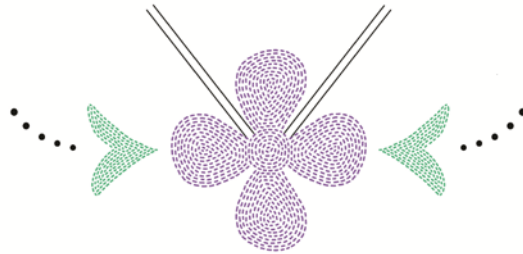


National Inquiry into
Missing and Murdered
Indigenous Women and Girls



Enquête nationale
sur les femmes et les filles
autochtones disparues et assassinées

**National Inquiry into Missing and Murdered
Indigenous Women and Girls
Truth-Gathering Process
Part 1 Statement Gathering
Hotel Bonaventure
Montreal, Quebec**



PUBLIC

March 13, 2018

Statement Volume 287

E.G.

Statement gathered by Sheila Mazhari

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

II

ORDER

Pursuant to Rule 7 of *Legal Path: Rules of Respectful Practice*, Chief Commissioner Marion Buller ordered that all names be made anonymous in this transcript and any related documents. The order for anonymity was made June 25th, 2019.

III

TABLE OF CONTENTS

Statement - Volume 287
March 13, 2017
Witness: E.G.
Statement gatherer: Sheila Mazhari

Page

Testimony of E.G. 1
Reporter's certification 19

Documents submitted with testimony:

1. Handwritten statement of Statement Provider (9 pages)
2. Bilingual, typed statement of Statement Provider seeking help in her search (2 pages)
3. Poster with photo collage seeking information on a missing person (1 page)
4. Photo collages (2 pages)
5. Page 1 of a 2 page document regarding missing child, with photos (1 page)
6. Letter from the RCMP dated 2017 01 27 (1 page)
7. Copy of email from Statement Provider "Formal Complaint on Police officer for Assault and Violation of Civil Rights" (1 page)
8. Page 1 of RCMP Public Complaint form filed by Statement Provider, with attached statement of incident (2 pages)
9. Missing person poster and photographs for child missing since 1963 (3 pages)
10. Photograph of a commemorative candle (1 page)

1 Montreal, Quebec

2 --- Upon commencing on Tuesday, March 13, 2018 at 12:05
3 p.m.

4 **MS. SHEILA MAZHARI:** Did you have a
5 different (indiscernible).

6 **MS. E.G.:** I saw the picture and I was
7 scared, and I said "That's me; I'm a missing child." And
8 then I said, "No, I'm not." And then later on the picture
9 had triggered memories.

10 About a month later, I called the Quebec
11 Missing Children. They had the information about [A.C.] on
12 file and took a report and told me an investigator would
13 contact me, but no one ever did.

14 So then I went to the RCMP in Moncton, New
15 Brunswick, and my first encounter was with a woman officer.
16 I told her about finding [A.C.]'s picture and that I
17 believed that I was her. And the woman said "Who do you
18 think you are?" And I said "[A.C.]". And she said, "How
19 can you be missing? You're sitting here in front of me."
20 I said, "Are you serious?" And she said, "Yes." I said,
21 "Are you going to help me?" And she said, "No."

22 At my family doctor, I tried to prove
23 or disprove if I was her. I was trying to gather evidence
24 from my own life to verify one way or the other. So I
25 asked my family doctor to help me obtain my medical files

E.G.

1 from when I was young. He told me to do it myself. I then
2 requested my files from the Moncton Hospital. They told me
3 they only had files from the hospital only and anything
4 from the family doctor would have been destroyed as he
5 retired.

6 Then I went to the school district to obtain
7 records. The police were called and I asked them to take
8 me down and take my fingerprints and investigate me for the
9 missing child. He then assaulted me by trying to break my
10 nose. My injuries aren't filed with the hospital. He said
11 I was resisting arrest. He put me in the cell for about
12 five minutes and released me without taking fingerprints or
13 laying charges.

14 I filed a complaint to Ottawa against the
15 RCMP officer for the assault. I found out that my
16 statement was tampered with. The part about the missing
17 child was removed from my original statement.

18 In 2016, I called Quebec Missing Children
19 again. They no longer had [A.C.] on file as a missing
20 child anymore. The picture had been changed to a different
21 name and the name was [D.C.].

22 I was watching a TV episode of the Missing
23 and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls, and one of the
24 age-progression pictures that I have come up on the screen.
25 This is when I figured out that [A.C.] was one of the

E.G.

1 missing girls. I contacted multiple ministers for help in
2 this matter, to retrieve my medical files and to have help
3 in proving or disproving that I'm her. I did this under
4 the *Right to Information Act*. Some refused me and others
5 did not respond.

