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Upon commencing on Tuesday, November 7, 2017, at 6:31 p.m.

**MS. JAYME MENZIES:** Okay. My name is Jayme Menzies. I'm a statement gatherer today on November 7th. We're starting at 6:31 on the dot. My name is spelled J-a-y-m-e, M-e-n-z-i-e-s. If you don't mind introducing yourself, Kathy?

**MS. KATHY AUGUSTINE:** I'm Kathy Augustine, and my name is spelled K-a-t-h-y, last name A-u-g-u-s-t-i-n-e.

**MS. BELINDA LACOMBE:** And I'm Belinda Lacombe, spelled B-e-l-i-n-d-a, L-a-c-o-m-b-e.

**MS. JAYME MENZIES:** Great. Thank you. So, for the record, I'm just going to make sure I ask that you are here voluntarily and you haven't been pressured to be here today?

**MS. KATHY AUGUSTINE:** Yes.

**MS. JAYME MENZIES:** Okay, and you are okay with us video and audio recording.

**MS. KATHY AUGUSTINE:** Yes, I am.

**MS. JAYME MENZIES:** Okay. So it's all your -- all your time now, however you want to begin, at the beginning of your niece's life or anywhere in-between.

**MS. KATHY AUGUSTINE:** Well, my niece,
everyone loved that girl. She was one of the most rambunctious mouthy strong-willed 16-year-old little girl. Like she was just -- if she didn't like something, she let you know, and I -- she was supposed to live with me. She was staying with me, but she wasn't living. She was staying there, and I'm very strict, and she told me. She said, I could never live with you, auntie. I love you, but I could never live with you. You're too strict. You're like Joomi (ph). She's too strict. Joomi is grandmother. That was my mom. My mom passed away two years before that. And everyone loved her 'cause she was everywheres. You ever hear of one of those kids that knew everybody? Like everybody from people my age to people younger, she knew so many people, you know, and everybody loved her, even with her attitude, and that girl had attitude too. Oh, my God.

She liked to do what everybody did when they were 16. She liked to party. She loved shopping. I remember she was staying with me the week before school started, and then she was supposed to go back and stay with her mom when school started because on the reserve -- my sister Pam didn't live on the reserve. She lived off reserve. She lived about an hour away from Burnt Church. She lived with her husband. He has a house up there, and Hilary didn't like Miramichi. She liked Burnt Church. That was where she lived. That was our community.
That's --

So she literally would go from place to place, house to house. There isn't nobody on my reserve that she didn't sleep on their couch, but everyone -- like everyone loved her, but she was with me that last week before she went missing.

I remember telling her that week I got her -- her school cheque. I was getting it Saturday, so it was the last weekend before school started, so we were supposed to go school shopping on Saturday. We were going to meet up with her mom and then go school shopping and stuff like that, so it was that Friday, I remember. My truck was broke down, so I wasn't driving her anywheres. She was going to -- with her -- one of her friends. She was going to go babysit, and after she was done babysitting, she was going to a house party. This is Hilary. This is -- this isn't something out of the norm, you know. She goes out. She says she's going to be back at this time. She might not be back because more than likely she's going to keep drinking with her friends or keep doing whatnot, you know, and me and Hilary, we got along as long as she respected my rules while she's in my house. She knew that if I told her she had to be back at a certain hour, she'd say, Okay, I'm going to spend the night at my friend's house, I'll be back Saturday, which is what
she said to me, she's going to be back Saturday 'cause she
knew if I told her, okay, what time you going to be done
babysitting, what time are you going to be done from the
party, she knows I wouldn't like her response because I was
very strict.

And I remember when she left that night. I
was actually working on my truck, literally under the hood
of my truck. She told me she was going to babysit. I got
mad at her. She was wearing those little tiny short
skirts. You know, it's September. You know, it's getting
chilly. It was still nice out, so she could still pull it
off, but I thought, you know what, by the time nighttime,
she's going to be cold. I even yelled at her. I said,
(speaks in Native language) change, you're going to get
cold. No, I'll be fine, auntie, don't worry. I said, So
you're going to be home tomorrow? She says, Yeah. I said,
I'm going to have your school cheque tomorrow. Be home so
we can go shopping. Yeah, I'll be home for sure, auntie,
love you. I love you too. She left, walked
(indiscernible).

