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**MS. DARIA BOYARCHUK:** Hi, my name is Daria Boyarchuk, and it is April 21st, it is 11:38 in the morning. We are here in, in Regina. I apologize, it's 11:27 in the morning. And I'm here with Destiny Goforth who will share with us her story of her missing loved one, her sister Kelly Goforth. Destiny, I spoke earlier to you about the consent form.

**MS. DESTINY GOFORTH:** Yes.

**MS. DARIA BOYARCHUK:** That we will keep a copy of it. But the consent form is, like I mentioned to you earlier, is either you give your authority to, to the Inquiry share your story, to share your voice, your photograph, your image with the Inquiry or -- and in that case you will be checking the, the first box. If, however -- like if for some reason you're not comfortable enough to share -- then you will be checking the second box. So feel free to take the time and to decide which one is best for you and then we can --

**MS. DESTINY GOFORTH:** Yeah, I will do the first one.

**MS. DARIA BOYARCHUK:** Okay, and then we need the signature at the bottom and I will be the witness then. Perfect, thank you. And then also another one is --
MS. DESTINY GOFORTH: Okay.

MS. DARIA BOYARCHUK: Yeah. Perfect, thank you very much.

MS. DESTINY GOFORTH: You're welcome.

MS. DARIA BOYARCHUK: I'll take the pen, and when you've read it again, please feel free to share any background about yourself or anywhere that you want to start.

MS. DESTINY GOFORTH: Okay.

MS. DARIA BOYARCHUK: If it's something that's -- you really feel you want to share with us.

MS. DESTINY GOFORTH: Well I'm the oldest of six. Kelly was the baby girl. There was three girls and three boys. We grew up on the reserve with, with our mom --

MS. DARIA BOYARCHUK: M'hmm.

MS. DESTINY GOFORTH: -- and our dad. But they divorced when I was like I think 18 or 19. And Kelly was -- Kelly was the baby of the family, she was just like the princess. And, and because I was the oldest I used to get the blame a lot for everything that she would do, like --

MS. DARIA BOYARCHUK: They were spoiling her a lot?

MS. DESTINY GOFORTH: I was the spoiler. I
was actually was spoiled from our parents. Everybody --
like she just had that way, just get in the way with
trouble and all that, you know. I used to have, you know,
a sense of jealously towards her, you know. Like who wants
that kid anyways, you know? But at the same time I loved
her so much. I was so protective, you know, because like
I'm the oldest, and I, I always felt like I needed to
protect them.

MS. DARIA BOYARCHUK: M'hmm.

MS. DESTINY GOFORTH: Her and my other
sister.

MS. DARIA BOYARCHUK: So you have three --
there were three boys in the family and three girls, right?

MS. DESTINY GOFORTH: Yeah.

MS. DARIA BOYARCHUK: So there was one other
-- you, Kelly and there was another sister?

MS. DESTINY GOFORTH: Yeah, our sister Shaylene (ph), yeah.

MS. DARIA BOYARCHUK: Okay.

MS. DESTINY GOFORTH: Yeah, and you know we
were -- actually we were pretty tight, you know. Like
we're a close family, you know, but we're pretty, we're
pretty dysfunctional but we're always together, you know?

MS. DARIA BOYARCHUK: M'hmm.

MS. DESTINY GOFORTH: I kind of felt bad,
like after -- my mom and dad split up we were 19 I think --
I was 19. Kelly must have been like -- she must have been
like 16 or 14, I don't know. It took -- it took a lot out
of her, you know. I kind of feel glad that she tried to
look up to me, you know, like to be a comfort to her
because my mom kind of fell off and went to, you know, went
to a different relative with additions and all that.

And then same with me, you know. I started
experimenting with, you know, with drugs and drinking and
stuff like that. And Kelly was kind of like left, you
know? And I don't know how to say it, but you know, she
was, she was alone. Her and my younger sister and our
brothers. And I still cared but Kelly, you know like she
always looked up to me, to me for guidance and to protect
her, and I was too, too selfish to take care like really.

And then you know when I started doing drugs
shortly after, and I don't know, I dummed up. And I got
pregnant with my daughter and it was, you know -- since I'm
the oldest and my daughter's the first kid of all of us,
you know, Kelly just spoiled my daughter, like she just
loved her. Kelly was there throughout my pregnancy, you
know.