6 In 2017, I had an interview concerning the
7 assault that I had filed a complaint against the officer.
8 In the interview, I asked about my statement, and they said
9 that they attached the original to the documents they sent
10 to Ottawa, and I replied that the man in Ottawa said, no,
11 there was no mention of the missing child in my statement
12 at all. The acknowledged the [A.C] kidnapping and they
13 told me that they could not help me, that the crime
14 happened in Montreal and I need to go there. This
15 interview was recorded, so it should be all documented.

16 So on September 4th, 2017, I arrived in
17 Montreal. There's a woman at the OPN, the Women's shelter,
18 she's a counsellor named [B.], and she called Quebec
19 Missing Children on my behalf. They said they could not
20 help me as I was claiming to be [A.C.], not [D.C.]. I
21 said, "I'm claiming to be the child in the picture." I
22 asked them to do facial recognition and they said it was
23 not the same child and they refused to help me.

24 Then I went to the Montreal Police on
25 Papineau. I told them that I do not even -- they told me

E.G.

1 that I do not even look like her at all. They called my
2 father back in Moncton. He told them that I refused to do
3 a DNA. He lied. I told the police officer, I said,
4 "You're trained to tell if people are telling the truth.
5 I'm sitting here in front of you. Am I lying?" She never
6 responded.

7 Then I was informed that the crime never
8 happened. They said they had no report of the kidnapping.
9 She looked at me and said, "I'm not even going to make a
10 report that you came in here with these allegations." She
11 then said, "Go home. Montreal is not safe." She said this
12 several times.

13 Moncton and Montreal never took my statement
14 and made a report into these matters of allegations that I
15 was claiming.

16 I started to put up flyers around Montreal.
17 Some elderly people remember the kidnapping happened. They
18 said, "Yes, it did happen here. She was kidnapped from
19 Montreal."

20 Then I seen the same policewoman officer at
21 the corner of the street and she had the door open with her
22 leg, and I said, "Hello." And she said, "You're still
23 here?" And I said, "Yes, I told you I'm not going home."

24 Then I went to the Kahnawake Peacekeepers in
25 October 2017. They took my statement, my fingerprints, and

E.G.

1 made a report. They gave me a file number. They told me
2 they do not have the technology like the RCMP for facial
3 recognition. It would also take them longer with the
4 fingerprints for some of the same reasons. I haven't heard
5 back from them yet.

6 November 2017, I went to Ottawa and while I
7 was there I found out that Minister Bennett and the
8 Assembly of First Nations were meeting. I went to the
9 building, and someone from the Assembly of First Nations
10 told me that he had all the pictures of the missing, and a
11 woman was with him and she gave me her card. We emailed
12 each other. I gave her my information, my documents, and
13 she said somebody would be contacting me. No one ever did.

14 On January 18, 2018, I went to Quebec City
15 where Mr. Trudeau was holding a Town Hall meeting. I
16 planned on speaking, but I got nervous. So I gave my
17 copies of my documents to one of his employees instead of
18 speaking publicly. We emailed each other and she told me
19 she gave my documents to the Ministers and that they would
20 be contacting me. Then she forwarded my information to
21 someone in the Minister's office who informed me about this
22 inquiry here today and told me this was a good place to
23 come and tell my story, and here I am.

24 Some memories I had my whole life, like
25 being in a toy store where [A.C.] was kidnapped. I went to

E.G.

1 a toy store here in Montreal called the Bric and Brac. I
2 asked a man if the downstairs looked a certain way, like
3 the one in my memory of the toy store I had my whole life,
4 and they said, "Yes, that's how the store looked." And
5 then I asked him if the owner was a tall, dark man, tall
6 man with dark hair, and he said yes.

7 Another one is camping, and my mother making
8 me go back in the trailer for my father to rape me. A lot
9 of adults sat outside and they just all let it happen.

10 Another one was going to the doctor, whose
11 files that I'm trying to obtain, but they're telling me
12 they're destroyed. I was eight years old and he was giving
13 me a pap test, and he tried to put a woman's inside of me
14 and he said "It doesn't fit". And recently I asked my
15 sister about that, and she said it was for birth control.
16 That's why I was there.

17 **MS. SHEILA MAZHARI:** Do you have the
18 doctor's name?

19 **MS. E.G.:** Dr. R.M. He's supposed to be
20 deceased now.

21 **MS. SHEILA MAZHARI:** [*Spells name*]?

22 **MS. E.G.:** Yes.

23 **MS. SHEILA MAZHARI:** [*Spells name*]?