When she didn't show up Saturday, I figured
it was Hilary. She probably played -- you know, she
probably drank too much, probably she's still hung over.
I'll probably see her later tonight. She knows I already
knew she was going to drink, so she knew I wouldn't be
angry at her. So I figured, okay, she'll probably come
home later tonight, something. She'll be fine.

So I called her mom, told her mom, Yeah, Hil
didn't come home. She said, Oh, that girl. That Hill, she
used to always say, Oh, that Hil. She -- her -- her mom
used to call her Hil. Where Hil came from, I think it's
just Hilary for short, you know, short, so she says, Ah,
she's probably at one of her friend's, she'll probably be
home later tonight or tomorrow. Okay. I didn't feel
worried.

Then Sunday came. She didn't -- she didn't
call. She had minutes on her phone. By then the phone
calls were going straight to voicemail. So I posted on
Facebook. Facebook wasn't as popular as it is now, but it
was very popular.

MS. JAYME MENZIES: M'hm.

MS. KATHY AUGUSTINE: So I posted on
Facebook, and my reserve isn't -- it isn't the biggest, but
it also isn't the smallest. Everybody knows everybody, and
I posted on Facebook that I hadn't seen Hilary all week and
since Friday, and I wanted her friends to at least tell me
where she is, let me know if she's okay, when she's coming
home, what's going on, and I had so many people say, What
do you mean you haven't heard from Hilary? What's going
on? Where did she go last? And I already contacted the
friends she was going to babysit with. They said she was
at the party and after the party she left, and that was the
last time they seen her.

So Sunday Pam came down, and we all went
driving around looking for her. We went to all the
friends' houses. No one seen her, and that was very odd.
Hilary was everywheres and anywheres. There was always
somebody who saw her. Even if I didn't see her, someone
beside me saw her walking down the road over there or seen
her down the path over there. Someone seen her, you know,
and no one seen her.

So my sister, Pam, went and filed a missing
person's report for her on Monday, and the police said that
more than likely she ran away. Probably she just wanted to
keep drinking. She probably ran away. Her friends are
probably hiding her. And it felt like we were alone, like
we didn't have anyone to help us. We didn't know what we
were supposed to do. So we took it to Facebook. We
said -- all of us, we said we're -- we're going to look for
Hilary. No one can find her. No one knows where she is.
We're going to meet at the fire department.

Like we have a building on our reserve that
used to be a fire department but is no longer a fire
department. They called it the fisheries, so we said we're
going to meet there. We're going to get together. We're
all going to get together, everybody here. We have to look
for Hilary, and so many people that I never knew knew
Hilary were saying stuff like, She stayed at my house, I'm
there. What time are we going to meet? And the police
still kept saying she's probably just a runaway and kept
treating it like it was nothing. They -- they didn't even
go talk to anybody.

Tuesday when we said we were going to do it,
I think it was three or four o'clock. We had so many
people at the fisheries. I swear we had at least 200
people. The police showed up. They showed up and took
credit for -- for getting this all together. They didn't
do anything. It was so many times that if they would have
just tried.

We searched for my niece since September 4th
to November 13th, and we didn't stop. Every time the
police -- we would go so long and they would kind of give
up, and you could feel them giving up 'cause they
wouldn't -- they wouldn't want to be organizing any more
searches. After they called off the dog searches and all
that, they -- they kept saying the trails were going cold.
Every time they did that, we all got together as a
community, and when I say "we all got together," it's like
500 people on one of the nights, and we literally went down
to every house that anyone said they might have seen her.
We went to every door. We busted down doors to find my niece. They would come out when they knew we were going looking. We didn't just go a couple people and we didn't give up after a week, two weeks. We kept looking and looking.

