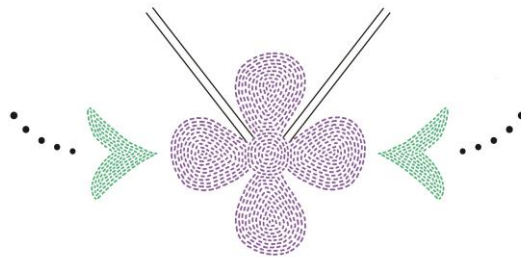


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1 Membertou, Nova Scotia

2 --- Upon commencing on Tuesday, October 31, 2017, at 1:44
3 p.m.

4 **MS. ALANA LEE:** This is Alana Lee with the
5 National Inquiry into Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women
6 and Girls speaking on the record with Eleanor Kabatay and
7 Danny Paul. They're both of -- where are you guys -- where
8 are you from?

9 **MR. DANNY PAUL:** Membertou.

10 **MS. ALANA LEE:** From -- both from Membertou
11 First Nation.

12 **MR. DANNY PAUL:** We're brother and sister.

13 **MS. ALANA LEE:** Brothers and sisters.

14 Currently we are at -- in Membertou First Nation at the
15 Hampton Inn. It is October 31st, 2017, and it is 1:44
16 p.m., and so, Eleanor and Danny, you guys are here on a
17 voluntary basis?

18 **MR. DANNY PAUL:** Yes.

19 **MS. ELEANOR KABATAY:** Yes.

20 **MS. ALANA LEE:** Also in the room we have
21 Sandra Miller as a health support, and your statement will
22 be -- you agreed to have it audio-recorded today --

23 **MR. DANNY PAUL:** Yes.

24 **MS. ALANA LEE:** -- as well as
25 video-recorded?

1 **MR. DANNY PAUL:** Yes.

2 **MS. ALANA LEE:** Okay. So just to start,
3 what would you -- what would you like the commissioners to
4 know?

5 **MR. DANNY PAUL:** For me, as I indicated
6 earlier, there's a situation that I think has yet to be
7 brought to the attention of all levels of government, and
8 it's a historical aspect that I look at, and I go back to
9 the time of Cornwallis and what he had done with our
10 people, and I look at what Amherst also has done to our
11 people and our territory and our ancestral lands here, and
12 I was wondering in my head is this the root cause of what's
13 been happening recently with all our women, our beautiful
14 women and girls to be socially acceptable because of what
15 they have done in their time by systemically -- in killing
16 our people off and then to be honoured with -- with a
17 township named after you or having a statue put up in your
18 honour for what you have done to our people, and to me, you
19 know, when I look at the plight of our people today, is it
20 any different today than it was 300 years ago when this was
21 socially acceptable and is it still socially acceptable to
22 be going around killing our people off and being allowed to
23 do that? That to me, whether you look at the city of
24 Halifax, who Cornwallis was the founding father of, or if
25 you go -- she's in the right place -- or if you come to

1 Amherst, you know, where this man, who knowingly gave
2 blankets infested with small pox to our people, and it
3 didn't matter, and that's what they do, and now recently
4 they've got another firm in British Columbia. Are they
5 going to honour that man for what he's done like what they
6 did with Cornwallis and with Amherst?

7 So, you know, I think we have to look at it
8 and say and ask that question and -- and charge the Inquiry
9 to come up with that answer and have the Commission, you
10 know, demand some kind of an answer from all levels of
11 government, and, you know, I can only speak of the
12 ancestral lands from which I come, so when I look -- so
13 when I -- when I see what's happening now and what are the
14 experiences of the people of -- of the Anishinaabe language
15 or the Cree, the Blackfoot, the Blood, you know, the
16 Haidas, all these different people we have right across the
17 country, are there -- you know, and they're similar
18 experiences with what we've gone through here out there,
19 and did it make it socially acceptable?

20 **MS. ALANA LEE:** Thank you. We just had
21 Elder (~~indiscernible~~) [Elder 1]? What's your last name?

22 **MR. DANNY PAUL:** Yes.

23 **MS. ELEANOR KABATAY:** Yes.

24 **MS. ALANA LEE:** [Elder 1]? Yeah, she just
25 joined us.

1 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Oh. I thought you
2 were (~~indiscernible~~) [telling them].

3 MS. ALANA LEE: No.

4 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: (Indiscernible).

5 MS. ALANA LEE: No, (indiscernible), just
6 for the video. Sorry, Danny. Yes, you were making the
7 connection --

8 MR. DANNY PAUL: Yes, and --

9 MS. ALANA LEE: -- like the strong
10 connection colonization to ongoing.

11 MR. DANNY PAUL: Yes, and, you know, that to
12 me is a form of systemic genocide, which is still
13 perpetuated today, and when I look back with the incident
14 that occurred with our family with the loss of Michelle, I
15 was at the hospital to do a releasing ceremony for her.

16 MS. ALANA LEE: Sorry to interrupt. Can you
17 state Michelle's name?

18 MR. DANNY PAUL: Michelle Ginnish.

19 MS. ALANA LEE: Michelle Ginnish.

20 MR. DANNY PAUL: Yes. She's one of the --

21 MS. ELEANOR KABATAY: Michelle Ray Ginnish.

22 MR. DANNY PAUL: -- one of the victims here
23 in our community, and when I got there, I was told by the
24 police and by the medical staff that I was not allowed to
25 do anything. I wasn't allowed to touch her. I wasn't

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1 allowed to do anything with her because she was evidence.

2 **MS. ELEANOR KABATAY:** You know, they told me
3 the same thing 'cause I wanted to touch her there and I
4 just wanted her to smile 'cause it was hard on me, and they
5 told me to leave the room or they will call -- they were
6 going to call security. She was my only daughter, though.

7 **MR. DANNY PAUL:** Yeah.

8 **MS. ELEANOR KABATAY:** And I
9 can't -- it's -- you know, I -- it's sad. I couldn't
10 believe it, but it happened. That's what they told me too.
11 They told me to leave the room, and all I wanted to do is
12 just touch her ~~there~~ [hair] one more time, and they
13 wouldn't let me touch her. They were going to call
14 security.

15 **MS. ALANA LEE:** So you weren't able to do
16 the --

17 **MR. DANNY PAUL:** Nothing.

18 **MS. ALANA LEE:** -- releasing ceremony, and
19 you weren't able to have your last -- your last minute with
20 your daughter.

21 **MR. DANNY PAUL:** No.

22 **MS. ALANA LEE:** What led up -- like what led
23 up to her being in the hospital (indiscernible)?

24 **MR. DANNY PAUL:** She wasn't in the hospital.
25 She was at a party with a -- a bunch of her friends, and

1 then she --

2 **MS. ELEANOR KABATAY:** She was at our
3 cousin's house, and then so there was something going on at
4 the convention -- or something -- trade centre, and then so
5 they were leaving there, and when they were leaving there,
6 they were partying while they were walking down, and while
7 they were walking down, sure enough they were stopped by a
8 party, and, okay, and so that's where she got killed.

9 **MR. DANNY PAUL:** She was stabbed in the neck
10 by (~~indiscernible~~) [by one of her friends].

11 **MS. ELEANOR KABATAY:** I don't think -- I
12 don't think (~~indiscernible~~) [she was her friend].

13 **MR. DANNY PAUL:** And everybody's drinking
14 together for a while, and, from what I heard, that
15 the -- the truth that Michelle spoke about with that girl
16 was about her daughters, her children, and it was more
17 important for her to be home with her children than that
18 party on the bus.

19 **MS. ELEANOR KABATAY:** 'Cause they were
20 smoking -- they were doing dope in the bathroom. Michelle
21 came ~~in~~ [out of] the bathroom, and she told them. She said
22 to them that you should be home with your kids when she was
23 going out of the bathroom. Like they're different
24 (~~indiscernible~~) [stories], so that's what they told
25 (~~indiscernible~~).

1 **MR. DANNY PAUL:** Yeah, that's what it was
2 led to that, and the girl went home and got some knives and
3 came back, and they had an argument on the front step, eh,
4 and that's where she was stabbed.

5 **MS. ELEANOR KABATAY:** She was sitting there
6 with [C.], and she told [C.], I can't breathe, I think I
7 got stabbed, she told her, and so [C.] ran home. Like all
8 the houses are close, so [C.] ran home and he called an
9 ambulance, and then by the time the ambulance got there,
10 she was already dead.

11 **MS. ALANA LEE:** When did this happen?

12 **MR. DANNY PAUL:** 2005, wasn't it? Yeah, a
13 couple years ago now, yeah.

14 **MS. ALANA LEE:** And it happened here in
15 Membertou.

16 **MR. DANNY PAUL:** Yeah, it's just -- just
17 around the corner from here pretty well, and, you know,
18 when -- everything happened so -- so fast. It was my
19 brother-in-law who came and told me, but I had already
20 heard the ambulance go by, police cars flying up the road,
21 and I said, Something bad happened.

22 **MS. ALANA LEE:** M'hm.

23 **MR. DANNY PAUL:** And about five minutes
24 later my brother-in-law is banging at the door, and I
25 answered, and he said, You know, Michelle is dead. That's

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1 how he said it to me, and -- oh. And I just got dressed,
2 jumped in my truck, and, you know, I took off down the
3 road, and I found out where it was, and -- and just had too
4 much anger, and --

5 **MS. ELEANOR KABATAY:** She was my only
6 daughter, and two of my sons I think were there too, and
7 they were trying to -- they were trying to re -- trying to
8 bring her back to life and they could save her, and they
9 just (~~indiscernible~~) [broken]. They -- they couldn't. She
10 died -- she died right in front of them, so they didn't
11 have enough time to -- all three of them since, they've all
12 been in trouble since, and they've been having a rough time
13 since.