24 **MS. E.G.:** Yes.

25 After seeing [A.C.]'s pictures, other

E.G.

1 memories have surfaced that I came from Paris, and the
2 passport and my fingerprints are on file. I contacted
3 again, trying to verify if my memories are correct or not.
4 I contacted the French embassy with no response. And when I
5 tried again, I had been blocked. They blocked me from
6 contacting them.

7 Another is that I was very, very young and I
8 was kept in a cage, and I escaped and I was running in a
9 field. I can't remember the rest.

10 Another one is that they drugged me. I was
11 older then. I had my children. They came in my home and
12 they drugged me and they raped my children, and all my
13 three children were screaming and crying, and I was yelling
14 "Get out!" I woke up from a nightmare with that memory
15 coming back.

16 I spoke to my family doctor about bringing
17 my children back then to be checked, and he did no
18 internal. He did the same thing recently with my
19 grandchildren. We had them checked for sexual assault, and
20 he did no internal on them recently as well.

21 I hope by doing this today I receive help
22 for the answers I am looking for.

23 I recommend that an independent party look
24 into these matters as the Canadian employees are not doing
25 their job.

1 MS. SHEILA MAZHARI: Do you want to show the

2 ---

3 MS. E.G.: Pictures?

4 MS. SHEILA MAZHARI: Yeah, and the documents
5 with them.

6 MS. E.G.: These are like the first pictures
7 of [A.C.] that I found. These are the flyers that I posted
8 in Montreal with some English and French.

9 This picture here is the one that I seen on
10 APTN for the missing Natives. This is when I realized she
11 was one of the missing Natives.

12 MS. SHEILA MAZHARI: And what year did you
13 realize that?

14 MS. E.G.: I think it was 2016-2017.

15 MS. SHEILA MAZHARI: And you came across it
16 by ---

17 MS. E.G.: Watching a TV episode. I was
18 watching and they were talking about the missing women, and
19 he picture flashed up there.

20 MS. SHEILA MAZHARI: (Inaudible).

21 MS. E.G.: Okay. These are [A.C.] and this
22 one is in colour and it shows her hair colour.

23 MS. SHEILA MAZHARI: And ---

24 MS. E.G.: And then these ones are of me.
25 I'm small like [A.C.] here. And it shows my colour of hair

1 is the same colour.

2 **MS. SHEILA MAZHARI:** (Inaudible).

3 **MS. E.G.:** Yes. After I couldn't find
4 [A.C.] on the Quebec Missing Children, I could still Google
5 her name, and as you can see, it comes up "Child Cartier -
6 Missing" in the search bar.

7 And then when you look at this one, it's the
8 same child, but it comes up with a different name. This is
9 what Quebec Missing Children has now, the same picture but
10 under [D.C.].

11 And then there's just some more pictures of
12 just [A.C.]. And then there's a document in here of my
13 original statement that I wrote against the RCMP officer
14 and the one that they sent to Ottawa.

15 **MS. SHEILA MAZHARI:** Do you want to leave
16 any of those?

17 **MS. E.G.:** No, they're for me.

18 **MS. SHEILA MAZHARI:** Did you want to mention
19 what you think?

20 **MS. E.G.:** I believe I'm [A.C.] because it's
21 her name that they're trying to hide. If I would have went
22 into the police station the first time and they would have
23 said that they looked into the investigation and came back
24 and said that I wasn't her, I probably would have stopped.
25 But that's not what's been happening. It's like everywhere

E.G.

1 I turn, nobody wants to help or even do their job. That is
2 their job to do.

3 So even if I am her or I'm not her, if
4 there's other children out there trying to come home,
5 they're running into the same thing I am. Nobody will help
6 them get answers.

7 **MS. SHEILA MAZHARI:** So you think you were
8 kidnapped and now your name was changed. And what about
9 your parents; would they be not your original parents?

10 **MS. E.G.:** No, I don't believe they're my
11 original parents. I was raised by my grandfather. He was
12 allowed to do as he will with me. I have blocked a lot of
13 memories, but since acknowledging her, I have been
14 diagnosed with PTSD and now the memories of the actual rape
15 are starting to come back.

16 **MS. SHEILA MAZHARI:** And were there ever
17 any charges laid against your father or grandfather?

18 **MS. E.G.:** No, he's deceased now. I tried -
19 - I don't know if it was 2015 or '16, after they wouldn't
20 help me with [A.C.], I went back as [E.] and I said, "I was
21 raped as a child and all these adults partake by not doing
22 nothing, and they're still around minors," and they
23 wouldn't even investigate.