I think that was the first time that I ever felt like my reserve was a place I could call home because they were there as a community. That was the first time. And I don't know if the police saw it or whether they were trying to play on the fact that it was such a publicized search. Like Hilary's search, we searched every day. Like every day we searched. Every day when we went out, not just a little bit, like vehicles upon vehicles upon vehicles, hundreds of people, people flying in from all over the place coming to help us look. It felt like so many people were involved in the search, and we didn't really do it alone.

But when they found her body, they found it before they told us. They told us on Friday, November the 13th, Friday the 13th, and I always felt like they found her the day before and then told us the day after to make it more newsworthy. That's what it felt like, and they didn't -- they didn't call our family and tell my sister and her ex and the immediate family to meet at the house or they didn't come, the police officers, to a home and say,
okay, we -- we found her body. They told us to all go meet at the church on reserve so that they could tell everybody.

Yes, she was a part of everybody's life, but she was my niece. That was my sister's daughter. She's still devastated by it. That's her only daughter, was her only daughter. To this day my sister does believe they did everything, but there's a lot of things that I just -- I seen because no matter how much it killed me to do all that, to go searching every day, to wake up every day and go looking and every night not find her, and when we found her, it was the worst. I'm glad that we found her. I wish she would have just came home and that we didn't have to find her like that.

Still to this day people still talk about her. I know they all said try to look for something in everything. There's always a purpose for everything. There's always a meaning for everything, and for the longest time I felt like what happened to my niece meant that you couldn't trust anyone, and that was wrong. I want so much for what happened to her not to have happened.

She -- what happened to her made my community so close to right now I don't think anyone would even have thought of waiting a day if someone's missing, and I've seen it so many times on Facebook. If someone doesn't come home when they're supposed to, it's on
Facebook, and I see so many people in my community stand up and right away say, oh, I saw her here, I saw her there or tell them, okay, she's here. Everyone helps out to the point that no one wants to sit back and just watch when someone's missing.

I have to believe that she had to do that, you know. I have to believe that she did something, and if it was one thing, it was to bring that community together because I've never seen that. I've never seen my community come together like that, not for one person. She was so loved by everybody. She was so young. She was 16.

It had a lot of effect on everybody, not just me, not just my kids. People in my community that I didn't even know were friends with Hilary, it affected them. I know one of her good -- one of her friends, Chelsea (ph), loved Hilary so much. Like they all had an effect on Hilary's passing. I don't think anyone went in Burnt Church and didn't have some kind of impact from it, the stress of searching for her, not knowing and then finding out that it's someone in our own community that did that to her.

Even afterwards I just -- for me it was how they told me, how they told us as a family. I understand they wanted to involve the whole community because the community was there for it, but I guess this is the selfish
part of me 'cause -- 'cause she was my niece.

I'd say I'm one of the few people that had her sleeping on my couch, but I'm not. I guess everybody else deserved it too. They deserved the right to know like the rest of us. I just thought they shouldn't have did it so much for the TV. I felt a lot of times when the cops were involved it was because the camera was there. If the camera wasn't there, they weren't there. The reason they came that first day was on Facebook, and, you know, there's the news channels and stuff. They watch Facebook because all of a sudden they started appearing. Like I said, the police showed up to say that they -- that they put it all together, but I remember I even still have my Facebook messages. Every now and then it shows up in my timeline. September 4th it always shows up. No, not even September 4th because that's where she went missing. It's days afterwards when I posted on Facebook, and all those conversations, those show up on my timeline, and every time I see it, my heart breaks because all I keep thinking is she was such a beautiful young lady, and I wonder what she could have been -- what she could have been, where she would have been in her life.

You know, my daughter -- my daughter and her were so close. They were practically the same age. I think my daughter [Daughter 1] was maybe older than her by
six months or a year, but she loved her, and they got along so good. [Three lines redacted pursuant to Rule 55]. They felt like, you know, if they knew her friends more better, but my kids weren't allowed to know the same people. I was very strict.