**MS. DARIA BOYARCHUK:** M'hmm.

**MS. DESTINY GOFORTH:** Like we were -- we did
everything together, you know? She just had this way of
making you feel like everything's going to be okay, you know. Like, you know -- like she just, she just had this light that wherever she went, you know, she made it okay. She's always been like that, she's always been positive, you know? Even when things, when things were the bleakest she was always still it's okay, you know, God loves us, you know. We're still alive, you know, be thankful we're alive. She kept saying that all the time.

MS. DARIA BOYARCHUK: M'hmm.

MS. DESTINY GOFORTH: That was all she always said is be thankful we're alive. And I loved that about her, you know? That she was so positive you know, looked forward to life and -- and then about, I don't know, I must have been like 23. I, I kind of just separated from my family for a bit, you know, when my daughter was born. You know I'd see my sister -- we kind of drifted apart. Well that was on me, you know. I drifted apart from my sisters and my brothers and my mom. I just stayed away. But then when I came back, you know, I was different, you know? I was like wild and I was bad into my drugs and my alcohol, like alcoholism. And my sister must have been 20 at the time.

MS. DARIA BOYARCHUK: M'hmm.

MS. DESTINY GOFORTH: And I guess, you know my stupidity I started -- when I was doing drugs she looked
at it too, you know. She started experimenting too. And at first, you know, I wanted to say no, you've got to quit you know.

**MS. DARIA BOYARCHUK:** M'hm.

**MS. DESTINY GOFORTH:** No, no, don't do that. But because I was too selfish and so involved in myself and my addictions and all that, I allowed her to follow me in that and I didn't want her to. And that -- because of that too you know, I hold a lot guilt still, you know? Like I can't forgive myself that I was the one that kind of showed her that life, you know? But when we're -- a couple of years later, you know, I just started working the street, you know? That's how badly I got into my addictions and all that. And I hate to say it, but that's how my sister got into that life too, you know. She -- by my example I guess, you know?

**MS. DARIA BOYARCHUK:** M'hm.

**MS. DESTINY GOFORTH:** And that makes me feel a lot -- the worst you know? Like she would still be here if I didn't show her, if I wasn't selfish, you know? If I just said -- if I had been the big sister I was supposed to be, you know, and stopped it before it got worse. You know stopped it before it even started. But I don't know, I was just too selfish and too into my own addictions and my own world. You know like -- but we were always together, you
know? And it was always me and her, and we lived --
whenever we were homeless together, you know, and we worked
the streets together. But we always looked out for each
other, you know.

And I love our mom and all that, you know, but you know it wasn't always nice you know, living with
her, being raised up with her, you know. You know so
that's why we were always together, you know. Like my mom
would kick her out, or kick me out, you know, we'd be
together. But it was -- that's what was kind of -- I feel
so bad, but that's what kept me and my sister together, was
our, our addiction, you know?

MS. DARIA BOYARCHUK: M'hmm.

MS. DESTINY GOFORTH: Like we helped each
other, you know. But other than that -- besides being an
addict and, you know, a street worker, she was so
beautiful, she was so giving and so hopeful. She still
looked after my daughter for me, you know. She did
everything for my daughter. You know I still had my
daughter in my care and all that, and she just had a way of
making it better. You know then we'd quit for a bit, you
know, and -- like I quit for a bit. And it's because of my
sister -- that's how I met my husband, you know. And we've
been together -- me and my husband have been together seven
years, and we've been legally married, you know, for four
years.

MS. DARIA BOYARCHUK: M'hmm.

MS. DESTINY GOFORTH: Yeah, like she's the one that kind of was there to --

MS. DARIA BOYARCHUK: She introduced you?

MS. DESTINY GOFORTH: To introduced us, yeah.

MS. DARIA BOYARCHUK: Okay.

MS. DESTINY GOFORTH: And I'm thankful for that, you know.

MS. DARIA BOYARCHUK: M'hmm.

MS. DESTINY GOFORTH: And then after awhile there, in 2013 before she went missing, I fell off really hard -- I was doing so good. We lived in Vancouver and Calgary. I was away from my family from 2011 to 2013. And I came back from Vancouver in July 2013. We went to my mom's house and she recognized our feet. Because my mom was living in the basement suite, the basement apartment.

MS. DARIA BOYARCHUK: M'hmm.

