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MS. CAITLIN HENDRICKSON: Okay. So, we’ll begin. So, my name is Caitlin Hendrickson and I’m a statement gatherer with the National Inquiry into Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls. I’m here today with Freda Chief and Jocelyn Wolfe to speak on the matter of Jeanette Chief who was missing in 2007 and found in June of 2007. And, we’ve got some other family members in the room, if we could each have you list who you are.

[R.C.]: [R.C.], she was my auntie.

[G.G.]: [G.G.], she was my auntie.

[T.C.]: [T.C.], she’s my auntie.

[T.H.]: [T.H.], she’s my kokum.

MS. JANET TROTTIER: Janet Chadre, she was my auntie, my mom’s sister.

MS. CAITLIN HENDRICKSON: Okay.

[J.G.]: [J.G.], she was my kokum.

MS. CAITLIN HENDRICKSON: And so, we’ll be here today, audio recording your statement, as well as video recording it. And, I just want you to confirm with me, please, that you’ll agree to the video recording?

MS. JOCELYN WOLFE: I agree to the video recording.

MS. CAITLIN HENDRICKSON: Okay. Thank you.
So, wherever you’d like to begin, just speak about Jeanette and her life, and you can just start wherever you feel like is right. You can tell me about when she was born, who she was, her family.

**MS. FREDA CHIEF:** I don’t even know -- remember the year she was born, but her birthday ---

**MS. JOCELYN WOLFE:** She was born June 8, 1958.

**MS. FREDA CHIEF:** And, there was 14 of us in the family, she was the second youngest and I’m the youngest, and now I’m the only girl in the family and I have three brothers.

And, my sister was found June 6th of 2007. And -- well, actually, probably nobody knew what was -- what had happened to her because there was -- it’s one person that found her under a bridge and we had never thank that guy. I always wanted to thank that guy, because if it wasn’t for him, we’d probably still be looking.

--- Whereupon the recording was paused

**MS. CAITLIN HENDRICKSON:** So, it’s 1:57 p.m. We just had to pause recording due to a technical issue and we’re resuming now. So, you were speaking about Jeanette and her being found in June 2007. Do you want to continue talking about Jeanette?

**MS. FREDA CHIEF:** Maybe I can give it to her
MS. CAITLIN HENDRICKSON: Sure.

MS. JOCELYN WOLFE: Well, she was my mom, I’m the youngest out of seven. My oldest brother has a different dad, but the six of us came and was married to my dad for, I don’t know, 30 years. So, yes, I have four brothers and two older sisters, and she has, like, 20 -- over 20 grandchildren.

MS. CAITLIN HENDRICKSON: Wow.

MS. JOCELYN WOLFE: And, she was like -- you know, even though we had a big family, she was like the center of our -- and growing up, she was like a -- she was a stay at home mom, but she worked with my dad, like fencing around the house -- like fencing around our area, and she would go -- you know, [just did odd jobs] (indiscernible) growing up.

But, yes, she was a stay-at-home mom and -- and it’s like -- like, she was with my dad a really long time, but they separated when I turned 18 and that was in 2004 when they separated, but they were still legally married. When she left my dad, you know, she had met a white guy named [G.M.] in 2004, so she stayed with him in Kitscoty, Alberta.

MS. CAITLIN HENDRICKSON: So, can you tell me when she was first reported missing?
MS. JOCELYN WOLFE: Well, we didn’t even report her missing or gone. The last time I saw her was the first week of June and she gave me her van and -- because I had a little family back then and I needed to take them to Hobbema because we were moving to Edmonton, because I was supposed to be starting school in Edmonton. And, it was her birthday week coming up that week, so I was, kind of, worried because I didn’t really have money to buy her anything.