14 **MS. ALANA LEE:** Difficult to watch.

15 **MR. DANNY PAUL:** Well, yeah. Well, you
16 know, the -- the two older boys were in Halifax, [Son 1]
17 and [Son 2]. I had to go get them the next day, and before
18 I went there, I told the cops they had to get that family
19 out of town, the family of the girl that stabbed Michelle.

20 **MS. ALANA LEE:** Yeah.

21 **MR. DANNY PAUL:** And --

22 **MS. ALANA LEE:** What was the girl's name?

23 **MR. DANNY PAUL:** Krystal Paul. Yeah, they
24 were neighbours. And they couldn't understand why, and I
25 said, Look, I know these boys, I helped raise them, and I

1 know what -- what's going through their brains right now,
2 and if you don't get them people out of town, they're going
3 to kill them. It's as simple as that. They've got no
4 problem going to prison.

5 **MS. ELEANOR KABATAY:** They always
6 (~~indiscernible~~) [the whole reserve was mad].

7 **MR. DANNY PAUL:** And then -- you know, and
8 then all the women who were friends with Michelle, their
9 anger was directed towards their family also, eh, so it
10 was -- it was a real tense time here for everybody, you
11 know, and then when I see how -- what my sister here had to
12 go through and my other sisters 'cause we know -- we -- we
13 raised Michelle, all of us. We had -- we had a part in
14 what she was doing, and when you see that extinguished just
15 like that, you don't see --

16 **MS. ALANA LEE:** How old was she?

17 **MR. DANNY PAUL:** Well, she was 21, eh, I
18 think, yeah.

19 **MS. ELEANOR KABATAY:** 22.

20 **MR. DANNY PAUL:** 22?

21 **MS. ELEANOR KABATAY:** Yeah, 'cause she was
22 born in 1980.

23 **MR. DANNY PAUL:** Yeah, and when -- so when
24 it happened, it took another child from me. I had already
25 lost one, a baby. He died -- he died in my hands, and then

1 when this happened, that happened all over again, and so
2 when I look back and I see my sisters and what they're, you
3 know, able to do and how they're able to cope, it's
4 amazing.

5 **MS. ALANA LEE:** M'hm.

6 **MR. DANNY PAUL:** And, you know, it's sad to
7 say, but we were already close, but this even brought us
8 closer and tighter 'cause we didn't want anything happening
9 anymore to any family members.

10 **MS. ELEANOR KABATAY:** You know, what
11 surprised me, it was a while after the funeral, and then
12 the police came and it wasn't even a month, and then I had
13 to go through the court, the court case, and then my two
14 sons, [Son 3] and [Son 1], and they were like that, and I
15 could feel their hands, and they said, You all right, mom?
16 And I said, Yeah, 'cause I was trying to be strong for
17 them, and they just -- she only got five years and then she
18 only spent three years in there, and then they said she got
19 a lesser sentence than that. She got out earlier.

20 **MS. ALANA LEE:** M'hm.

21 **MR. DANNY PAUL:** And that's where I have
22 problems because the Crown attorney, when he first
23 approached me on the matter, and he said that, We are
24 looking at first-degree murder charges, and I said, Well,
25 fine, you know.

1 MS. ALANA LEE: M'hm.

2 MR. DANNY PAUL: And that's what they were
3 going to pursue, and then in the end, she ended up getting
4 charged for manslaughter, and, like she said, she only got
5 five years, but she only served a year and a half in
6 prison.

7 MS. ALANA LEE: A year and a half?

8 MR. DANNY PAUL: A year and a half, and when
9 this Inquiry was first introduced there three years ago,
10 two years ago, I was in Halifax, and they asked us to come
11 and sit in on it, right, at the beginning of the process,
12 and one of the -- one of the counsellors they had in place
13 was the father of that girl who killed Michelle.

14 MS. ALANA LEE: Yeah.

15 MR. DANNY PAUL: Yeah.

16 MS. ELEANOR KABATAY: My son had a hard time
17 too 'cause he said, Oh, I -- my son's been in and out of
18 jail since that happened like. Like they -- I don't know.
19 They just got (~~indiscernible~~) [got out] and then my son
20 said -- so he was doing time in jail, and then he said when
21 (~~indiscernible~~) [Krystal Paul's Father]] came in, and then
22 so they had to do a smudge -- not a smudge, but they had to
23 do something anyway, so [Son 2] said just to get out
24 the -- just -- just to get out of the thing there, he said,
25 I felt like killing him, but, he said -- but he said, I

1 just wanted to get out of there, and -- he said, so he had
2 to face the fact that facing that man when his daughter
3 killed his sister.

4 MS. ALANA LEE: M'hm.

5 MS. ELEANOR KABATAY: But, you know, we
6 didn't -- you know, like time -- time, you know, it's like
7 we don't hate the people. We don't hate them. It's just
8 her that I really -- and like what -- how she got away with
9 so easy.

10 MR. DANNY PAUL: That's the most bothersome
11 part, eh.

12 MS. ALANA LEE: A year and a half --

13 MR. DANNY PAUL: And she gets to go --

14 MS. ALANA LEE: -- and you lost a life --

15 MR. DANNY PAUL: Well, she's living -- she's
16 living in another city in [Province 1] now.

17 MS. ELEANOR KABATAY: (Indiscernible) [Yeah
18 wherever].

19 MR. DANNY PAUL: You know, like the rumour
20 mill, like on every reserve, is pretty bad around here, but
21 there are instances where people said that she was here,
22 and she's not supposed to be in this community. I don't
23 know if that's true or not, but they were saying she was in
24 this community two or three times since the incident.

25 MS. ALANA LEE: (Indiscernible).

1 **MR. DANNY PAUL:** Yeah. So what the hell is
2 going on?

3 **MS. ALANA LEE:** Is she restricted from
4 Membertou like (indiscernible)?

5 **MR. DANNY PAUL:** I believe so, yeah. Yeah.

6 **MS. ELEANOR KABATAY:** My son, he did time in
7 jail, my oldest. He was kicked off the reserve, and so he
8 lived in -- where was it? New Brunswick? No, not New
9 Brunswick. (Indiscernible) [But uh,] New Glasgow, and
10 then --

11 **MS. ALANA LEE:** It's under [mode]
12 (indiscernible).

13 **MS. ELEANOR KABATAY:** New Glasgow he lived,
14 and then he -- he lived there, but he had to move away from
15 here 'cause he's -- they said he wasn't -- they wouldn't
16 let him back in -- in Membertou, and so he said, Tell you
17 what, he said, I'm not going to -- he already went through
18 enough, and so he got (indiscernible) [left, he moved away]
19 and -- but that -- I don't know. That really -- I don't
20 know how they can shove their own people off the reserve
21 like that. Oh, for killing and that, but, him, he would
22 get caught for beating up people and being -- and doing
23 other things, like you know, but he never got five years.

24 One time they said he was going to go to the
25 big house and this and that, and they are minor charges.

1 They weren't really that big of charges, and I said even a
2 person -- you might as well kill somebody, you'll even get
3 a lesser charge. You know, I -- you know, sometimes when I
4 really get mad.

5 **MS. ALANA LEE:** Yeah.

6 **MS. ELEANOR KABATAY:**

7 And -- but -- and -- but, no, but he done a lot -- they all
8 did a lot of time in jail.

9 **MS. ALANA LEE:** If I can go back to when you
10 guys were mentioning that night they made the -- Michelle
11 was murdered. When you guys -- when you guys -- you
12 mentioned just about arriving kind of on the scene and, you
13 know, you wanting to touch her.

14 **MS. ELEANOR KABATAY:** Oh, the hospital?

15 **MS. ALANA LEE:** Yeah. So it was at the
16 hospital?

17 **MR. DANNY PAUL:** That was at the hospital,
18 that part.

19 **MS. ALANA LEE:** Okay. Yeah. Can you --

20 **MR. DANNY PAUL:** When I got to the scene
21 itself--

22 **MS. ALANA LEE:** Okay.

23 **MR. DANNY PAUL:** -- I was restricted from
24 that area because it's, you know --

25 **MS. ALANA LEE:** M'hm.

1 **MR. DANNY PAUL:** -- still investigating the
2 area that they were looking at, and everybody inside was in
3 lockdown because of the witnesses, a major crime, and then
4 from there I went to the hospital, and they brought her in
5 on a gurney, and I wanted to do that ceremony, but they
6 wouldn't allow me. They said -- they said she was
7 evidence. To me evidence is something like that box of
8 kleenex there or a firearm you're charged with possessing
9 or a knife or whatever.

10 **MS. ALANA LEE:** M'hm.

11 **MR. DANNY PAUL:** But a human being, a loved
12 one? You know --

13 **MS. ELEANOR KABATAY:** Yeah, and I -- I just
14 wanted to touch her. I was hoping she'd just smile one
15 more time at me. She had a nice smile, and they told me I
16 couldn't touch her, and they told me, No, you have to leave
17 here, and then they said, 'Cause if you don't leave, we're
18 going -- security's going to take you out.

19 **MR. DANNY PAUL:** Yeah.

20 **MS. ELEANOR KABATAY:** And I just left,
21 and -- and you know what? And that's -- I was -- I was
22 drinking like crazy. I didn't want -- I didn't want to
23 believe it. I didn't want to believe (indiscernible) [the
24 whole thing].

25 **MS. ALANA LEE:** M'hm.

