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

MS. E.G.: I saw the picture and I was scared, and I said “That’s me; I’m a missing child.” And then I said, “No, I’m not.” And then later on the picture had triggered memories.

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

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

At my family doctor, I tried to prove or disprove if I was her. I was trying to gather evidence from my own life to verify one way or the other. So I asked my family doctor to help me obtain my medical files
from when I was young. He told me to do it myself. I then requested my files from the Moncton Hospital. They told me they only had files from the hospital only and anything from the family doctor would have been destroyed as he retired.

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

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

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

I was watching a TV episode of the Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls, and one of the age-progression pictures that I have came up on the screen. This is when I figured out that [A.C.] was one of the
missing girls. I contacted multiple ministers for help in this matter, to retrieve my medical files and to have help in proving or disproving that I’m her. I did this under the Right to Information Act. Some refused me and others did not respond.

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

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

Then I went to the Montreal Police on Papineau. I told them that I do not even -- they told me
that I do not even look like her at all. They called my
father back in Moncton. He told them that I refused to do
a DNA. He lied. I told the police officer, I said,
“You’re trained to tell if people are telling the truth.
I’m sitting here in front of you. Am I lying?” She never
responded.

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

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

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

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

Then I went to the Kahnawake Peacekeepers in
October 2017. They took my statement, my fingerprints, and
made a report. They gave me a file number. They told me they do not have the technology like the RCMP for facial recognition. It would also take them longer with the fingerprints for some of the same reasons. I haven’t heard back from them yet.

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

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

Some memories I had my whole life, like being in a toy store where [A.C.] was kidnapped. I went to
a toy store here in Montreal called the Bric and Brac. I asked a man if the downstairs looked a certain way, like the one in my memory of the toy store I had my whole life, and they said, “Yes, that’s how the store looked.” And then I asked him if the owner was a tall, dark man, tall man with dark hair, and he said yes.

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

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

**MS. SHEILA MAZHARI:** Do you have the doctor’s name?

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

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

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

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

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

After seeing [A.C.’s] pictures, other
memories have surfaced that I came from Paris, and the passport and my fingerprints are on file. I contacted again, trying to verify if my memories are correct or not. I contacted the French embassy with no response. And when I tried again, I had been blocked. They blocked me from contacting them.

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

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

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

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

I recommend that an independent party look into these matters as the Canadian employees are not doing their job.
MS. SHEILA MAZHARI: Do you want to show the
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MS. E.G.: Pictures?
MS. SHEILA MAZHARI: Yeah, and the documents
with them.
MS. E.G.: These are like the first pictures
of [A.C.] that I found. These are the flyers that I posted
in Montreal with some English and French.
This picture here is the one that I seen on
APTN for the missing Natives. This is when I realized she
was one of the missing Natives.
MS. SHEILA MAZHARI: And what year did you
realize that?
MS. E.G.: I think it was 2016-2017.
MS. SHEILA MAZHARI: And you came across it
by ---
MS. E.G.: Watching a TV episode. I was
watching and they were talking about the missing women, and
he picture flashed up there.
MS. SHEILA MAZHARI: (Inaudible).
MS. E.G.: Okay. These are [A.C.] and this
one is in colour and it shows her hair colour.
MS. SHEILA MAZHARI: And ---
MS. E.G.: And then these ones are of me.
I’m small like [A.C.] here. And it shows my colour of hair
is the same colour.

MS. SHEILA MAZHARI: (Inaudible).

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

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

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

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

MS. E.G.: No, they’re for me.

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

MS. E.G.: I believe I’m [A.C.] because it’s her name that they’re trying to hide. If I would have went into the police station the first time and they would have said that they looked into the investigation and came back and said that I wasn’t her, I probably would have stopped. But that’s not what’s been happening. It’s like everywhere
I turn, nobody wants to help or even do their job. That is their job to do.

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

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

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

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

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

**MS. SHEILA MAZHARI:** Would you mind saying their names and spelling their names?
MS. E.G.: All the names that were present?

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

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

MS. SHEILA MAZHARI: How do you spell that?

MS. E.G.: [Spells name]. They’re all from Montreal. They came back and forth, but they never took me back and forth with them. They lived in Montreal for a long time.

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

MS. E.G.: [Nickname] is his wife’s nickname, [H.].

MS. SHEILA MAZHARI: [H.]?

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

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

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

MS. SHEILA MAZHARI: Okay. So that’s your aunt?

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

MS. SHEILA MAZHARI: And, sorry, you said
[F.G.]['s husband’s name?

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

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

MS. E.G.: M’hm. And then there was my

mother’s brother, which was [C.G.], and his wife [V.]

MS. SHEILA MAZHARI: Sorry, [clarifies

spelling of last name]?

MS. E.G.: Yes.

MS. SHEILA MAZHARI: And that’s your other

uncle, is it?

MS. E.G.: Yes. And then my grandfather was

[P.E.G.].

MS. SHEILA MAZHARI: Okay. So [spelling

redacted]?

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

MS. SHEILA MAZHARI: And he’s your

grandfather -- other grandfather?

MS. E.G.: M’hm.

MS. SHEILA MAZHARI: And [C.G.] and you said

[V.]?


MS. SHEILA MAZHARI: [Spells wife’s name]?

MS. E.G.: Yes.

MS. SHEILA MAZHARI: And so these are all

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

MS. SHEILA MAZHARI: To ---

MS. E.G.: All the adults.

MS. SHEILA MAZHARI: [T.]?

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

MS. SHEILA MAZHARI: And where was this?

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

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

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

MS. SHEILA MAZHARI: And it wasn’t a reserve or anything? It was just -- was it a campground or ---

MS. E.G.: There was like cottages up above and then down below one was like land, and then down was the beach. So whoever owned that cottage -- I remember the
cottage. It was tall with shingles.

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

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

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

**MS. E.G.:** They’re all in Moncton, New Brunswick.

**MS. SHEILA MAZHARI:** All in Moncton.

And so do you still have contact?

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

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

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

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

**MS. E.G.:** Yes, 32 weeks.
MS. SHEILA MAZHARI: And do they recommend doing -- what do they say?

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

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

MS. E.G.: No, it’s [D.]. [Spells name].

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

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

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

MS. SHEILA MAZHARI: And when was that?

MS. E.G.: I think they took me to America. Where were the tunnels, I don’t know. Where is the stone quarry, I don’t know.

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

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

MS. SHEILA MAZHARI: And then you would go in the tunnels?
MS. E.G.: I don’t remember the actual drive. I just remember going in. I know we went in and out and came out in America.

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

MS. E.G.: No.

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

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

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

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

I was also told that the subdivision that I grew up in was kept off the city maps for so many years, and that the three lawyers that registered it, Lambert,
Landry and Victoria, you could verify that -- they’re judges now. And [D.C.] was the city employee. He became mayor of Moncton.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**MS. E.G.:** I think it was 2016. It was around the time I went to the school district. I did this request under the Right to Information Act and they still said no. Still nothing. That’s law. That’s why I say the government employees are not doing their job.
MS. SHEILA MAZHARI: Is there anything else you can think of that you want to add?

MS. E.G.: No.

MS. SHEILA MAZHARI: Thank you so much.

--- 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.

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