So, the last time I saw her was outside of Onion Lake and she stopped me, and she was with [L.P.] and [P.W.], and she was already buzzed out. And, she stopped me and I was, kind of, getting mad at her. I was like -- because she wanted money, and I said, you don’t have to drink. If I give you money, you’re just going to drink, and she starts laughing at me. Stop being mad, my baby. I love you. And, I said, just wait till I get back from Hobbema and I’ll take you out, and I only give her $20.00, then I left -- I left to Hobbema and that was the last time I ever saw her.

Then, the next morning, I came back home -- and she lived with me at the street, it’s called Innuyanuyik (ph) in (indiscernible) Parks. Well, she was just going to live there, her and my brother, because I moved out, I took all my stuff to Hobbema. And, I came
back that morning and I thought she would be home, and I went walking into the house and I saw, like, empties on the table, and I was like, oh, she must have went -- I was thinking she was still with the people that I last saw her with, [L.P] and [P.W.]. So, I was like, oh, she probably went out again. So -- and my brother was home and I asked him, where’s mom? He’s like, I don't know, I just got here and she wasn’t here. And, I was like okay.

So, that whole day, we kept on looking for her. And, we kept on missing her calls, that’s like -- we didn’t have cell phones, just landline phones. So, my brother would go to town and look for her, and I would be to look for her and I couldn’t find her, then -- for two days. And, we kept on going to the bars in Lloyd, there’s me and my brother, Justin, and my sister, Danielle. And, we go to Frenchman Butte. We all had different -- I still had her van and I phoned all the people that she knew, and we couldn’t find her. And, I just had, like, a gut feeling, something was wrong, but I thought it was, like, with my kids that I left in Hobbema.

So, that night, that Saturday -- it was a Saturday night, my brother was still looking for her, but people in a bar -- like, there’s people in a bar, like, that were from Onion Lake, that knew -- that knew who my mom was, and they’re like, oh, you just missed her, she
went to the next bar. And, there was just, like, a little area in Lloyd that had three bars for Cree, PC and Alberta. I kept on missing her or she would leave for Frenchman Butte.

Then, that Saturday, I took off, I was back at Hobbema, and it was, like, real late, 3:00 in the morning, and -- when I was driving to Hobbema, it was, like, just me. There was no vehicles around this way because -- and I heard, like, a real -- like, a real loud whistle and I just knew something was wrong.

I don’t know, we didn’t report her missing or anything, we just thought she was with friends. But, the next day, I went back home, just me and my boys, and I walked inside and she still wasn’t home. And, I just got on the phone and I was phoning people that I knew that knew her, and they’re like, oh, we saw her, you know, she was at the bar. She was having a good time (indiscernible). Okay. And then I was talking to my one friend and -- because she told me she saw her, and they were laughing and whatever, then that’s like when you had -- well, before my sons were (indiscernible), but I was on the -- like, the landline, and you know when it beeps and you have to -- hold on, somebody’s on the other line. So, that happened. And, it was my brother [Brother] had called me, and he said, I’m just saying they found mom. And, I was like,
what do you mean they -- well, I was like, where is she?
Tell her I’ll pick her up. And, he’s like, no, not like
that. They didn’t -- like, you can’t pick her up. She’s
gone. Like, they found her body. I was like, what? I was
like, who? And, he’s like, somebody found her body.

And, that’s how I found out anyway. We
didn’t know she was missing, we just thought we kept on
missing her. And, somebody seen it on the news, like that
they found the body, but we weren’t notified till that
night.

MS. CAITLIN HENDRICKSON: How long was it
between the last time you saw her and being notified that
she’s found?

MS. JOCELYN WOLFE: Three days.

MS. CAITLIN HENDRICKSON: Three days.

MS. JOCELYN WOLFE: (Indiscernible). It was
a Saturday -- well, Sunday morning, like when the bar is
closing.

MS. CAITLIN HENDRICKSON: And, was there a
police investigation?

MS. JOCELYN WOLFE: There was, and when I
was in to -- well, that guy was finally charged last year.

MS. CAITLIN HENDRICKSON: Who was charged?

MS. JOCELYN WOLFE: Gordon Rogers.

