS. STEPHANIE STARR:** Okay.

14 **MS. JENNIFER GUIMOND:** There's one question,
15 I know it's probably not -- it's not in regards to this,
16 but when you say -- how did you say this? Inquiry? Okay,
17 well, I have an issue that I have been dealing with for a
18 long time. My son got killed in 2006, and got hit by a
19 drunk driver, and that drunk driver started off with nine
20 charges. And, all the inquiry throughout, from 2006 to
21 2009, all his charges were dropped, all but one. He didn't
22 get charged for drunk driving. He didn't get charged for
23 speeding. He had nine charges. By the time it was all
24 done, there was only one charge, and he only had a fine of
25 \$600.00.

1 **MS. CAITLIN HENDRICKSON:** And, your son was
2 12?

3 **MS. JENNIFER GUIMOND:** He was 12.

4 **MS. STEPHANIE STARR:** Shortly before turning
5 13.

6 **MS. CAITLIN HENDRICKSON:** I'm really sorry
7 to hear that.

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

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

23 **MS. CAITLIN HENDRICKSON:** So, what I can
24 suggest for you is maybe -- Lisa, what you could do is
25 maybe take her down to the registration table, and I'm not

1 sure if you want to do an intake, but what you can do is --
2 part of the intake is if there is anything that you want to
3 share around your own personal struggle with going through
4 the loss of your son, because of that. I'm not too sure if
5 it's going to fit the mandate of being able to look into it
6 as part of the Inquiry.

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

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

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

1 our mandate.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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