MS. DESTINY GOFORTH: And we're, we're -- the house is, or her apartment, you could see who's coming to the back. And I think she was doing the dishes and she recognized my feet. I don't know how she --

MS. DARIA BOYARCHUK: Your mom?

MS. DESTINY GOFORTH: No, my sister, sorry.
MS. DARIA BOYARCHUK: Oh your sister, okay.

MS. DESTINY GOFORTH: Yeah, she recognized my feet, and she then recognized my daughter's feet and my husband's feet. She came, she came out and she was the first person to greet us when we came back to Saskatchewan, Regina.

MS. DARIA BOYARCHUK: M'hmm.

MS. DESTINY GOFORTH: Yeah, we were just so happy and we were always together. And she cried, and she told me everything that was happening, you know. Because when I lived in Vancouver and Calgary it was always her that I called every day, you know.

MS. DARIA BOYARCHUK: M'hmm.

MS. DESTINY GOFORTH: She called me every day, you know. When I was lonely or, you know, something bad was going on, I would -- you know I would call her. She was kind of like -- you know I just needed to hear her voice because she always made a way -- like no matter what, she always made everything feel better, you know?

MS. DARIA BOYARCHUK: M'hmm.

MS. DESTINY GOFORTH: Because of her positiveness. And no matter what was going through her mind she's -- whatever bad's going on, she's still, you know, at least we're alive, you know?

MS. DARIA BOYARCHUK: M'hmm.
MS. DESTINY GOFORTH: Be thankful we're alive, you know. And I still -- it still resonates with me, you know. I keep saying that, I tell my kids that now, you know.

MS. DARIA BOYARCHUK: M'hmm.

MS. DESTINY GOFORTH: Thank goodness we're alive, you know.

MS. DARIA BOYARCHUK: Passing down her message, right?

MS. DESTINY GOFORTH: Yeah, just be grateful we're alive, you know?

MS. DARIA BOYARCHUK: M'hmm.

MS. DESTINY GOFORTH: She kept saying that was God's greatest gift to us, you know. And it didn't matter you know, even if we were high, or drunk or, you know, weren't doing right, she always made a way to say thank you God for today, you know.

MS. DARIA BOYARCHUK: M'hmm.

MS. DESTINY GOFORTH: She always prayed no matter what state of mind she was in, to thank God, you know. Nobody can tell her, you know, that -- she knew that the person, the one person that loved her the most was God and she always made sure that she said that. Every day she'd thank God.

MS. DARIA BOYARCHUK: M'hmm.
MS. DESTINY GOFORTH: Needless to say -- you know I used to get mad at her, you know, when we would be like doing whatever our job, and I was like shut up, don't say that, you know, don't talk about God. But she was like no, don't tell me. She was like I can -- I can say it whenever I want, you know. I said okay, you know, but --

MS. DARIA BOYARCHUK: Where do you think she got that strength and that positive spirit? Is it something that maybe was in your family, maybe something that you had?

MS. DESTINY GOFORTH: I think it was regard from my mom, you know. Like --

MS. DARIA BOYARCHUK: Your mom is a strong person?

MS. DESTINY GOFORTH: She's a strong person, yeah.

MS. DARIA BOYARCHUK: M'hmm.

MS. DESTINY GOFORTH: She -- you know like she wasn't a perfect mom and all that, but she tried her very best, you know?

MS. DARIA BOYARCHUK: M'hmm.

MS. DESTINY GOFORTH: She was an over-comer, you know? We -- you know we grew up seeing a lot of her struggles, my mom's struggles, you know. But she always made a way. And you know she would -- my mom would -- she
MS. DARIA BOYARCHUK: M’hmm.

MS. DESTINY GOFORTH: My mom was is a very good Christian like that, you know. Like it wasn't all bad, and there was a lot of good too.

MS. DARIA BOYARCHUK: M’hmm.

MS. DESTINY GOFORTH: Yeah, and I wanted to share this side of the story because I know that my family, they disapprove of me saying the other side of this, you know, like the addict side. That, you know, us being street worker side, you know. They don't want us to -- but feel like I need to, you know?

MS. DARIA BOYARCHUK: M’hmm.

MS. DESTINY GOFORTH: I need everybody to know that, you know, my sister, she, she was a good person, she loved everybody, but she wouldn't want nobody thinking that she was perfect, you know.