**MS. JAYME MENZIES:** Can I ask you a question? Did the cops ever lay charges and was there --

**MS. KATHY AUGUSTINE:** The guy was actually her first cousin. She had gone into the store that's right on my reserve that's on the highway and going right into the reserve, that road. It's called Four D's Road. She went in there and then she left, and someone came in. Her first cousin came in, came into the store. If you look on camera and you see, and I actually worked at that store at that time, and he came into the store. I wasn't working that -- that morning, but he came into the store and was seen on camera going down each aisle looking for someone, and then he was actually involved in the search of Hilary. He was there the whole time trying to help out. That's what he says. Then he was -- he -- he's the one who told them where he hid her body. He told them what he did. He said he did it by accident, said it was consensual, consensual sex. That was her first cousin.

There's some -- some people on our reserve don't think anything about a cousin and a cousin having sex
together. My family, especially my mom's, my mom's family, very, very, very strict. You don't date your first cousin. You don't date your second cousin. If you can follow them on your tree line, you don't date them. You don't. So my niece Hilary was raised in that atmosphere. That girl practically lived at my mom's house before my mom passed away. My mom passed away in 2007. Hilary was always there. Hilary knew that that's a taboo. You don't have sex with your first cousin. Are you kidding me? That's like having sex with your brother. That's how close relatives. For me, my first cousin, I remember them since I was a kid just like my brother. It's like my sister. First cousins, you don't do that. He said it was consensual sex and that he accidentally put his hand over her mouth 'cause she was screaming, and that's how he killed her, but it was an accident. Then he said that he used to pay her for sex.

I used to get my niece's cheques 'cause she was on the reserve. I used to get her cheques for her. When she needed money, I gave her money. That's one thing she didn't have to worry about. When she needed her personal hygiene stuff, she came and seen me. I gave her what she needed 'cause her mom lived in town. Her mom couldn't do it, you know, [one line redacted - personal information] so it's not easy to get around and do all this
stuff, you know.

And he was charged. I can't remember if it's first-degree murder. He's serving life -- life in prison, Curtis Bonnell, so, yeah, he got life in prison. Where he murdered her was right beside the store I worked at. They say that when he killed her, he killed her and he left her body at the house right beside the store, and I remember there being such a bad smell. I never smelled a smell like that in my life. Come to find out they said that was more than likely her body rotting because he had it at his house beside the store.

**MS. JAYME MENZIES:** While your family were searching and throughout the court procedures were there any organizations, whether culturally relevant or western, if we can call it that, any organizations or individuals that were offering resources or support to you and your family?

**MS. KATHY AUGUSTINE:** I know when she first passed, we had -- the police department got counsellors to come, and then I believe someone on the reserve got a few people to come and do some -- some smudging. I can't remember who they -- I know they brought some spiritual leaders in. I remember that 'cause we used to have -- throughout the whole time we were searching for her, we used to have the sacred fire going. When we first
started searching for her, we had the sacred fire going, and we kept it going until we found her body, even in the winter, and it was getting cold.

When we were going through the courts, Victim Services was there for us. They made it a point to make sure that we were being able to speak. My daughter felt like she didn't have a chance to speak as much as she could. Like even with this Inquiry, she was frustrated because in New Brunswick, it's a small province. It's not heavily populated, not like out here. My daughter lives in Fredericton. She goes to university, and, like I said, she was really -- she was devastated by Hillary's loss, and I know the first thing she said was, Why don't we have an opportunity to speak at one of these inquiries? Why don't we have that chance? And I said, I don't know why I'm having that chance. I said, I honestly walked into this, I said, because I didn't even know they were here until I seen and spoke to some -- that's how I knew they were here. Even when I heard it, all I could think of was Hilary.

And I know that I haven't spoken much about this to anybody other than my immediate family, and it feels good. Like it really does feel good to speak about it. I was kind of worried. I was talking with my husband about it, and (indiscernible) spoke about it. I was kind of scared I was going to break down. First anxiety attack
I ever had was when we found out Hilary died. That's the first time I ever had an anxiety attack. Never had one before.