24 **MS. SHEILA MAZHARI:** Would you mind saying
25 their names and spelling their names?

1 MS. E.G.: All the names that were present?

2 MS. SHEILA MAZHARI: Or your mother, father
3 and grandfather?

4 MS. E.G.: My mother is T.M., [*spells name*].
5 Her husband was H.M., [*spells name*].

6 MS. SHEILA MAZHARI: How do you spell that?

7 MS. E.G.: [*Spells name*]. They're all from
8 Montreal. They come back and forth, but they never took me
9 back and forth with them. They lived in Montreal for a
10 long time.

11 MS. SHEILA MAZHARI: So [*spells name*] ---

12 MS. E.G.: [Nickname] is his wife's
13 nickname, [H.].

14 MS. SHEILA MAZHARI: [H.]?

15 MS. E.G.: [H.M.]. [F.G.]

16 MS. SHEILA MAZHARI: You said [*spells name*]-
17 --

18 MS. E.G.: [*Spells name*]. And her husband
19 [J.]. [Nickname] and [F.] are brother and sister.

20 MS. SHEILA MAZHARI: Okay. So that's your
21 aunt?

22 MS. E.G.: Yes. And then another one of his
23 sisters, [J.M.], and her boyfriend [J.]. I don't know his
24 name. I just know the nickname.

25 MS. SHEILA MAZHARI: And, sorry, you said

1 [F.G.]'s husband's name?

2 MS. E.G.: [J.].

3 MS. SHEILA MAZHARI: [G.], right?

4 MS. E.G.: M'hm. And then there was my
5 mother's brother, which was [C.G.], and his wife [V.]

6 MS. SHEILA MAZHARI: Sorry, [*clarifies*
7 *spelling of last name*]?

8 MS. E.G.: Yes.

9 MS. SHEILA MAZHARI: And that's your other
10 uncle, is it?

11 MS. E.G.: Yes. And then my grandfather was
12 [P.E.G.].

13 MS. SHEILA MAZHARI: Okay. So [*spelling*
14 *redacted*]?

15 MS. E.G.: Yeah, [*spelling redacted*].

16 MS. SHEILA MAZHARI: And he's your
17 grandfather -- other grandfather?

18 MS. E.G.: M'hm.

19 MS. SHEILA MAZHARI: And [C.G.] and you said
20 [V.]?

21 MS. E.G.: Yes. That's Charles' wife.

22 MS. SHEILA MAZHARI: [*Spells wife's name*]?

23 MS. E.G.: Yes.

24 MS. SHEILA MAZHARI: And so these are all

25 ---

1 **MS. E.G.:** The adults that were outside the
2 trailer when she made me go -- they watched her put me back
3 in.

4 **MS. SHEILA MAZHARI:** To ---

5 **MS. E.G.:** All the adults.

6 **MS. SHEILA MAZHARI:** [T.]?

7 **MS. E.G.:** [T.] put me back in. He was
8 inside the trailer and she made me go back in and I didn't
9 want to go.

10 **MS. SHEILA MAZHARI:** And where was this?

11 **MS. E.G.:** It's called -- up by Quishmakwac
12 (phonetic), but we were on private land. It's in New
13 Brunswick.

14 **MS. SHEILA MAZHARI:** I hate to ask you, but
15 do you mind, just for the record, in as much detail, can
16 you spell that?

17 **MS. E.G.:** Quishmakwac? No. I don't know
18 how to spell it. It's up by Richibucto. I don't know if I
19 could find the place. It was like private land. It was
20 somebody that they knew.

21 **MS. SHEILA MAZHARI:** And it wasn't a reserve
22 or anything? It was just -- was it a campground or ---

23 **MS. E.G.:** There was like cottages up above
24 and then down below one was like land, and then down was
25 the beach. So whoever owned that cottage -- I remember the

1 cottage. It was tall with shingles.

2 **MS. SHEILA MAZHARI:** And that was in what
3 year where that incident took place?

4 **MS. E.G.:** That specific one? I think I was
5 like 11 or 12. I don't know exactly the year.

6 **MS. SHEILA MAZHARI:** And so whereabouts of
7 the family members that are still alive, where did they ---

8 **MS. E.G.:** They're all in Moncton, New
9 Brunswick.

10 **MS. SHEILA MAZHARI:** All in Moncton.
11 And so do you still have contact?

12 **MS. E.G.:** No, because especially
13 acknowledging what has happened, I've been confronting them
14 all.

15 **MS. SHEILA MAZHARI:** And is there any
16 indication that what you're saying could be verified by
17 them?