MS. CAITLIN HENDRICKSON: In her death?
MS. JOCELYN WOLFE: Yes. Well, with two women anyway.

MS. CAITLIN HENDRICKSON: Were you involved in that investigation at all, were they getting statements for your family?

MS. JOCELYN WOLFE: No, they would just tell us they had a person of interest, but it took like -- like, 10 years for them to finally charge him. But, what gets me mad is like, he was -- that Gordon Rogers, when they first started the investigation, like he was already -- like, a lot of people identified who he was. And, even, like, his work -- where Gordon was working, like one of his co-workers even said like, because he had that route, where my mom was found -- he’s like a truck driver. And, even though, like, he was pointed out by people -- and he didn’t want to take the lie detector test and he (indiscernible), and they -- like, I don’t know.

When I think about it, like why didn’t they get his DNA from his trailer and stuff right away, like -- and he was pointed out from a few people that were in the bar that night, that seen him with my mom.

MS. CAITLIN HENDRICKSON: Can I ask if they determined a cause of death?

MS. JOCELYN WOLFE: Yes, she was hit in the back of her head with a beer bottle while she was passed
out.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: And, she was tied up.

MS. JOCELYN WOLFE: Yes, she had -- yes, she was tied up.

MS. CAITLIN HENDRICKSON: I’m sorry that happened to her. I’m sorry that your family went through this. I’m sorry that the investigation was a frustrating process, to see that he be charged and have any kind of closure for your family. What do you feel like the police could have done better?

MS. JOCELYN WOLFE: Like, they should have listened to, like, the people that were -- that identified him. Like, even like his -- the people at his work that told them, like, he even cleaned up that whole bay, and they asked him -- like, his co-workers asked him why he did it, it wasn’t part of his job description, and he was seen moving something from his trailer to his car, and they didn’t -- I was like, why couldn’t they charge him? Why does he get to live his life?

MS. FREDA CHIEF: I think that’s where -- because he did get charged. At first, he pleaded not guilty, but after the private investigators took all this confession, he changed -- he got the defence lawyer to get to higher court, and that’s where he changed his guilty to plea.
MS. CAITLIN HENDRICKSON: So, he pled guilty
in ---

MS. FREDA CHIEF: Yes.

MS. CAITLIN HENDRICKSON: How long was his
sentence?

MS. FREDA CHIEF: Sentencing is not till
January 19.

MS. CAITLIN HENDRICKSON: Oh, okay. So,
it’s still (indiscernible).

MS. FREDA CHIEF: Yes. But ---

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: But, then,
(indiscernible).

MS. FREDA CHIEF: Yes. They -- on both
counts, they had told us first degree -- 25 to life on both
counts on those ladies. But, when we went to Edmonton,
that’s when -- I don’t know.

MS. CAITLIN HENDRICKSON: So, was that ---

MS. FREDA CHIEF: They lessened it to 10 to
20 years on both counts of those both ladies.

MS. CAITLIN HENDRICKSON: So, he’s going to
get a lesser sentence?

MS. FREDA CHIEF: Yes. And, that’s what --
we really got...

MS. CAITLIN HENDRICKSON: How does that make
you feel?
MS. FREDA CHIEF: Yes.

MS. JOCELYN WOLFE: Like, all angry and like -- like, it took them this long to, like, find out -- like, to charge him. Like, he probably did it before because there’s other women that went missing around that area.

MS. CAITLIN HENDRICKSON: Mm-hmm.

MS. JOCELYN WOLFE: And, he’s been there, like, around -- working around those (indiscernible) for a long time.

MS. FREDA CHIEF: And, he -- also too, he -- like, I don’t know. I don’t know why my sister. He didn’t know her. That guy didn’t know her. Why bother her? What did my sister do to him? My sister enjoyed her life, she worked, she liked her drinking, but so does everybody. That guy went and took her life for what? And, he stands there, and he turns around and he looks at all of us like he didn’t do anything. It gets me mad.