MS. DARIA BOYARCHUK: Yeah.

MS. DESTINY GOFORTH: She wanted people to love her for who she is, you know?

MS. DARIA BOYARCHUK: M’hmm.

MS. DESTINY GOFORTH: Because like she said, God loves me for who I am, you know how I am. And that's how I want, you know?
MS. DARIA BOYARCHUK: Yeah, I do.

MS. DESTINY GOFORTH: I love her, she's the best.

MS. DARIA BOYARCHUK: M'hmm.

MS. DESTINY GOFORTH: And, you know, nobody can judge her, judge us, for how we, how we were, you know? Because she wouldn't, she wouldn't have -- she wouldn't stand for it, you know? Anybody who tried to look down on her or say anything about how we lived, you know, she -- she's smack her too and tell you what.

And then in 2013, you know, I split up with my husband for a bit there, you know. And, and it's like every single time that she takes off, she disappears on my mom and my sister, and you know -- like her, like what she's doing. And then when I take off on my husband and my family life and whatever -- we were always together.

MS. DARIA BOYARCHUK: M'hmm.

MS. DESTINY GOFORTH: Like we'd disappear together, you know. We would like disappear for like a week, you know, just me and her, you know. Like yeah, like it was about the drugs and the working the streets and all that, but we were always together. And you know my mom and my sister, everybody you know, they would be calling like where's Kelly, do you know who she's with, you know? Like -- because everybody knew. And then my husband would try
and call my sister Kelly, like where's my wife, you know?

   MS. DARIA BOYARCHUK:  M'hmm.

   MS. DESTINY GOFORTH:  I know she's with you.

Because every time we disappear like that we were always together.

   MS. DARIA BOYARCHUK:  Right, you always looked out for each other.

   MS. DESTINY GOFORTH:  Yeah, exactly. And a lot of the guilt and all that is there too. When she disappeared you know, she came to me and -- I was having troubles in my marriage that time, you know. And I told my husband, I said okay I wasn't going to go out no more, I won't -- you know I'm not going to ditch you, you know I was going to quit everything.

   My sister came you know before she disappeared and I felt bad. And I said no, I can't come with you tonight, I said it was raining. I said I can't, I can't, I said I'm trying to work it out. But I said I'm trying to -- I said why don't you just stay and visit, I said I'll help you. And she's like no, I've got to go. She said like but can you babysit? I said yeah, I'll babysit, I said I'll take the baby. But, you know, where I was staying, it wasn't my house, you know. And the person that owned the house, you know, he said no, you know she's not ditching her kid here. I said well, you know, you're
not going to be watching him, I'm going to be watching her son, you know. But, you know, I felt bad.

   MS. DARIA BOYARCHUK: Did Kelly have a son?
   MS. DESTINY GOFORTH: Yeah.
   MS. DARIA BOYARCHUK: Okay, so when was that, how old was the baby?
   MS. DESTINY GOFORTH: [C.] was not even a year old, he was just --
   MS. DARIA BOYARCHUK: In 2013?
   MS. DESTINY GOFORTH: Yeah, he was just a baby.
   MS. DARIA BOYARCHUK: M'hmm.
   MS. DESTINY GOFORTH: You know she was a good mom though when she disappeared. She always left her baby with, with one of us, you know, like didn't leave him alone, you know?
   MS. DARIA BOYARCHUK: M'hmm.
   MS. DESTINY GOFORTH: I'm [C.]'s godmother, you know.
   MS. DARIA BOYARCHUK: Okay.
   MS. DESTINY GOFORTH: Yeah. And my daughter was Kelly's -- Kelly is my daughter's god-mom, that's how we had it. But when she left I couldn't babysit and I felt so bad, you know. And then, and then -- just the last time I seen my sister, you know I felt so bad. I felt so
guilty, you know. It was raining, she's walking down the
street, you know, pushing her baby, crying you know. But
she looked so lost and she felt so lost, you know. And I
said I'm sorry Kelly, you know?

MS. DARIA BOYARCHUK: So she was walking
away from your house?

MS. DESTINY GOFORTH: Yeah.

MS. DARIA BOYARCHUK: Yeah.

MS. DESTINY GOFORTH: That was September.

MS. DARIA BOYARCHUK: Where was she going?

MS. DESTINY GOFORTH: She probably went out
and about. But I think that was like September 20th, or --
I forget when she went missing.