1 **MS. ELEANOR KABATAY:** And then these girls
2 came over at the house, and they were trying to tell me by
3 the -- about how -- how everything happened and that, and I
4 told them, Get out. I kicked the girls out. They were my
5 friends, but you don't go telling a mother like something
6 like that, and I told the girls, You guys get out, and I
7 threw the girls out. I was already hurting enough.

8 **MS. ALANA LEE:** Yeah.

9 **MS. ELEANOR KABATAY:** Yeah. They tried to
10 go into detail on how she's -- I didn't want to hear it.

11 **MR. DANNY PAUL:** Yeah, that's the really
12 hard part, you know, having to hear the detail from so many
13 who were there. They had their own version of what they
14 saw. It led to the same thing, but we knew. We don't need
15 to hear it no more --

16 **MS. ALANA LEE:** M'hm.

17 **MR. DANNY PAUL:** -- you know, because again,
18 like she said, she drank hard.

19 **MS. ELEANOR KABATAY:** Oh, I --

20 **MR. DANNY PAUL:** Her anger was there, and I
21 understand why because I had the same anger.

22 **MS. ALANA LEE:** M'hm.

23 **MR. DANNY PAUL:** I had to -- I was lucky.
24 Our uncle was an RCMP officer, and I gave him all my
25 firearms and my weapons that I use for hunting and fishing.

1 MS. ALANA LEE: M'hm.

2 MS. ELEANOR KABATAY: I even tried fighting
3 him.

4 MR. DANNY PAUL: 'Cause I was afraid of what
5 I was going to do.

6 MS. ELEANOR KABATAY: So crazy.

7 MR. DANNY PAUL: And then, you know, like
8 she said, we got into a lot of fights, her and I, and, you
9 know -- you know, we come from a broken family, all of us.
10 We were part of the Sixties Scoop.

11 MS. ALANA LEE: M'hm.

12 MR. DANNY PAUL: We were fortunate that we
13 ended up with family members, them in Eskasoni and me here,
14 and our other brother is still in Eskasoni with one of the
15 elders there.

16 MS. ALANA LEE: How many of there was you,
17 like how many siblings?

18 MR. DANNY PAUL: Well, there was -- there's
19 six of us all together, yeah, but there were four of us
20 that were separated at an early age 'cause their father
21 went out to get some milk and cigarettes, and he never came
22 back.

23 MS. ELEANOR KABATAY: He used to beat my
24 mother up.

25 MR. DANNY PAUL: And then, you know,

1 single -- single mother --

2 **MS. ELEANOR KABATAY:** He beat up my mother.

3 **MR. DANNY PAUL:** And the Indian agent, when
4 he came into the community, heard about that, and it was
5 right away, and then they tried to get me in residential
6 school, and they took the rest of us away. So, you know,
7 when you -- later when our mother moved back from Alberta
8 that time, it was shortly afterwards the girls moved back
9 with her, and then I was about 18 when I moved back with
10 her, yeah.

11 **MS. ALANA LEE:** Did your mother attend
12 residential school?

13 **MR. DANNY PAUL:** No. No. She -- she went
14 to the day school here with us. We went to day school here
15 also, yeah.

16 **MS. ELEANOR KABATAY:** But you know what?
17 Those are (~~indiscernible~~) [aunts that took us in].

18 **MR. DANNY PAUL:** Yeah.

19 **MS. ELEANOR KABATAY:** See we were lucky
20 because we were -- it was not like with stranger families.
21 It was from our aunts and that that took us in, so we were
22 lucky there. That's why my sister, she works for
23 Children's Aid. She went to school for that 'cause I told
24 her. I said, I -- it's hard to see people being put on
25 different reserves and how they're treated and everything

1 else, and --

2 **MR. DANNY PAUL:** You know, plus --

3 **MS. ELEANOR KABATAY:** -- let them stay like.

4 **MR. DANNY PAUL:** I can only imagine the
5 horror of living off reserve. To me that would be horrible
6 to be raised by a non-native family. What do they know
7 about me? What do they know about my background? And
8 then, you know, when you see your family blown apart 'cause
9 the government says, well, you're a single mother and we
10 can't have that, even though she lived with her father.
11 When the grandfather was alive, that was his house where
12 she was living.

13 **MS. ELEANOR KABATAY:** (Indiscernible).

14 **MR. DANNY PAUL:** My great-grandmother lived
15 across the street. That's where I went to live, with her,
16 and then Indian Affairs said that she wasn't capable of
17 looking after me because she was elderly. She was in her
18 eighties. So they left -- they left me in the care of my
19 aunt and my uncle, you know, and, again, like she said, we
20 were fortunate we went with family, and that's what really
21 kept us together, and then when we see our family start
22 breaking apart, well, we step in, like you know,
23 when -- when they intervened, but her now, my sister and I,
24 we stepped in. We took care of her -- her children.

25 **MS. ELEANOR KABATAY:** Yeah. (Indiscernible)

1 I really fell apart.

2 MR. DANNY PAUL: Yeah. So, you know, we
3 stepped up like that there, and we raised them as our own.

4 MS. ELEANOR KABATAY: I just told Children's
5 Aid, There's no way you guys are taking them off the
6 reserve.

7 MS. ALANA LEE: Was this after Michelle's
8 death?

9 MS. ELEANOR KABATAY: Oh, no.

10 MR. DANNY PAUL: This was before.

11 MS. ALANA LEE: Okay.

12 MR. DANNY PAUL: Yeah.

13 MS. ELEANOR KABATAY: But she -- she had her
14 whole life set, you know. I read the letter that she had
15 written, and when she said I am not -- I'm going to finish
16 school, I'm going to go to college, and when I meet a man,
17 you know, a man that I (~~indiscernible~~) [you know, that you
18 know she is going to meet] the man (~~indiscernible~~) [who she
19 really loves or they] love each other, and then she'll have
20 a child, and, you know, she -- she had her whole life set,
21 and then she worked over at junior's store, and then she
22 worked at the Native place at the college, and her life was
23 just taken away so quick.

24 MR. DANNY PAUL: Yeah. She was on -- she
25 just got (~~indiscernible~~) for her goals, and, you know,

1 she -- she finished her high school. She was in university
2 when this happened.

3 MS. ALANA LEE: M'hm.

4 MR. DANNY PAUL: And, you know, she was
5 looking to establish --

6 MS. ELEANOR KABATAY: Her whole life.

7 MR. DANNY PAUL: -- establish a museum, a
8 Native museum in one of our communities.

9 MS. ALANA LEE: Wow.

10 MR. DANNY PAUL: That was her ambition, so
11 when I -- when she would come to me and ask me stuff, I
12 started grooming her about our -- what I know about our
13 culture, about our way of life.

14 MS. ALANA LEE: M'hm.

15 MR. DANNY PAUL: And we would spend hours
16 talking. She had that thirst that I was looking for in
17 someone, and then when that happened, like --

18 MS. ELEANOR KABATAY: She --

19 MR. DANNY PAUL: -- it almost killed my
20 spirit.

21 MS. ELEANOR KABATAY: She spoke Indian,
22 yeah.

23 MR. DANNY PAUL: So, you know, when --

24 MS. ELEANOR KABATAY: You know, when she was
25 born, I had her in Boston and I had her in the bedroom. I

1 delivered her myself, and I'm so glad -- I'm so glad I got
2 (~~indiscernible~~) [God, oh God]. You know, gave her -- you
3 gave her to me so quick and you took her so quick from me.
4 Everything was (~~indiscernible~~), but now I find I'm a little
5 bit more -- I'm a lot more stable. I still say my prayers
6 every night, and I know she's in my heart, and -- but
7 it's -- cause I remember when she was a little girl 'cause
8 she was big. She was like nine five, and she was --

9 MS. ALANA LEE: Nine five?

10 MS. ELEANOR KABATAY: M'hm.

11 MS. ALANA LEE: Wow, and you delivered her
12 on your own.

13 MS. ELEANOR KABATAY: Yeah.

14 MS. ALANA LEE: Wow.

15 MS. ELEANOR KABATAY: And then by time the
16 ambulance got there, they said, Oh, she's delivered
17 herself, but even while she was growing up, like she was
18 (~~indiscernible~~)--[always big (laughs)].

19 MR. DANNY PAUL: Between -- [Elder 1] here
20 was one of her early childhood development people. Yeah.

21 MS. ELEANOR KABATAY: Yeah.

22 MR. DANNY PAUL: So we all --

23 MS. ALANA LEE: Yeah.

24 MR. DANNY PAUL: We all lost someone
25 special.

1 **MS. ELEANOR KABATAY:** I always say to myself
2 sometimes I wish I could be so forgiving like you. It's
3 not -- it's hard, I know. Like you said, like I said, I
4 cry to myself sometimes, but I just (~~indiscernible~~) [went
5 through the worst part]. Now I'm starting (~~indiscernible~~)
6 [, everything is more settled] and --

7 **MS. ALANA LEE:** (~~Indiscernible~~) [How is it--]
8 So you had mentioned there was -- like you guys coming
9 together as a family, coming together and helping out and
10 helping in ways the children after Michelle's --

11 **MR. DANNY PAUL:** No, this was before her.

12 **MS. ALANA LEE:** Okay.

13 **MR. DANNY PAUL:** Yeah, before she passed
14 'cause we -- she had issues she was dealing with, and --

15 **MS. ALANA LEE:** M'hm.

16 **MR. DANNY PAUL:** -- and, like she said, she
17 told Children's Aid or the Mi'kmaq Family Children Services
18 that she didn't want them going anywhere but with us.

19 **MS. ALANA LEE:** M'hm.