MS. CAITLIN HENDRICKSON: You’re right. It’s not fair.

MS. FREDA CHIEF: And, my sister was a good lady. Good (indiscernible) her, she was a good mentor. For me, I was the youngest, I went to her. Sometimes she -- she’d get mad, but she hardly, hardly ever went up to anybody to say anything to them. She enjoyed her life.

MS. CAITLIN HENDRICKSON: Oh, jeez. We’ll
just take it down. Sorry. It’s been up for three days, (indiscernible). Sorry about that. I heard a tearing and I was just hoping it would hold. Did you have any part to do with the file, were you -- did you testify?

**MS. JOCELYN WOLFE:** No.

**MS. CAITLIN HENDRICKSON:** Were you given any opportunity to be involved in that?

**MS. JOCELYN WOLFE:** Well, they said when he goes for sentencing, we can write our victim impact report.

**MS. CAITLIN HENDRICKSON:** Mm-hmm.

**MS. JOCELYN WOLFE:** Other than that, they just told we could go and listen.

**MS. CAITLIN HENDRICKSON:** Mm-hmm. Is that something that you plan to do?

**MS. JOCELYN WOLFE:** Yes.

**MS. CAITLIN HENDRICKSON:** Yes. When we first started talking about her, you said she was at the center of your family. Can you talk about her strengths, of what that means to you?

**MS. JOCELYN WOLFE:** I don’t know. She was like -- because she had seven of us and, like, a lot of grandchildren, but she always made us feel, like, loved and she always found time for all of us.

**MS. CAITLIN HENDRICKSON:** Mm-hmm.

**MS. JOCELYN WOLFE:** And then when she’s gone
now, like we don’t have that. Like, our family is all broken up. [One line redacted – personal information] and just me and my sister talk.

**MS. CAITLIN HENDRICKSON:** You say that she always made time for you guys, what did you get to do with her?

**MS. JOCELYN WOLFE:** Well, we were all adults and we already all had our own families and kids ---

**MS. CAITLIN HENDRICKSON:** Mm-hmm.

**MS. JOCELYN WOLFE:** --- and she would, like, just come and visit and be with her grandkids. She just had to be there like -- and she’d make us feel good about ourselves.

**MS. CAITLIN HENDRICKSON:** Mm-hmm. And, when you were growing up and -- as a child with your six siblings, was it like that too?

**MS. JOCELYN WOLFE:** Yes. Well, I was always with her because I was the baby.

**MS. CAITLIN HENDRICKSON:** Mm-hmm.

**MS. JOCELYN WOLFE:** And, as an adult too, I still lived with her.

**MS. CAITLIN HENDRICKSON:** So, given your statement to the National Inquiry, what would you like to see come out of the Inquiry to make change going forward, to...?
MS. JOCELYN WOLFE: To take the investigations more serious. Like, just because it’s a Native person doesn’t mean, like, they shouldn’t, like, not try. And, I think my mom’s case like, kind of, bounced around, and they, kind of, closed it for a couple of years, till that other investigation -- investigator opened it up again. And, I forgot his name, but he’s from Saskatoon.

MS. CAITLIN HENDRICKSON: Do you feel like there’s any information regarding the case of your mom’s death that you weren’t able to get?

MS. JOCELYN WOLFE: Well, they wouldn’t even tell us anything. They just kept on saying, the investigation is ongoing, or they have a person of interest.

MS. CAITLIN HENDRICKSON: That’s all they told you?

MS. JOCELYN WOLFE: Yes.

MS. CAITLIN HENDRICKSON: Okay.

[T.C.]: They need to communicate more.

MS. CAITLIN HENDRICKSON: Mm-hmm.

[T.C.]: Although they say it’s -- because it’s in investigation, it needs to be -- they can’t relay any information to you until that person is charged.

MS. CAITLIN HENDRICKSON: Mm-hmm.