18 **MS. E.G.:** Well, my sister-in-law -- my
19 sister [H.], when I asked her why she took me for a pap
20 test at eight years old, she said it was for birth control.
21 That was before I came to Montreal. I had an argument with
22 her on the phone. She verified the memory.

23 **MS. SHEILA MAZHARI:** And when you say you
24 have PTSD, are you working with a therapist?

25 **MS. E.G.:** Yes, 32 weeks.

1 **MS. SHEILA MAZHARI:** And do they recommend
2 doing -- what do they say?

3 **MS. E.G.:** They put me on medicine, but the
4 medicine wasn't agreeing with me, so I don't know what
5 we're going to do now.

6 **MS. SHEILA MAZHARI:** So your sister [H.], is
7 her last name [G.] as well?

8 **MS. E.G.:** No, it's [D.]. [*Spells name*].

9 **MS. SHEILA MAZHARI:** [*Spells name*] ---

10 **MS. E.G.:** [*Spells name*].

11 I didn't put it in there, but I also have
12 memories of them taking us camping at a stone quarry, and I
13 believe the underground tunnels are at the stone quarry
14 because I remember going in the underground tunnels.

15 **MS. SHEILA MAZHARI:** And when was that?

16 **MS. E.G.:** I think they took me to America.
17 Where were the tunnels, I don't know. Where is the stone
18 quarry, I don't know.

19 **MS. SHEILA MAZHARI:** And you were around how
20 old?

21 **MS. E.G.:** Like seven or eight. My sister
22 [P.] would -- I asked her that, and she says, "I remember
23 camping there." She remembers the stone quarry.

24 **MS. SHEILA MAZHARI:** And then you would go
25 in the tunnels?

1 **MS. E.G.:** I don't remember the actual
2 drive. I just remember going in. I know we went in and
3 out and came out in America.

4 **MS. SHEILA MAZHARI:** And so when you say --
5 when you were talking about the French language and you
6 think that was taken away, do you want to go into that,
7 like where you think you came from and all of that that was
8 your heritage?

9 **MS. E.G.:** No.

10 **MS. SHEILA MAZHARI:** Okay. But when you
11 went to (inaudible), you think she came from France?

12 **MS. E.G.:** My memories say she came from
13 France. I tried to validate that by contacting the French
14 Embassy, but they won't respond. Like, no one will give me
15 answers.

16 **MS. SHEILA MAZHARI:** And how about all your
17 records, like your birth certificate and all that?

18 **MS. E.G.:** I have a birth certificate. That
19 is 2017. Somebody told me the real [E.G.] was given up for
20 adoption and I was put in her place. I can't verify that
21 either. I can only go by what I remember or what people
22 are telling me.

23 I was also told that the subdivision that I
24 grew up in was kept off the city maps for so many years,
25 and that the three lawyers that registered it, Lambert,

1 Landry and Victoria, you could verify that -- they're
2 judges now. And [D.C.] was the city employee. He became
3 mayor of Moncton.

4 **MS. SHEILA MAZHARI:** And so what are you --
5 what are the pieces that you need?

6 **MS. E.G.:** I mean, if they do even just a
7 facial recognition to tell if I am that child, because
8 they're telling me that [A.C.] don't exist, so how do you
9 contact the family to continue correct? I don't know.

10 **MS. SHEILA MAZHARI:** What else do you think
11 that you would need, what other records?

12 **MS. E.G.:** I'd like to have my medical
13 files, but I don't know if it's even going to be
14 documented.

15 **MS. SHEILA MAZHARI:** And you said that
16 doctor is deceased and they said the files are gone?

17 **MS. E.G.:** Yeah. I tried to call the
18 College of Physicians and the Minister of Health, but they
19 didn't even respond to me.

20 **MS. SHEILA MAZHARI:** And what year was that?

21 **MS. E.G.:** I think it was 2016. It was
22 around the time I went to the school district. I did this
23 request under the *Right to Information Act* and they still
24 said no. Still nothing. That's law. That's why I say the
25 government employees are not doing their job.

1 **MS. SHEILA MAZHARI:** Is there anything else
2 you can think of that you want to add?

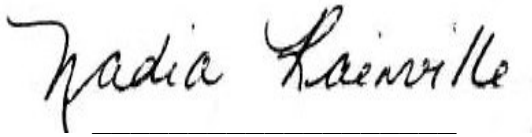
3 **MS. E.G.:** No.

4 **MS. SHEILA MAZHARI:** Thank you so much.

5 --- Upon adjourning at 12:30 p.m.

LEGAL DICTA-TYPIST'S CERTIFICATE

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

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Nadia Rainville". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above a horizontal line.

Nadia Rainville

April 25, 2018