20 **MR. DANNY PAUL:** So they asked us, and we
21 stepped in and we took -- you know, took on that role.

22 **MS. ALANA LEE:** And that takes a lot of
23 strength and courage for you as a mother to say, you know
24 what, I'm going to let family while I help -- help myself.

25 **MS. ELEANOR KABATAY:** Yeah, it is because me

1 and my husband had split up, and while we were split up,
2 and then this man got killed in my house, and he was
3 supposed to be there to help me to houseclean, and I didn't
4 feel good that night, and I told him no. I said, No, I
5 said, Maybe tomorrow if I'm feeling a little better we'll
6 start, and he kept saying, No, no, I'll go over and I'll
7 start it, and then when he was -- and I just told him I
8 wasn't feeling good, but he started walking up, and I could
9 see the dogs even all barking at him, like trying to stop
10 him. I -- I don't know why. I could see the dogs there,
11 and -- but he still went up there, and then in the morning
12 my sister came to get me, and then she said -- I was at
13 somewheres else, and then she came to get me, and she says,
14 Oh, something bad happened at your house, Eleanor, and so
15 we went there, and I could see them taking pictures and
16 everything, and then I told her. I said, Oh, something's
17 not good, [Sister]. I said, I can see them taking pictures
18 and that, and then so when -- and then so she said, Let's
19 go talk to the police, to them 'cause it's your house,
20 Eleanor. So we went there, and the cop said, No, no, you
21 can't come in, and then -- but they took me -- they took me
22 to the police station, and they told my sister, no, she
23 couldn't come with me, and they told me what happened, so,
24 you know, like it was a rough time.

25 **MS. ALANA LEE:** Yeah. (Indiscernible) [Just

1 from] a bit of you had mentioned, you know, growing up and
2 seeing violence in the home. You mentioned that -- was it
3 your father?

4 **MS. ELEANOR KABATAY:** We didn't see that.
5 My -- we got taken away when we were young.

6 **MR. DANNY PAUL:** I saw it.

7 **MS. ELEANOR KABATAY:** But he did 'cause my
8 aunt and my grandmother -- you know Donald Marshall?

9 **MS. ALANA LEE:** M'hm.

10 **MS. ELEANOR KABATAY:** And his wife lived
11 across the street, (indiscernible), and then -- and my aunt
12 and her husband lived there too, and they used to see my
13 mother get beat up, and then they saw him, how he treated
14 Danny, and then so [Uncle] went over there, and [Uncle]
15 told him we're going to look after, and he saw him beat up
16 my mother, and then that's when [Uncle] went after him, and
17 then that's when we were -- we were taken to Eskasoni
18 to -- [Uncle] and (indiscernible) took us to Eskasoni, and
19 that's how he --

20 **MR. DANNY PAUL:** That's the -- that's the
21 reason why my -- our brother is the way he is.

22 **MS. ELEANOR KABATAY:** She was -- she was
23 pregnant with him.

24 **MR. DANNY PAUL:** She was pregnant with
25 her -- with him, and he was saying that's not her -- that's

1 not his baby.

2 **MS. ELEANOR KABATAY:** I wasn't -- I wasn't
3 his -- I wasn't his and --

4 **MR. DANNY PAUL:** And he was punching her in
5 the belly and kicking her, and --

6 **MS. ELEANOR KABATAY:** My mother was
7 pregnant.

8 **MR. DANNY PAUL:** -- she was big like this,
9 and I saw that, and, you know, the way she treated myself,
10 I was left outside in the dead of winter, and back then
11 they had no central heating, just a wood stove in the
12 house.

13 **MS. ALANA LEE:** M'hm.

14 **MR. DANNY PAUL:** And I was left on the back
15 step on the porch on the steps, and (~~indiscernible~~) [C.O.]
16 was coming from [S.]'s. He just bought some home brew, and
17 I could hear him walking by the bridge, could hear the snow
18 crunching 'cause we lived near that area, eh. It was that
19 cold and sparkly snow, and it was crunching as he was
20 walking, and he heard me crying on the back step, and he
21 came over with his coat on, and he bust down that door and
22 he went inside, and that man was in there, and I remember
23 the stove was glowing red on top. I almost froze to death,
24 and he was inside like that.

25 **MS. ALANA LEE:** Was he your father

1 or your --

2 MR. DANNY PAUL: He was my stepfather, yeah.

3 MS. ALANA LEE: Your stepfather.

4 MR. DANNY PAUL: Yeah. It was her father
5 and [Sister]'s and [Brother]'s father, yeah.

6 MS. ELEANOR KABATAY: See in our family we
7 never had to go through the abuse. The only abuse really
8 that -- you know, when we were taken to Eskasoni, we never
9 seen abuse. We spoke Indian, and we were (*indiscernible*)
10 [brought up good, we didn't, there was no cursing] and it
11 wasn't -- but it wasn't until I was in Membertou, and then
12 when my daughter got killed, that's when everything --

13 MR. DANNY PAUL: Yeah.

14 MS. ELEANOR KABATAY: I never thought -- and
15 it's not -- I never thought anybody ~~got killed~~
16 (*indiscernible*) [could kill another person like that].

17 MR. DANNY PAUL: So all our lives we've been
18 dealing with trauma, one trauma, one trauma, one trauma,
19 one trauma.

20 MS. ELEANOR KABATAY: My son --

21 MR. DANNY PAUL: And you learn to cope and
22 try not be bitter about things, eh. That was -- that's
23 probably the most challenging part for me at times because,
24 you know, when I look at my whole life.

25 MS. ALANA LEE: One of the biggest things

1 I've heard -- I heard you say is that, you know, all this
2 trauma, I'm hearing there a lot of stuff that you dealt
3 with, and you said it brought you -- like it's brought you
4 guys closer together.

5 **MR. DANNY PAUL:** Oh, yeah.

6 **MS. ALANA LEE:** You know, that's -- that's
7 amazing. Sometimes it's the opposite.

8 **MR. DANNY PAUL:** Oh, yeah, but all the shit
9 that I went through. You know, I'm going to be 60 in
10 another year and a half, and I can remember probably 55
11 years of my life from seeing my brother get beat up when he
12 was in my mother's belly to all the way up and then to
13 train myself as a tradesman to be one of the best around
14 and then to become a building inspector and then to become
15 an instructor with CMHC and had that all undermined by our
16 leadership here and then be blacklisted for speaking the
17 truth here.

18 **MS. ALANA LEE:** Speaking the truth?

19 **MR. DANNY PAUL:** In this community.

20 **MS. ALANA LEE:** Okay.

21 **MR. DANNY PAUL:** You know, even this morning
22 the two people that despise me the most are our housing
23 director and our chief, and walking from that fire to the
24 convention centre, who do I see? The first one is the
25 housing director, and as soon as he noticed me, like that

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1 he turned his head and looked the other -- wouldn't even
2 look at me in the eye, and I know the chief hates my guts,
3 so I went -- I walked ahead of them 'til I got to the door,
4 and he was right behind me, and I held the door open for
5 him, and I didn't -- said hello to him or thank you for
6 holding the door open. Yeah. To me that speaks volumes
7 about who he is, and, you know --

8 **MS. ELEANOR KABATAY:** That's just wrong.

9 **MR. DANNY PAUL:** -- I don't give a -- I
10 don't give a rat's ass who anybody is.

11 **MS. ELEANOR KABATAY:** I think that he's the
12 lower --

13 **MR. DANNY PAUL:** You're not better than
14 anybody else.

15 **MS. ELEANOR KABATAY:** He's the lower one.

16 **MR. DANNY PAUL:** You're not better than
17 anybody --

18 **MS. ELEANOR KABATAY:** That's the way I look
19 at it.

20 **MR. DANNY PAUL:** You're not better than
21 anybody, and nobody's any better than you.

22 **MS. ELEANOR KABATAY:** I went to the
23 children's school for -- what was it -- three years? I
24 worked with [Elder 1], yeah, and we were -- I worked with
25 children in Boston for about ten years, ten years, and then

1 they opened up the first Cree school, and I always liked
2 working with children.

3 **MS. ALANA LEE:** M'hm.

4 **MS. ELEANOR KABATAY:** Yeah, and, you know,
5 like to me, like life seems so backwards like.
6 I -- I -- and after that happened, it just seemed to me
7 that -- well, to me anyway. (Indiscernible).

8 **MS. ALANA LEE:** You had a really amazing
9 kind of story that Michelle was born in Boston, you had
10 her, you know, on your own. How long did you guys live in
11 Boston for?

12 **MS. ELEANOR KABATAY:** Oh -- okay. My sister
13 was up there. Yeah, like I said, I was -- I worked with
14 children there for about ten years, and I started going
15 with this guy and I had my oldest son, and he was the type
16 that never worked, and I was the one that always worked. I
17 worked at Boston Indian Council, and then he never worked.
18 He just wasn't the type, and then, you know, like Michelle,
19 that wasn't planned, like to have Michelle, and I said, no,
20 'cause I don't believe in abortion. I don't believe in
21 stuff like that, and so I had her, and I mean she was
22 (indiscernible) [like a baby, healthy and everything], and
23 then after she was born, I found an apartment in Boston in
24 (indiscernible) 'cause I moved out on him. I said, No, I
25 don't want you near the kids.

1 MS. ALANA LEE: M'hm.

2 MS. ELEANOR KABATAY: And -- but I knew
3 he -- they'd never leave me alone, the [Family in Boston]
4 at that time, and so I said, I'm going to go back to
5 Canada, and that's when I came back. I moved back to
6 Canada.