[T.C.]: But, they should be really
communicating with the family and (indiscernible) what the file is and what they’re going to do.

MS. CAITLIN HENDRICKSON: Mm-hmm. Can you please state your name for the recording?

[T.C.]: [T.C.].

MS. CAITLIN HENDRICKSON: Thank you.

[T.C.]: She’s my auntie.

MS. CAITLIN HENDRICKSON: Yes, yes. Just so that they know who is talking when somebody is off camera. So, one thing that the Inquiry is able to do with their power and mandate is to look into those police records and actually find out what the quality of the police investigation was, is that something that you would like to see from the Inquiry?

MS. JOCELYN WOLFE: Yes.

MS. CAITLIN HENDRICKSON: Yes. Okay. And, another option for you too, I don’t know if you’ve spoken to anybody here about that, but there’s the Family Information Liaison Unit which might be a little bit quicker for you to do personally, if anybody in your family is interested, is that they can help you also request those records. But, I will flag it with the Commissioners that there was inadequacies with the police investigation and, you know, around the court case and the pending sentencing, so that they know to look into that. But, one thing I
would recommend is talking to the Family Information Liaison Unit because then you can make those requests yourself as well, and they might be able to get some information for you.

And, is there anything that you would like to do as part of your testimony to further honour Jeanette? Is there anything that you’d like to see the Inquiry do to honour her?

**MS. FREDA CHIEF:** Like, what can they do?

**MS. CAITLIN HENDRICKSON:** Some people just suggest things, like some people like to submit art pieces to our artistic expressions. One thing, I don’t know if you’ve been told about, is the red ribbons that are -- that you might have noticed outside. We have artist, Jaime Black, here, she’s responsible for the Red Dress Project, and so she’s done a little bit of an inspired project based on that, where we’re tying the red ribbons around trees to honour our women who have been impacted by violence and who have been lost.

So, it’s a sign that your voices are being heard, the stories are being told, and it’s to commemorate and honour. So, that’s something that you can do when you leave here -- leave the room. But, if there’s anything else that you would like to add, if you would like to submit any photos of Jeanette for your testimony ---
MS. FREDA CHIEF: That’s what -- actually, I would like to ---

MS. CAITLIN HENDRICKSON: You would like to do that?

MS. FREDA CHIEF: With an art.

MS. CAITLIN HENDRICKSON: With an art -- okay. I will get you the contact information for that when we go downstairs ---

MS. FREDA CHIEF: Mm-hmm.

MS. CAITLIN HENDRICKSON: --- and we’ll do that, and make sure that you can submit things to go along with it. I’ll write that down as well. And, if there’s anything else that you’d like to share, I’ll leave that open to you, or if anybody else in the room would like to share.

MS. JANET TROTTIER: I’d like to share.

MS. CAITLIN HENDRICKSON: Okay.

MS. JANET TROTTIER: I was just waiting -- I’m just sitting here, just squirming.

MS. CAITLIN HENDRICKSON: Would you like to be on camera or just on the recording?

MS. JANET TROTTIER: No, I’m okay with the recording.

MS. CAITLIN HENDRICKSON: Okay. Can you state your name, please?
MS. JANET TROTTIER: My name is Janet Chadre.

MS. CAITLIN HENDRICKSON: Okay.

MS. JANET TROTTIER: I just wanted to add just to the whole trial, like the -- where we went through. We were in Vermilion for about -- it was supposed to be for a week initially, and then halfway through the preliminary hearing, preliminary trial, whatever you call it, it ended in three days because the legal counsel and Gordon Rogers decided that -- that they wanted to take it straight to ---

MS. FREDA CHIEF: Queen’s Bench.

MS. JANET TROTTIER: Yes, Queen’s Bench. So -- and I wondered at that point, and even before that, I just -- I know the justice system. I’ve worked in that area, going on 13 years, just with the people I work with and I know how the justice system works. The justice system works only if you have money, only if you have the right people in place. It doesn’t work for people that don’t have money or not so-called a part of that world; right? Unfortunately.