**MS. JAYME MENZIES:** How is your family coping now? Do you have supports or are they -- have they found a way to remember her in perpetuity or does it still really affect the family?

**MS. KATHY AUGUSTINE:** See right now it's different for each one of my family. Each side it's different. For my sister Pam, I'm not actually on speaking terms with her anymore. We had a falling-out, and choices she's made, I can't -- I can't have in my life, [six lines redacted pursuant to Rule 55]. Like I don't know.

As for -- I have a very large family. There's actually 14 of us brothers and sisters, so each one dealt with it differently. Each one deals with it differently. I deal with it by always telling my kids -- after that night, I remember saying, No matter where you are, no matter what time it is, no matter where I am, if you ever need me to pick you up, you better pick up that phone and you better call me. You don't ever tell me you had to walk or hitchhike. If I'm in Alberta, you tell me you need a ride, believe me, money can buy you what you need. If I needed you to get a ride right now from the hillbillies, believe me I can get somebody out there to the
hillbillies, get you and get you home. I said, Don't you ever walk, and I've said it to my son too.

You know, they always talk about the women. They don't talk about the young men, you know, and I've always told my kids, No matter what, I don't care where you are, and I'm very strict. They also don't like to even have a drink around me, and them being highly intoxicated is not something that they want to do in front of their mother, but they know that no matter what -- and I always tell them -- that I'll never judge you, but don't you ever walk from somewheres, don't you ever get in a vehicle with someone that's drinking. I always make sure that they always can call me. It doesn't matter what time of day or night.

I know my daughter [Daughter 1], it took a long time for her, more than the other two. For her it was -- she was fairly close to Hillary, and if you see a picture of them, you're just like -- they look like sisters. They were so close. You know, that's your first cousin on your mom's side. Your moms are sisters. Of course you're best friends, you know. It took her so many years to get over it and still. I know she was in -- she went to a conference in New Brunswick, and she spoke at a conference for murdered women, and it still bothers her, and she will still say it to this day like it took a long
time. [Four lines redacted pursuant to Rule 55] It took years for anyone, and a year after Hilary, there was no one that we could actually go to and say, look, I'm still having a hard time dealing with Hilary. You know, most of the people are going to look at you and say, well, why? It's been a year. You should be fine by now. It's been ten years since my mom passed, and there's still times that I cry out for my mom and still wish she was here.

You know, have you talked to somebody about unresolved issues about someone passing when they've passed so long ago? Have you talked to somebody that is so close-minded, and they look at you and see you as you just want something. What do you want? You want antidepressants. You want those uppers, those downers, whatever. You go see a doctor and you ask for help, you must want medication. You're Aboriginal. You definitely want medication, definitely.

So I don't know how -- even now my kids have a great relationship with me, and I'm -- I tell them if they ever need to talk about anything, it doesn't matter. It doesn't matter if it will hurt me for them to talk about it. I try and be their outlet because if they had to look to going and seeing somebody -- we're Aboriginal. We're going to be looked at like we want something, and I know that for a fact. That's how it always was, how it always
will be. It's just so sad. Even if we wanted to, [one line redacted – personal information] but who are you going to? You know, especially if you go to a doctor and they automatically think, oh, well, what are those -- they have drugs for everything, drugs to make you calm, drugs to make you move more, drugs for everything, and they think automatically you are going there 'cause you're depressed -- depressed, you want to be on antidepressants. Well, if it's not antidepressants, then it's something else you want to be on.

[Three lines redacted – personal information]. None of my kids like pills because I don't, and I make them always say one thing. If you can't deal with it in your mind unless it's going to -- you need it -- you're diabetic, you need the medicine, okay, but if it's something for depression, anxiety, if we don't learn how to deal with it, we can't. Medication ain't going to do anything except make you dependent, so yeah.