7 MS. ALANA LEE: When you say not leave you
8 alone, just like in terms of --

9 MS. ELEANOR KABATAY: He --

10 MR. DANNY PAUL: He would harass her.

11 MS. ALANA LEE: Okay.

12 MR. DANNY PAUL: Yeah.

13 MS. ALANA LEE: Yeah.

14 MS. ELEANOR KABATAY: Yeah, and he would
15 say, No, no, that's my -- you know, that's our children.
16 No, not like that, but --

17 MS. ALANA LEE: Yeah.

18 MS. ELEANOR KABATAY: -- they would always
19 want to see them or want them or -- and when in Boston,
20 they were tough people, so -- and I just said I'm not going
21 to put up with any of that --

22 MS. ALANA LEE: M'hm.

23 MS. ELEANOR KABATAY: -- and so I just -- I
24 moved back.

25 MS. ALANA LEE: When you moved back to

1 Canada, you moved to Membertou?

2 **MS. ELEANOR KABATAY:** M'hm. Yeah. And then
3 I moved back to Membertou, and then that's when I
4 started -- we started working at the day care, and I worked
5 there a year. Was it a year? A year or two, I think, I
6 worked there, was it? Yeah. Yeah. (~~Indiscernible~~)
7 [Longer? Like two or four years].

8 **MR. DANNY PAUL:** About five years there, eh?

9 **MS. ELEANOR KABATAY:** Yeah, you know, and so
10 to me -- and that's when I met my husband, and he's an
11 Ojibwe, and then -- but me and the -- we broke up, and my
12 other thing was -- seemed to be falling apart, and that's
13 when I asked my family to take care of my kids 'cause I
14 knew I was drinking too much and I was -- I was falling
15 apart. So they looked after my children, and I said no,
16 and I started seeing counsellors. I started going to a
17 counsellor, and then so I started working with
18 (~~indiscernible~~) [adult care], and then so [--so yeah].

19 **MS. ALANA LEE:** So did your kids eventually
20 come back and live with you?

21 **MS. ELEANOR KABATAY:** Oh, I never stopped
22 seeing them.

23 **MS. ALANA LEE:** Yeah.

24 **MS. ELEANOR KABATAY:** My family let
25 them -- my family let me see them any time I wanted because

1 I would never go there drunk or anything like that.

2 MS. ALANA LEE: Yeah.

3 MS. ELEANOR KABATAY: I'd go there sensible.
4 I -- like if I brought anything for them, and I would never
5 just -- you know, and I'd never just take them or try to
6 take them. I would never do nothing to -- too sensible for
7 that.

8 MS. ALANA LEE: Yeah.

9 MS. ELEANOR KABATAY: So, yeah, but they
10 helped me out when I was going through a rough time.

11 MS. ALANA LEE: So you mentioned Michelle.
12 She graduated from high school. She was on her way,
13 looking at going to university and --

14 MR. DANNY PAUL: She was in university.

15 MS. ALANA LEE: She was in university.

16 MR. DANNY PAUL: Yeah. Yeah.

17 MS. ALANA LEE: Yeah. Wow.

18 MR. DANNY PAUL: And, like I said, you know,
19 that's one of her dreams was to have that museum and
20 (~~indiscernible~~) [it all ended with her].

21 MS. ALANA LEE: M'hm.

22 MR. DANNY PAUL: I sort of turned inward
23 myself because of it. I just saw so much potential, and I
24 haven't seen it again.

25 MS. ELEANOR KABATAY: She had a lot of

1 ambition. She reminds me, like you know, like you want to
2 do something and you're going to do it. That's the way she
3 was.

4 **MR. DANNY PAUL:** Yeah.

5 **MS. ELEANOR KABATAY:** Yeah, and I -- and
6 that -- I keep thinking something was going on at the trade
7 centre 'cause they were over at my cousin's place,
8 [Cousin]'s. That's at my uncle's place, right, and
9 [Cousin], she just felt so bad for the longest time. She
10 said, I shouldn't have let her leave.

11 **MR. DANNY PAUL:** No, it was a wedding
12 reception that night.

13 **MS. ELEANOR KABATAY:** Something, yeah.
14 There was something going on, and she says, Oh, she looked
15 so pretty and she was --

16 **MR. DANNY PAUL:** September, eh. I'm sure
17 that's what it was. It was a wedding reception they were
18 at.

19 **MS. ELEANOR KABATAY:** Something was going
20 on, yeah, and then [Cousin] kept it in herself for the
21 longest time. She said, I shouldn't have let her leave the
22 house, but she can't tell Michelle not to leave. She
23 wasn't going to listen to you anyway.

24 **MR. DANNY PAUL:** No. We all say we should
25 have, could have, would have after, eh. There's nothing.

1 **MS. ELEANOR KABATAY:** And then --

2 **MR. DANNY PAUL:** It's just the way things
3 rolled out.

4 **MS. ELEANOR KABATAY:** And then there was a
5 bunch of them partying when they were on their way down the
6 road, and then they dropped in there. That was her last
7 stop.

8 **MS. ALANA LEE:** So after -- well, during the
9 investigation process, what was that like for -- for you
10 guys because you were contacted by the RCMP, and I remember
11 you said your uncle was an RCMP officer?

12 **MR. DANNY PAUL:** Yeah. Well, he -- he
13 worked in another community.

14 **MS. ALANA LEE:** M'hm.

15 **MR. DANNY PAUL:** But he was about the only
16 one I could trust with my weapons, eh, because I knew if I
17 handed them over to the city police, they'd never have been
18 given back to me.

19 **MS. ALANA LEE:** M'hm.

20 **MR. DANNY PAUL:** And I needed them for
21 hunting, which I do (~~indiscernible~~) [you know, communal]
22 hunt, and I do fishing, and I -- you know, the salmon. I'm
23 the one who brought that in.

24 **MS. ALANA LEE:** Oh, wow.

25 **MR. DANNY PAUL:** Yeah.

1 MS. ALANA LEE: Thank you.

2 MR. DANNY PAUL: Yeah.

3 MS. ALANA LEE: Thank you. Yeah.

4 MS. ELEANOR KABATAY: You know what? I
5 can't ever remember, though, if they ever questioned me
6 that time when the police questioned me about the whole
7 thing.

8 MR. DANNY PAUL: No, me either, you know,
9 come to think of it.

10 MS. ELEANOR KABATAY: No, they didn't, eh?

11 MS. ALANA LEE: Were you offered any support
12 services, victim services or --

13 MS. ELEANOR KABATAY: No, nothing.

14 MR. DANNY PAUL: No.

15 MS. ELEANOR KABATAY: And then --

16 MR. DANNY PAUL: Just at the hospital for
17 what we were doing there.

18 MS. ELEANOR KABATAY: I had to leave.

19 MR. DANNY PAUL: But after we were told to
20 leave because of what we wanted to do --

21 MS. ALANA LEE: M'hm.

22 MR. DANNY PAUL: -- that was it. There was
23 a nun there.

24 MS. ALANA LEE: M'hm.

25 MR. DANNY PAUL: Yeah.

1 MS. ALANA LEE: So --

2 MR. DANNY PAUL: I don't know what her name,
3 sister whatever anyway. That's who was there --

4 MS. ALANA LEE: Okay.

5 MR. DANNY PAUL: -- as a grievance
6 counsellor, I suppose, or support, Christian support or --

7 MS. ALANA LEE: M'hm.

8 MS. ELEANOR KABATAY: [M.]?

9 MR. DANNY PAUL: Could have been.

10 MS. ELEANOR KABATAY: She's the one that --

11 MS. ALANA LEE: You weren't able to do your
12 ceremony --

13 MR. DANNY PAUL: No.

14 MS. ALANA LEE: -- but she was -- there was
15 a nun there.

16 MR. DANNY PAUL: Well, there was -- but we
17 were told you can't -- I couldn't do what I
18 wanted -- needed to do --

19 MS. ALANA LEE: M'hm.

20 MR. DANNY PAUL: -- because my -- my girl
21 was evidence and I would have been tampering with evidence,
22 according to them.

23 MS. ELEANOR KABATAY: I wasn't even allowed
24 to touch her.

25 MR. DANNY PAUL: And I can't -- --

1 **MS. ELEANOR KABATAY:** That's (~~indiscernible~~)
2 [what I couldn't get over], and, you know, like it was my
3 friends, two of my friends that came to get me, and they
4 says, It's not very good news, Eleanor, and then this is
5 like five o'clock in the morning they came to get me 'cause
6 they said they kept calling, and once I'm asleep, I'm
7 asleep. I won't open the door for anybody.

8 **MS. ALANA LEE:** M'hm.

9 **MS. ELEANOR KABATAY:** And then finally at
10 five o'clock they kept knocking, knocking, 'cause it was
11 [E.], [E.] and [J.], and they said, It's not very good
12 news, Eleanor, and so they took me to the hospital, and
13 then (~~indiscernible~~) [and so they went up], and I saw
14 Michelle there, and there were other people in the room,
15 though. (Indiscernible). They just -- and that's when I
16 tried to touch her, and they told me, You can't, and then I
17 think it was [E.] that told me. She said, Security's going
18 to take you out, and once they took me out, I just went
19 home and I drank, cried and I drank.

20 **MS. ALANA LEE:** Throughout the court process
21 were you guys offered any supports like victim services
22 or --

23 **MR. DANNY PAUL:** No.

24 **MS. ALANA LEE:** -- anything like that?

25 **MS. ELEANOR KABATAY:** No.

1 **MS. ALANA LEE:** Any -- any supports within
2 your community in Membertou?

3 **MR. DANNY PAUL:** No.