And, I knew right off the cuff he would just get away with it. I knew it long time ago. And, I kept voicing that. I just said, he’s going to get away with it. Don’t let him get away with it. I didn’t want him to get away with it. And, to me, I think already he got away with
it, you know? He’s receiving a second-degree murder charge for both. Not for each one, but for both. And, they did a plea bargain, that’s basically what happened. They did a plea bargain between legal counsel and the Crown. They agreed that if he would plea to the lesser charge of second degree murder, that they wouldn’t charge him for first degree, but he wouldn’t be eligible for parole for 17 years. So, that was all in the private of their own, they decided all of that. Not talking to anybody.

Sure, they met with us -- sure, the Crown prosecutor met with us, but -- and he answered our questions because sometimes we would sit there and we’d have questions. And so, they always made it look good -- he always made it look good that, okay, it’s going to turn this way. He’s going to be charged twice. He’s going to be -- he could get a life sentence. So, all these good things enticed us; right? I remember sitting there and thinking, you know, this is good, you know? And, the Victim Services were there too, and they said, oh, no, this Jeff is a really good lawyer and he’s going to work for you, and -- and so, of course I was bought in, but there was still a part of me that believed that he was going to get away with it.

So, that day, when we went to court in Edmonton, I was really upset, because that was the day I
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found out that he was pleading to a lesser charge of second
degree murder. And, to me, anybody who frickin’ commits --
kills more than one person should automatically get first
degree murder. Automatically. Maybe they need to change
legislation, I don’t know, but something needs to happen,
because it seems like here in Canada, when someone kills a
Native woman, it’s always second-degree murder. Always.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Even brutally.

MS. JANET TROTTIER: Brutally murdered.
And, more than one. Yes, more than one. And then -- and
that’s what’s going to happen. So, really, this happened
when he was, what, 50?

MS. FREDA CHIEF: Yes.

MS. JANET TROTTIER: So, in 17 years --
right now he’s 55. So, in 17 years, he’ll be 67. He still
has how many years left to go to live? And so, why should
we have to continue to come forward with victim impact
statements? I find that so -- I don’t like it, because it
seems like you’ve got to fight to keep him in jail ---

MS. FREDA CHIEF: Yes.

MS. JANET TROTTIER: --- and all he has to
do is feed money to a lawyer to keep him out of jail.

The system doesn’t work for families. The
judicial system needs to change. They need to change it
from -- anybody who murders more than one person should

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automatically get first degree murder, and that’s what’s going to happen. It already did. He’s going to go to sentencing and it’s up to the judge. The judge is the one that decides, at the end of the day, when he’s eligible for parole.

MS. FREDA CHIEF: And, he’s done how many years already.

MS. JANET TROTTIER: And, he’s done how many years already.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: But, not only that, when he was put in jail, he was put somewhere he was, his hometown.

MS. JANET TROTTIER: Yes. See, it worked for him and that’s why I didn’t like it. Right away, when he was in jail, not long after, from custody, he was sent to Red Deer, his hometown and he’s been there ever since.

MS. JOCELYN WOLFE: Yes. And, they said, when people get charged for murder, like they’re supposed to go to Edmonton max, but he got to go home.

MS. CAITLIN HENDRICKSON: So, he got a municipal -- provincial facility?

MS. JANET TROTTIER: See, he -- another thing too, was -- that I didn’t like, you know, and you’ll hear that metaphor, people say you see the federal and provincial government in bed with each other. You see that
in the court house. I saw it in the court house when legal
counsel -- or the Crown prosecutor was talking to the
defence lawyer, calling him “my friend” all the time. “My
friend”.

**MS. FREDA CHIEF:** And, they were just
laughing and ---

**MS. JANET TROTTIER:** “My friend”, “Oh, my
friend”, “My friend here”. You know, I was sitting there,
thinking, I hate to say it, but asshole, you know? Like,
that shouldn’t happen. He’s there for the family. He
should have been helping the family and I just feel that he
wasn’t -- he was there to make a deal with this friend, and
that’s what happened.