**MS. JAYME MENZIES:** I guess part of what this Commission is hoping to achieve is to learn about what contributes to women missing and murdered, but we're hoping also to help or contribute to commemorating those people, so I know that it would be hard for you to speak on behalf of Hilary's mom or your brothers and sisters and the whole community, but would you have any ideas as to how we could
best commemorate Hilary as an individual or as generally
the women and girls that have been affected this way?

MS. KATHY AUGUSTINE: I wouldn't even -- I
wish my daughter [Daughter 1] was here --

MS. JAYME MENZIES: Yeah.

MS. KATHY AUGUSTINE: -- because
she's -- she would have something to say.

MS. JAYME MENZIES: Yeah. You know --

MS. KATHY AUGUSTINE: I don't -- for me,
every day that we think happy of her. You know, for me I
don't need -- me personally, I don't need gratification or
some form of showing me, okay, we remember Hilary because
I'll always remember Hilary. My daughter will always
remember Hilary. Her mom is putting up a monument
for -- on behalf of Hilary. It ain't going to change the
way I feel about Hilary.

The thing you said about they want to see
how to stop it, our women -- and when I say "our women,"
I'm not talking about Mi'gmaw. I'm talking about all our
native woman are put in a position where they have to be
strong, whether they are or aren't. They have to get from
point A to point B. They don't want to walk. They don't
want to hitchhike, but if they actually said, I feel
scared, they're going to be hurt even more, they're going
to be ridiculed, and if not -- just by opening your mouth
and saying I'm scared, that makes them a target. In all honesty, the way that our women are treated is wrong. You know, you look bad if you're strong and independent and made to believe that you're strong enough to fight off a man.

I'm a very strong and independent woman. I have my security license. I've taken self-defence classes. I've got baton use, handcuff use. I've got everything you could imagine, but I'm not going to sit there and believe that I can fight off a man because I'm -- I'm not put in a position to be vulnerable, but if put in a position to be vulnerable right now, I would stand my ground even if I knew I was going to get beat, but a lot of the native women I find are put in a position where they have no choice. If they say they're scared to do it, then they're a target. If they do do it, then they're a target. How do you stop a girl from hitchhiking when she knows if she asks this one or that one for a ride they're going to say no 'cause you have no money or, no, you're this or you're that? 'Cause down home I see it a lot. I see the girls that do the drugs or do a lot of drinking. They can't get a ride from anybody. They're put in a position that they have to hitchhike. Why? Because everyone says, oh, well, they do this, they do that, they can do that. They put them in the position to think that they're strong enough to do it when
they can't. They can't fight off a man no matter how small that man is. Men are built one way, women are built another way, and if you believe anything else, then the only one you're fooling is yourself, to be honest, because I honestly feel like if there was more people to turn around and protect the ones that they think don't need the protecting, they're the ones that need it the most, the ones who stand there and say, oh, I'm strong, I can do whatever I want, I can go wherever I want. They're the ones that need it the most 'cause you know what? They're just putting on a face in front of you saying that they can do this and they can do that, but they can't, but the moment they say they can't, that's when they're going to get hurt the worst because they let their wall down.

I don't know how to stop it. It's really a bad cycle to the -- and how do you stop it? How do you stop a cycle that makes a woman tell her that she has to be strong and then when she's strong, she can't show that she's scared 'cause if she's scared, she's going to be a target, and I honestly wish that there was more men willing to take charge and protect our women, and I say men because no matter what, you can get a skinny guy in here, and a skinny guy still is a man. Without the men to help us, we can be strong, independent as much as we want. Without them to stand behind -- and I know this for a fact. If one
man stood up and said no, the rest will follow because they all want to follow a leader.

They need one man just to stand up and take care of one woman, one woman that he has nothing to do with. There's no emotional standing behind it. Then maybe other men will start to realize that they can start taking care of their women and not just their women, the women in their community. You know, it might not be their relative, but you know something? No, they're not related to you, but they're going out with your cousin's cousin. They're going out with someone that you know.