4 **MS. ALANA LEE:** Like did anybody come to
5 court with you guys?

6 **MR. DANNY PAUL:** No.

7 **MS. ELEANOR KABATAY:** I had to go to the
8 doctor's. I went to [Doctor]. I told him I needed help,
9 and I told him. I said, I need help because I need some
10 counselling. I need help, and he said -- [Cousellor].
11 That's her name. [Counsellor], that was her name.

12 **MR. DANNY PAUL:** That's the counsellor, eh?

13 **MS. ELEANOR KABATAY:** Yeah.

14 **MR. DANNY PAUL:** Yeah.

15 **MS. ELEANOR KABATAY:** Yeah. So I saw her
16 for about a year and a half.

17 **MS. ALANA LEE:** Wow.

18 **MS. ELEANOR KABATAY:** Yeah, and then
19 I'd -- I'd go there half-cut sometimes. You know,
20 sometimes at first I did.

21 **MS. ALANA LEE:** M'hm.

22 **MS. ELEANOR KABATAY:** And then she says,
23 Eleanor, can you come sober 'cause I -- you know, I started
24 to trust her, and so I went there sober.

25 **MS. ALANA LEE:** M'hm.

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1 **MS. ELEANOR KABATAY:** And then I brought
2 pictures of her -- to her about my sons, and then she made
3 everything seem altogether different than the way I was
4 looking at things.

5 **MS. ALANA LEE:** M'mmm.

6 **MS. ELEANOR KABATAY:** So she -- she helped
7 me out a lot, but a year and a half.

8 **MS. ALANA LEE:** And you found that helpful.

9 **MS. ELEANOR KABATAY:** 'Cause nobody could
10 even mention Michelle's name. I'd go -- I'd go crazy,
11 yeah, but after -- after that counselling, you know, I
12 was -- I -- like now I can even say Michelle and -- but if
13 I didn't go for that counselling, I wouldn't have been able
14 to.

15 **MS. ALANA LEE:** Wow, and so it was you who
16 reached out.

17 **MS. ELEANOR KABATAY:** Yeah. Yeah, I had --

18 **MS. ALANA LEE:** You reached out to
19 counselling, and, you know, even if you were coping in a
20 different way with alcohol, you still managed to make your
21 counselling appointments.

22 **MS. ELEANOR KABATAY:** I had to ask [Doctor]
23 for help, yeah, and he says, Okay, and he sent me to
24 [Counsellor]. Yeah, that's her name.

25 **MR. DANNY PAUL:** Yeah, nobody -- nobody ever

1 approached us.

2 **MS. ALANA LEE:** M'hm.

3 **MS. ELEANOR KABATAY:** It seems like you have
4 to ask for it, eh.

5 **MR. DANNY PAUL:** Yeah.

6 **MS. ELEANOR KABATAY:** 'Cause I had a hard
7 time.

8 **MR. DANNY PAUL:** What happened with my son,
9 it was a good thing that it happened at the IWK 'cause
10 their support network there is incredible, you know, and my
11 hat's off to them people. They allowed me to do the
12 ceremony with my son right in the critical care unit, and
13 they, you know, even asked the other kids in the room if
14 they wanted to leave or take part, and the kids said, No,
15 he's one of us.

16 Yeah, but when -- what happened to Michelle,
17 the only thing that was asked of me is by the courts, and
18 that was for a victim impact statement, so I did that, but
19 as far as getting any help or support, whether from this
20 community or from the legal system, nothing. By then I've
21 already toughened up to know to hell with them. I know
22 what I need to know and I know how and where I can turn to,
23 eh, and, you know, that's the traditional role that I'm on,
24 and it's a great network for me because I can travel all
25 over North America and I can talk to whoever I need to talk

1 to. I can talk to community members right here with [Elder
2 1], [L.], other people, eh, that are of the same mind-set.

3 **MS. ALANA LEE:** Yeah.

4 **MR. DANNY PAUL:** And to me, that's something
5 that when I saw that nun sitting there, I couldn't -- I
6 can't talk to them people.

7 **MS. ALANA LEE:** Tell me what that made you
8 feel like.

9 **MR. DANNY PAUL:** Oh, you know, my first day
10 of school was down here in the Catholic school, you know,
11 from the reserve, and the first hour and a half that I was
12 in that school, I was taken out of the class by [Nun],
13 taken up to her office, [Classmate 1], myself and
14 [Classmate 2], and we were all assigned desks in front of
15 the class, and as soon as that nun came walking in, she
16 says, You, you and you come with me. So we went up to her
17 office, and she took our little hands and she hit them ten
18 times each. We were -- we were just turning five.

19 **MS. ALANA LEE:** Just babies.

20 **MR. DANNY PAUL:** Yeah. We're sitting at our
21 desks 'cause we were Native, so when I see nuns today,
22 that's what you remind me of. You might be the nicest one
23 around, well-intended, but to me you're guilty by
24 association, and when I hear the atrocities of what
25 happened in the residential schools, it only compounds

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1 what's in my brain about them, eh, so I step away from
2 them. Like I say, they may be the best-intended people,
3 but I can't trust them. It's like trusting an Indian
4 agent. I can't trust them buggers either. I remember all
5 this.

6 **MS. ELEANOR KABATAY:** (Indiscernible) [Hmm,
7 I had lots of --] It's funny. When we were -- when we were
8 at the school there, they'd be checking our head. The only
9 ones that got notes too were Indians. (Indiscernible)
10 [Would be [Classmate 3] and us] in the class, and we got
11 notes. Oh, God, put that poison in our ~~heads~~ [hair].
12 (Indiscernible) [Then she] took us back to school 'cause,
13 you know, (indiscernible). She wouldn't put up with any of
14 that, eh. There'd be tears in our eyes, red and everything
15 from all that poison, and she scrubbed (indiscernible)
16 [really scrubbed our heads]. It was funny how they -- how
17 ~~they didn't~~ [they'd] even check your hair. It was -- and
18 they checked the white kids, children's hair, but it was
19 all Indians, I said, that had the notes. They were the
20 ones that only got the notes.

21 **MR. DANNY PAUL:** Yeah.

22 **MS. ELEANOR KABATAY:** And the grand chief's
23 wife didn't like that when she put poison in our hair,
24 scrubbed it. Yeah.

25 **MR. DANNY PAUL:** But, you know, all of it --

1 **MS. ELEANOR KABATAY:** She's a strong
2 woman --

3 **MR. DANNY PAUL:** -- brought it out --

4 **MS. ELEANOR KABATAY:** Was.

5 **MR. DANNY PAUL:** -- what we are today.

6 **MS. ALANA LEE:** M'hm.

7 **MR. DANNY PAUL:** You know, as much as I
8 despised what -- what had happened to our people at
9 residential schools, I'm grateful because it gave our
10 people the opportunity to understand what was being written
11 about us. Our people learned how to read and write from
12 them people.

13 **MS. ELEANOR KABATAY:** Michelle's birthday's
14 going to be on Remembrance Day.

15 **MS. ALANA LEE:** On Remembrance Day?

16 **MS. ELEANOR KABATAY:** Is her birthday, yeah,
17 'cause mine is Thursday and Michelle's is on Remembrance
18 Day. [Son 2]'s is on the 18th.

19 **MS. ALANA LEE:** What do -- what does
20 Remembrance Day look like for you now?

21 **MS. ELEANOR KABATAY:** Well, my grandfather
22 is part of World War I and II, so --

23 **MR. DANNY PAUL:** World War I -- II.

24 **MS. ELEANOR KABATAY:** Yeah, he went to two.

25 **MS. ALANA LEE:** He went to two?

1 **MR. DANNY PAUL:** He went to one, World War
2 II.

3 **MS. ALANA LEE:** Okay.

4 **MS. ELEANOR KABATAY:** II? Okay. Yeah, and
5 so I -- I don't know. I don't know. I just don't feel
6 it's -- 'cause even -- I always had her and [Son 2]'s
7 birthday on the same day, and then -- you know, and then
8 when I go up to the graveyard and I go sit there and talk,
9 and I'll bring her flowers or something, you know, I bring
10 her, and like the hurting part isn't as bad as it was
11 because of the counselling.

12 **MS. ALANA LEE:** M'hm.

13 **MS. ELEANOR KABATAY:** If I hadn't gone to
14 that counsellor, I don't think I -- I don't even think I'd
15 be here right now.

16 **MS. ALANA LEE:** Yeah.

17 **MS. ELEANOR KABATAY:** Yeah.

18 **MS. ALANA LEE:** Yeah.

19 **MS. ELEANOR KABATAY:** But that really helped
20 me 'cause it was -- you just never expect your child to
21 die.

22 **MS. ALANA LEE:** No.

23 **MR. DANNY PAUL:** No.

24 **MS. ELEANOR KABATAY:** You know, his son was
25 younger, and he -- he came out of school, was just crossing

1 the street, and a car hit him. You just don't expect it.

2 **MS. ALANA LEE:** No.

3 **MS. ELEANOR KABATAY:** But when people want
4 to go into detail about -- like what the girls did,
5 I -- they're my friends, but they were going into detail
6 about how she died, and -- 'cause I chewed them out.

7 **MS. ALANA LEE:** Yeah.

8 **MS. ELEANOR KABATAY:** And even now I don't
9 think I really have any friends. I don't really hang
10 around with anybody. I -- I find it hard. I find it
11 really hard. The more --

12 **MR. DANNY PAUL:** That's what happens to me.

13 **MS. ELEANOR KABATAY:** I'm a loner more or
14 less. I'm by myself a lot.

15 **MR. DANNY PAUL:** Yeah.