**MS. FREDA CHIEF:** Yes.

**MS. JANET TROTTIER:** And, I don’t want him
to get away with it. I don’t want him to be eligible for
parole in 15 years. He should be in there forever. He
shouldn’t even have to be eligible for parole, he shouldn’t
even qualify for that.

I think it would be really good -- like the
trial is come -- the sentencing date is coming up in
January and I want everybody to know what he did. That’s
how I feel.

**MS. FREDA CHIEF:** Yes.

**MS. JANET TROTTIER:** I want everybody to
know what he did and I want everybody to know who auntie was too. It’d be nice if someone could make a video of her, just even a 5 minutes, about who she was and what she did ---

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: We did have a video, but we lost it.

MS. JANET TROTTIER: Yes. If they could -- if you guys could help with that, you know, to make a video of her and show it before the trial. You know, I was thinking of all these things. Like, I just want people to know how comfortable this idiot has been since the beginning.

And, I thought -- you know, they talk about the Red Dress Project and I thought, you know, before trial, I even thought, let’s go -- let’s walk from Onion Lake to Edmonton. Let’s do a walk. And, I thought, well, when we get to Edmonton, maybe in certain areas do that Red Dress thing, where -- have people who would be willing to sit on -- like, say, Chesterfield like this, because that’s what’s happening. Sitting on a Chesterfield, wearing that dress, watching TV. People will look at it and say, what’s that all about, you know? And, to show her, that’s what he’s doing. Basically, that’s what’s he’s doing right now. Even before he got caught, he was just sitting there, watching TV. And, we heard that in court; right?
MS. FREDA CHIEF: Yes.

MS. JANET TROTTIER: About how he saw -- he was watching what all these stuff that the news was talking about.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: All these walks.

MS. JANET TROTTIER: Yes, all these walks. Saying that he knew her that one time, you know? And, that’s real. And, I thought, you know what, maybe we need to paint that message. I’d like to paint that message so he won’t get away with it.

MS. CAITLIN HENDRICKSON: Have you been vocal with the media at all?

MS. FREDA CHIEF: We weren’t allowed -- for a long time, we weren’t allowed.

MS. JANET TROTTIER: Yes.

MS. FREDA CHIEF: And then that last court we went to in September, and then our defence -- our legal aid told, oh, you guys could have done that a while ago.

MS. JANET TROTTIER: Yes.

MS. FREDA CHIEF: Like, after stopping us for...

MS. JANET TROTTIER: A long time, because they kept saying there was a publication ban.

MS. FREDA CHIEF: Yes.

MS. CAITLIN HENDRICKSON: Mm-hmm.
MS. JANET TROTTIER: They convinced the other family ---

MS. FREDA CHIEF: Yes.

MS. JANET TROTTIER: --- that there was a publication ban. So, they were upset when we tried to ex -- you know, create a poster for when auntie’s trial -- preliminary hearing was coming and we were trying to invite support, but they were convinced there was a publication ban.

MS. FREDA CHIEF: Yes.

MS. JANET TROTTIER: And, yes. So, for a long time, nobody said anything.

MS. FREDA CHIEF: Yes.

MS. JANET TROTTIER: Like, even right now, if you go on every TV, newspaper, you won’t even see his face, that guy. There’s absolutely nothing...

MS. CAITLIN HENDRICKSON: Where there isn’t a publication ban?

MS. JANET TROTTIER: I know. I know. Where -- we ---

MS. CAITLIN HENDRICKSON: That’s what I’m asking. There isn’t ---

MS. JANET TROTTIER: Exactly. That’s what -- there isn’t. The only publication ban was during the hearing where we couldn’t divulge the content that came
with it; right? So, witnesses’ statements, we couldn’t
talk about that, but there was nothing stopping us from
creating posters ---

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Yes.