I don't know how to fix it. The only thing I could think of is for me, it's go back to the old ways. The old ways, the man stood by the woman. There was no man that would see a woman walk out of a building or out of a house and say I'm going to hitchhike from here to there. The man would turn around and say, well, no, you're not. We're going to get you there. If we can't get you there, we're going to find somebody to get you there. In the old ways it was never like this, you know.

You want to know what your kid was up to in the old days? You didn't have to ask far because everybody knew everybody. I mean still down home, if I meet a young kid and I don't know who they are, the first thing out of my mouth is who's your mom because as soon as they tell me
who their mom is, I know what family they're from, so I
know what side. Do you know what I mean? Okay. They
might be my relative. They might be so and so's relative.
It's a circle. It's all a circle. This felt good.

**MS. JAYME MENZIES:** I'm glad. You know,
it's -- if you leave here tonight and you think of anything
else you feel like you didn't say and you wanted to, you're
more than welcome to call the Inquiry. You can send in a
document, a written document, a poem, a video. You can
send anything in, and we can add it to your file, to
Hilary's file.

**MS. KATHY AUGUSTINE:** Okay.

**MS. JAYME MENZIES:** If your daughters want
to --

**MS. KATHY AUGUSTINE:** That's what I was
going to do. I was actually going to try --

**MS. JAYME MENZIES:** (Indiscernible).

**MS. KATHY AUGUSTINE:** -- and get ahold of my
daughters.

**MS. JAYME MENZIES:** And you may send in
photographs of them with Hilary that (indiscernible).

**MS. KATHY AUGUSTINE:** I have pictures of
them.

**MS. JAYME MENZIES:** We'll be able to see all
of that, and we'll be able to add it to what we have, and
our commissioners will look at it.

MS. KATHY AUGUSTINE: Give me an email address, and I'll send you --

MS. JAYME MENZIES: Yeah.

MS. KATHY AUGUSTINE: -- pictures and -- 'cause I know my -- my daughter [Daughter 1], the one that was close to her, still has poems that Hilary wrote to her.

MS. JAYME MENZIES: Yeah.

MS. KATHY AUGUSTINE: Hilary used to like writing poems.

MS. JAYME MENZIES: And we'd love to see that just to give an idea of who Hilary was too and (indiscernible).

MS. KATHY AUGUSTINE: Like we save a lot of -- anything that I have that has her handwriting, even if it's just a scribble. She scribbled on the floor -- after my mom passed away, I got my mom's house, and they used to always be in my mom's house, and on the basement floor -- 'cause it's still a basement -- she has her name scribbled all over the basement. I won't let anyone wash that up. It's just cute little scribble marks and cute little stuff here and there, but it's a touch of Hilary.

MS. JAYME MENZIES: M'hm.
MS. KATHY AUGUSTINE: And I love having a touch of Hilary in that house, so, yeah, I'll -- I'll talk with my daughters and --

MS. JAYME MENZIES: 'Cause I know you weren't planning on being here, so you probably -- had you been planning it, you may have brought pictures or --

MS. KATHY AUGUSTINE: Well, yeah, I would have had pictures that I would have known to give, and I would have been like, okay, we can -- this one, this one, this one 'cause, yeah, there's some pictures that -- like I'm telling you, that girl knew everybody on my reserve, and my reserve's the second-large reserve in New Brunswick.

MS. JAYME MENZIES: And, you know, we may be doing a hearing there or nearby in the year, so if your family wanted to wait 'til then, that's entirely acceptable as well, but if in the meantime you wanted to send anything, we could even take photocopies of originals and then send you back the originals, so whatever is best for you and your family, we can --

MS. KATHY AUGUSTINE: Okay.

MS. JAYME MENZIES: -- accommodate that.

MS. KATHY AUGUSTINE: That sounds perfect. Yeah, I'll talk with my daughters probably tomorrow 'cause they're three hours ahead.

MS. JAYME MENZIES: Right.
1 --- Upon adjourning

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