16 **MS. ELEANOR KABATAY:** Yeah.

17 **MR. DANNY PAUL:** I'm lucky I've got my wife,
18 you know, a few friends here that I know. If I want, I can
19 just go and knock on the door and say, We need to talk. I
20 know that, but most of the time I just lay awake. I sleep
21 an average of maybe four to five hours a night. Yeah.
22 Sometimes I just lay there and cry.

23 **MS. ELEANOR KABATAY:** I -- it's hard for me
24 to cry. It's hard for me to (~~indiscernible~~) [show my
25 feelings]. It's --

1 MR. DANNY PAUL: After --

2 MS. ELEANOR KABATAY: I don't know.

3 MR. DANNY PAUL: -- dealing with a lifetime
4 of trauma, you kind of shrug it off after a while, but when
5 you're alone, that's when (unreportable sound) just
6 comes --

7 MS. ALANA LEE: Yeah.

8 MR. DANNY PAUL: -- with nobody around to
9 see it or hear it.

10 MS. ELEANOR KABATAY: Yeah, I think that's
11 about the only time I do cry is when I'm by myself.
12 There's something -- something (~~indiscernible~~) [something]
13 if I'm by myself, but I won't cry in front of people.

14 MS. ALANA LEE: You guys mentioned earlier
15 that it was about a month later that you were in court
16 for -- for Michelle.

17 MS. ELEANOR KABATAY: Yeah.

18 MS. ALANA LEE: They handled the
19 investigation pretty fast?

20 MS. ELEANOR KABATAY: To me it seemed like
21 she had just gotten buried because she had it over -- my
22 sister had it over at her place, yeah, 'cause I couldn't.
23 I wouldn't have been able to handle it. I was a
24 (~~indiscernible~~) [pretty much] dead for a while too, [mad at
25 the world]. I was just dead to the world, but anyway, and

1 then they came to the house and then they told me that I
2 had -- seemed like a month later. It was --

3 **MR. DANNY PAUL:** It was quick anyway.

4 **MS. ELEANOR KABATAY:** And then -- and then
5 she kept crying like all in the courtroom.

6 **MS. ALANA LEE:** Who did?

7 **MS. ELEANOR KABATAY:** That Krystal.

8 **MR. DANNY PAUL:** That killed her.

9 **MS. ELEANOR KABATAY:** And then -- then she
10 asked -- she asked the lawyer to ask me if I would forgive
11 her, and then they asked me to stand up, and I said, No,
12 no, no, no way. I said, She was my only daughter, and, I
13 said, She's gone. You took her away, you know, you killed
14 her. No, I wouldn't. I wouldn't, and so the judge -- the
15 judge just told her, No, she will not accept your -- she
16 wouldn't accept that, and then -- so when it came down to
17 the sentencing and he said five years, like I
18 automatically -- watching TV, you think they'd get life
19 sentences and things like that, eh.

20 **MS. ALANA LEE:** M'hm.

21 **MS. ELEANOR KABATAY:** And he only said five
22 years, and then -- then I heard she only did three, and
23 somebody else told me she did less.

24 **MR. DANNY PAUL:** I think she did a year and
25 a half and then she was six months or eight months in the

1 halfway house in [City], and that's where she's at today,
2 [City].

3 **MS. ELEANOR KABATAY:** See my kids -- my son,
4 he got almost two years for beating up someone; didn't even
5 beat them up bad but beat him up, and that was it, but they
6 didn't kill him, but he didn't almost kill him or nothing
7 like that. He was just charged with beating him -- beating
8 him up because he had a criminal -- he had a record before
9 that, and then -- but they said -- they -- they
10 charge -- he served two years, and then they threw him out
11 of Membertou.

12 **MS. ALANA LEE:** M'hm. Different treatment.

13 **MR. DANNY PAUL:** Well, yeah, and you wonder
14 why, and when you have -- when they ask you to have trust
15 in what they do as representatives of the judicial system.

16 **MS. ALANA LEE:** M'hm.

17 **MR. DANNY PAUL:** And then you see how
18 miserably the judicial system fails us. It's incredible,
19 and you wonder why people have the animosity towards them
20 that they do, why they think it's a joke.

21 **MS. ELEANOR KABATAY:** There's even an --

22 **MR. DANNY PAUL:** And then they look right
23 across the country and --

24 **MS. ELEANOR KABATAY:** There's a man up
25 there. He goes to --

1 **MS. ALANA LEE:** (~~Indiscernible~~) [Can you
2 turn it off?]

3 **MS. ELEANOR KABATAY:** There's a man. He's
4 up there, and he's been in jail, geez, about every second
5 week or every third week, and he's told he cannot
6 come -- he's not supposed to be in Membertou. As soon as
7 he gets out of jail, he goes right back to that place
8 (~~indiscernible~~) [same place].

9 **MS. ALANA LEE:** Wow.

10 **MS. ELEANOR KABATAY:** Oh, yeah, and, yeah,
11 that's [person's relative]. It's -- well, it shouldn't
12 make any difference.

13 **MS. ALANA LEE:** When we began, you started
14 with historical context.

15 **MR. DANNY PAUL:** Yes.

16 **MS. ALANA LEE:** You know, talking about how
17 colonization has kind of -- has informed almost and
18 (~~indiscernible~~) [and sorry] what women are, you know,
19 missing and murdered Indigenous women today. What do you
20 think would make it better for future generations?

21 **MS. ELEANOR KABATAY:** Well, nowadays I find
22 they're being well educated now in a lot of the -- I find a
23 lot of children are going to school and they're going to
24 colleges more, and I find they'll be -- maybe that might
25 make a change. What do you think?

1 **MR. DANNY PAUL:** This is my third inquiry.

2 I -- I was one of the -- I was the first one that was in
3 contact with Donald Marshall Junior, and I'm the guy who
4 started everything for him in his wrongful conviction back
5 in 1980. I lost my job over it because of what I'd done.
6 Out of the 88 recommendations, today how many have been
7 enacted into law, okay? That's 37 years now.

8 And then I just finished work with the Truth
9 and Reconciliation Commission also on their inquiry in
10 residential schools and the residential school survivors,
11 and when I was there when -- in Ottawa when they made that
12 announcement about this Inquiry itself and Justice Sinclair
13 made that announcement and then Minister Valcourt was
14 ordered by the Prime Minister's office to not acknowledge
15 or stand when that announcement was being made or any of
16 the recommendations and now this? And I asked the
17 question, you know, 37 years later from my initial one to
18 here --

19 **MS. ELEANOR KABATAY:** I find --

20 **MR. DANNY PAUL:** -- let's start over here
21 where the first one was.

22 **MS. ELEANOR KABATAY:** (Indiscernible)

23 [there's a lot of --]

24 **MR. DANNY PAUL:** How many -- how many have
25 been implemented so far? Now we had 93 more that come out

1 of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission and their
2 findings. How many of those will be acted upon?

3 This Inquiry, because of what I said at the
4 onset, I know what's going to happen. This is going to be
5 another dust collector in someone's office in the Justice
6 Department. I don't want to seem cynical about it and I
7 wish to hell I'm wrong, but this has been my -- this is,
8 like I said, my third inquiry, and how much faith do I have
9 in the system? Well, let's look at the history of
10 what -- what I've witnessed so far, what I had to live
11 through.

12 You know, I pray to God that they start
13 their housecleaning with the Marshall investigation first,
14 work their way to the TRC and then get into the Inquiry
15 one, get their housecleaning in order, and I would love to
16 see it. If there's 120 recommendations out of here, well,
17 act on it immediately.

18 You know, this Truth and Reconciliation
19 they're talking about, reconciliation, the word
20 reconciliation bothers me because it says that two parties
21 did something wrong. What the hell did our children do
22 wrong in residential schools? They were brown people.
23 That was their mistake. That was their problem. That was
24 their thing that got them killed and tortured.

25 **MS. ELEANOR KABATAY:** They were just killed.

1 They weren't fed right.

2 **MR. DANNY PAUL:** So let's look at the word
3 reconciliation --

4 **MS. ELEANOR KABATAY:** (Indiscernible) [There
5 were just --]

6 **MR. DANNY PAUL:** -- again. Who has to
7 reconcile here and why hasn't the church stepped up?
8 What's the Canadian government going to do with this now?
9 Harper wanted to suppress it as long as he could. He
10 didn't want to deal with it. Now it's Trudeau's ball. He
11 took -- he championed the cause, and I'm grateful for that,
12 but where is it going? I would love to see it become a
13 mandatory course in junior high, high school and
14 university.

15 **MS. ALANA LEE:** Can you say more about that?
16 I was going to ask you about recommendations, a mandatory
17 course in what exactly?

18 **MR. DANNY PAUL:** In our studies as a -- like
19 I hate the word Aboriginal because the prefix of the word
20 is ab, which means not. Now, you're saying Aboriginal, not
21 original. Native. Well, you know, you're native to
22 Halifax. Let's throw that one out the window. First
23 Nations. Well, they have yet to recognize us as a nation,
24 so let's throw that one out the window. Why don't they go
25 and ask the people who they are, right? And here on the

1 eastern seaboard primarily are not Mi'kmaw. We're ~~Onow~~
2 [L'nu]. We're ~~Onow~~ [L'nu].

3 **MS. ELEANOR KABATAY:** A lot of us --

4 **MR. DANNY PAUL:** Our ancestral lands.

5 **MS. ELEANOR KABATAY:** -- they have a hard
6 time pronouncing that. That's --

7 **MR. DANNY PAUL:** Our ancestral lands.