MS. JANET TROTTIER: --- garnering support,

anything.

MS. JOCELYN WOLFE: But, they didn’t explain

anything to the other family.

MS. JANET TROTTIER: Yes.

MS. CAITLIN HENDRICKSON: Well, one

suggestion I have for you is, we do have media here, you
could say that you shared your story here today and about
where things are going. That’s one avenue you can take.
I’m going to take all of these submissions and flag it with
our legal team. I don’t know how quick they can act,
because January comes up really quick ---

MS. JANET TROTTIER: Yes.

MS. FREDA CHIEF: Yes.

MS. CAITLIN HENDRICKSON: --- but I
definitely hear your plea for support and justice around
this. Like, you’re being heard, I assure you. I want to
make sure that this is flagged for our Commissioner. But,
that’s up to you around the media. But, I would encourage,
if you’d like, to participate with our red ribbons, to take
one today and to tie one for Jeanette.
MS. FREDA CHIEF: Yes. It would be good, yes.

MS. CAITLIN HENDRICKSON: Yes. Is there anything else that you’d like to share today? Do you feel like you’ve been heard? Or is there something I haven’t asked you, that you’re, kind of, thinking about?

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: I don’t know.

MS. JOCELYN WOLFE: Well, when I first heard about this National Inquiry, like I didn’t even know what it was about or what it’s going to bring, because I was, kind of, confused. And, I kept on getting invited -- like, I thought I’m not coming, because I’m like, what’s the point? Like, are they even going to do anything?

MS. CAITLIN HENDRICKSON: Mm-hmm.

MS. JOCELYN WOLFE: But, it’s like -- I’d like to see something come out of it, like -- because I have a daughter and she’s going to grow up -- like, when this happened to my mom, I felt like I was worth nothing.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: It’s frustrating. I mean, she -- you know, relatives hurt like this, and when they split up and -- and doing drugs, you know, I don’t really know what to do.

MS. JOCELYN WOLFE: It’s been hard, like, living without her. Like, I still miss her every day. I wonder how our life would have been. Like, I’m not even
close with my siblings anymore, like I don’t even know, like, my nephews and nieces. I mean, one of my nephews committed suicide in July. I just think, like...

**MS. FREDA CHIEF:** If only that guy knew how much he destroyed the family, especially the siblings.

**MS. JOCELYN WOLFE:** And, it is -- like, it is frustrating because he’s totally -- like, he gets to come out again. Like, he didn’t live with this. Like, he didn’t even have no remorse for even the families. He’s with his wife and talking -- got charged and he gets to come out again.

**MS. CAITLIN HENDRICKSON:** Do you know who the other woman was?

**MS. JOCELYN WOLFE:** Violet Heathen. 2007 is when he murdered my mom, and then two years later, Violet went missing from the same bar, and he was seen leaving with her too, but he just told the cops like, oh, I just walked her to a truck and they believed him.

**MS. CAITLIN HENDRICKSON:** Well, I want to thank you for coming forward today and sharing with the National Inquiry. I can see that you’re definitely not nothing, you’re definitely something with an extensive network of family here. And, I think that your mom would be proud to be seeing you share her truth; right? Giving her the voice that she lost. I really want to, you know,
give my appreciation for that and that I’m very honoured to be the one receiving that and presenting it to the Commissioners for you, so that you have some peace of mind to move forward.

I know that this has been a frustrating process and that you don’t quite know what’s going to come of it yet, but I know that you’re not going to give up either. This is a strong circle of women that’s in this room, I can tell. Really, really strong. And, if that’s everything that you have to share today, I’m just going to say that it’s 2:41 and we’re going to conclude our recording. And, I’m going to get you set up with [health] (indiscernible) again, so that we can do some after care for you and your family, okay?

MS. FREDA CHIEF: Yes. Thank you.

MS. CAITLIN HENDRICKSON: Migwetch.

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