8 **MS. ELEANOR KABATAY:** (Indiscernible) First
9 Nations is easier.

10 **MR. DANNY PAUL:** Our ancestral lands are
11 known to me as (speaking Mi'kmaw), and today when you say
12 (speaking in Mi'kmaw), it refers to a reservation. No,
13 it's beyond that. Our language tells us that, but
14 conditioning through the colonialistic (sic) attitudes that
15 were imposed and constantly imposed upon us lead us to say
16 that (speaking in Native language) is a reserve. Bullshit.
17 When you're in your territory, your area, your ancestral
18 lands, what do you call it in your language? (~~Speaking in~~
19 ~~Native language~~) [Anishnaabekwe].

20 **MS. ALANA LEE:** And you know what? I don't
21 know the answer to that.

22 **MR. DANNY PAUL:** And that's the problem.

23 **MS. ALANA LEE:** I know when I introduce
24 myself, I say, you know, I'm Anishinaabe.

25 **MR. DANNY PAUL:** Yeah, but that's the

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1 problem. Now we have to -- we have to be the ones to take
2 that lead, take that initiative and say I'm not Indian, I'm
3 not First Nations, I'm not Aboriginal. I am (speaking
4 Mi'kmaw). These are my ancestral lands known as (speaking
5 in Mi'kmaw), and this is what you call Atlantic Canada
6 today, and that to me should be suffice, and it goes into
7 Quebec, which is where Quebec City is today. The word
8 Quebec comes from our language, (speaking in Mi'kmaw) or
9 the Big River Narrows, and it's right at Quebec City, and
10 on the other side is (speaking in Mi'kmaw) over this way
11 near the bottom part of eastern -- or western Labrador.

12 **MS. ELEANOR KABATAY:** I always say
13 Membertou, and I like to say I'm a Native.

14 **MR. DANNY PAUL:** Yeah, that's up to you.

15 **MS. ELEANOR KABATAY:** (~~Indiscernible~~) [I'm
16 proud, I'm proud].

17 **MR. DANNY PAUL:** That's up to you, but this
18 is -- this is what I think we have to do to educate the
19 whole process because we've been conditioned over a long
20 period of time to say that we're otherwise, and I'm tired
21 of it. This is who I am. This is what I understand to be
22 my homeland.

23 So when I see in my homeland that statue,
24 like I mentioned earlier, of Cornwallis in the place we
25 call (speaking in Native language) The Great Fire, after

1 what he had done to our people, and, like I said earlier,
2 that was a socially acceptable thing at that time, and it
3 was allowed to perpetuate itself to become what it is
4 today. Now they're defending the man.

5 If I went to the land of Jerusalem and put
6 up a statues of Adolph Hitler and said that he was a great
7 man, I wouldn't get his -- I wouldn't even get the base of
8 it made. I'd be killed. So why should they get away with
9 this stuff? Why would Jeffery Amherst have a town named
10 after him? And what's to add to insult there is that
11 that's where the head office of Indian Affairs Atlantic is.

12 You know, let's look at it for what it
13 really is, and, like I said earlier, it's systemic
14 genocide, and it has been something that has been accepted
15 as being, well, it's only an Indian, it's only an Indian,
16 and it's not just a Canadian problem. It's a North
17 American problem.

18 Look at what happened to Anna Mae Aquash,
19 and now they're trying to say that what happened to Aggie's
20 baby sister, Virginia, because it happened in the States,
21 they can't do anything about it. I say that's a crock of
22 shit because that's part of (speaking in Native language).
23 It's part of our ancestral lands before it became the
24 United States, and our people have always travelled in that
25 area.

1 Yeah. So let's -- you know, let's call a
2 snake a snake and a frog a frog and dig into the matter and
3 find out what is actually happening here. Find out who is
4 actually responsible, and if it's the cops that are
5 responsible for a number of these, call them to task on it.
6 Have an independent agency look at what their actions are
7 all about because if you have the police policing the
8 police, it's like they have the insane looking after the
9 insane in the asylum. You know, we have to answer to
10 people like my sister, answer to people like me.

11 **MS. ALANA LEE:** Absolutely. Is there
12 anything else you'd like to add, Eleanor?

13 **MS. ELEANOR KABATAY:** I don't know.
14 (~~Indiscernible~~) [Anything else]. I almost fell asleep.
15 No. No, I'm sorry. I was listening to you.

16 **MS. ALANA LEE:** (~~Indiscernible~~) [I
17 appreciate what you say] as well.

18 **MS. ELEANOR KABATAY:** I -- I just don't know
19 what to do. I don't know what else to say. It's just my
20 daughter, and I wanted to move out of Membertou, and then I
21 said, No, and then I said I'm -- I said, Don't let them in.
22 You know what I mean? Like you know, if you move, then
23 there's -- there's going to be more people doing it to
24 somebody else 'cause they'll just say he moved away.
25 They'll move away anyway, yeah, but don't -- just be strong

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1 and get help. Some people can be stronger. They don't
2 need the help. At that time I did. I needed the help, and
3 I got counselling, and I -- 'cause I thought everything was
4 negative. I hated -- I hated a lot of stuff, and -- you
5 know, and just the way she was is -- she was -- I
6 just -- she had so much life in her, and, you know, it
7 just -- I don't even see that in my sons anymore. They
8 don't have that life in them anymore either, and -- but I
9 think it's -- I hope everything will be all -- everything
10 works out.

11 **MS. ALANA LEE:** Do you have any
12 recommendations that you would like to tell the
13 commissioners or to the Inquiry?

14 **MS. ELEANOR KABATAY:** What happened
15 with -- okay. With the one that ran over your son, what
16 happened there?

17 **MR. DANNY PAUL:** He died within the year,
18 couldn't live with what he did.

19 **MS. ELEANOR KABATAY:** Oh, okay. So you
20 could -- oh, okay. I was going to say --

21 **MR. DANNY PAUL:** He never spoke to me.

22 **MS. ELEANOR KABATAY:** You know, like I -- I
23 can't say I hate their family. Oh, I did for a while. I
24 hated their family, her family, but now I don't, but I -- I
25 just hope she just never comes back and never comes back or

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1 I never see her, and I hope if I ever do see her, I'm just
2 scared of what I'm going to do to her, and then with the
3 commissioners and them, I hope -- I hope they were -- they
4 would have been stronger.

5 MS. ALANA LEE: M'hm.

6 MS. ELEANOR KABATAY: Yeah, and I hope
7 they -- that -- that was just a slap on the wrist. Yeah,
8 and, like I said, and like I have a hard time with my sons
9 now because they're going --

10 MS. ALANA LEE: M'hm.

11 MS. ELEANOR KABATAY: Her name -- her name
12 comes up, and they'll flip out really. They
13 still -- 'cause they wouldn't go to any counselling and
14 they wouldn't go to anything like that, but to say to the
15 commissioners and that is that -- that we had more people
16 that'll speak out and say things like that --

17 MS. ALANA LEE: M'hm.

18 MS. ELEANOR KABATAY: -- and be stronger and
19 that there is help, and I hope there is -- I hope there
20 will be more native -- I hope there will be native
21 counsellors that will really help. See she was a white
22 woman. She was from town that helped me. Yeah, and then,
23 like I said, I'm -- yeah, and that's just about it, I
24 guess. Yeah.

25 MS. ALANA LEE: Thank you for that. Thank

1 you both for sharing. It does take a lot of strength and
2 courage, and on behalf of the Inquiry, we thank you for
3 sharing. Can I ask you both, like Eleanor and Danny, do
4 you guys -- do you feel like you've been heard today? And
5 you don't have to say yes just because I'm sitting here. I
6 want your honest -- honestly do you feel like you've been
7 heard?

8 **MS. ELEANOR KABATAY:** Well, you have it
9 taped, and if you're going to show the tape and then we
10 will be heard, right?

11 **MR. DANNY PAUL:** Yes, I think being heard is
12 one thing, but being listened to and doing something about
13 it is another. You know, we hear the children when they're
14 spoiled rotten. So what do we do with them? How do we
15 teach them? Well, this is where they're at now. They're
16 hearing the children. Now it's time to do something, not
17 ignore anymore.

18 **MS. ALANA LEE:** Absolutely.

19 **MR. DANNY PAUL:** Yeah, do something.

20 **MS. ALANA LEE:** Absolutely.

21 **MR. DANNY PAUL:** And it better have meaning.
22 It better have bite.

23 **MS. ELEANOR KABATAY:** I feel like with the
24 schools, though, I find most of the schools do. They're
25 teaching -- they're teaching them how to speak Mi'kmaq, and

1 so they're getting them to be proud of who they are, and
2 even when they are like at Sydney Academy or wherever, and
3 they can say, yeah, I'm a native, I'm from Membertou. They
4 can't say I'm from the reserve. They say Membertou 'cause
5 Membertou is bigger than Sydney, and, you know, that's what
6 I'm proud of, you know, and, you know, Membertou has
7 accomplished a lot, and that's what I'm -- I'm proud of.

8 **MS. ALANA LEE:** Is there anything else you
9 would like to add, either one of you?

10 **MR. DANNY PAUL:** I'm fine. I'm fine.

11 **MS. ELEANOR KABATAY:** Yeah.

12 **MS. ALANA LEE:** Yeah?

13 **MS. ELEANOR KABATAY:** I'm all right, yeah.

14 **MS. ALANA LEE:** Okay. Thank you both.

15 **MR. DANNY PAUL:** Okay.

16 **MS. ALANA LEE:** We're going to conclude the
17 interview, and it is 3:12 p.m.

18 --- Upon adjourning at 3:12 p.m.

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