MS. DARIA BOYARCHUK: M'hmm.

MS. DESTINY GOFORTH: But it's the night she
left. But, you know, I was supposed to babysit for her,
you know, to watch her kid, you know. And then, and then I
don't know, after that I didn't hear from her. And then --
you know because I really don't have too much contact with
my family really, so when mom and my sister and my brother
-- my sister Shaylene, they were calling me and texting me
and Facebooking me, you know, where's Kelly, you know?
Because I guess, you know, [C.] was there. I said I don't
know. I said like I saw her a couple of days ago, a few
days ago I said. And they're like quit lying -- everybody
thought I was lying you know, because when she disappeared, you know, they automatically --

MS. DARIA BOYARCHUK: She was with you.

MS. DESTINY GOFORTH: She was with me, yeah.

MS. DARIA BOYARCHUK: Yeah.

MS. DESTINY GOFORTH: And I said this time she's not with me, you know. The one time that she wasn't with me. And then, you know, a couple of days went by I guess, and then mom and everybody was stressing, you know like where the heck is Kelly, you know? We thought that, you know -- like they thought that it was like before, you know, when she disappeared, she'd just disappear for a bit you know, and then she's going to show up a couple of days later, you know.

Because when she went out -- if we go disappear we were only gone like for three days tops, you know. Three days, four days. But we were always together. And because she wasn't with me, you know everybody's kind of getting worried. And I was even worried too, but not really. I don't know why I wasn't really worried, you know? I said, you know, she's okay, you know she just needs a break, you know.

MS. BOYARCHUK: M'hmm.

MS. DESTINY GOFORTH: Like I think the day before we found out that, what happened -- my mom and my
brother were stressed out, so I said I'll take Casey I said. So, you know -- so I brought Casey home with me to camp, to spend the night with me. And then when I was putting Casey to bed, it was about ten o'clock at night, I was listening --

  MS. DARIA BOYARCHUK: And when was this?
  MS. DESTINY GOFORTH: September 22nd.
  MS. DARIA BOYARCHUK: Okay.
  MS. DESTINY GOFORTH: Yeah. I said -- I was putting him to bed, it was about ten o'clock at night, and we were in the back bedroom. And then we started praying, you know, because Kelly loved to pray. She always said to me, you have my kid pray with him, you know.

  MS. DARIA BOYARCHUK: M'hmm.
  MS. DESTINY GOFORTH: So I started praying. And I don't know why, but I started asking God to protect my family, cover my family in precious blood and I started naming them. And then when I got down to Kelly's name it's like this wave of loneliness overcame me and I just burst out crying, you know? And I don't know why like.

  MS. DARIA BOYARCHUK: M'hmm.
  MS. DESTINY GOFORTH: And I said oh my God, I said I just miss her so bad, you know. Like you know whenever like our family were close, we'd get these feelings when one of us is hurting, or hurt, or something's
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wrong, you know. And I think that's what I felt that night
I was praying, you know, because I felt lonely for her, you
know. Like when I said her name when I was praying. So I
prayed for her, I said Lord, wherever my sister is bring
her home now, you know.

And then -- so I went to bed. It was about
two o'clock in the morning -- no, it was three o'clock in
the morning. And I was reading and I was sleeping. And my
brother Ezekiel, he banged on my door, like banged on my
wall, and he yelled at me. He said wake up. I said what,
what? He's like Kelly's dead. I said what? I thought I
was dreaming that, you know.

And then he went into the kitchen -- the
living room, and I caught up with him. I was rubbing my
eyes, and I grabbed my glasses and I said what? I said did
I just hear that right, was my brother just here, you know
did he say that, did he really say that? So I got up and
opened my door -- my bedroom at the house was in the
kitchen, and my brother Ezekiel went to the living room and
he was crying. And I said oh, I did hear that, you know.
But I said please don't let it be --

MS. DARIA BOYARCHUK: Don't joke like that,
right?

MS. DESTINY GOFORTH: Yeah.

MS. DARIA BOYARCHUK: Yeah.
MS. DESTINY GOFORTH: So I went to the living room and he's -- my Auntie Shayla (ph) was holding him, hugging him. And he grabbed me and he started crying, and he started screaming in my place, you know. She's dead, they found her, they came and told us she's dead. I said who? They found Kelly, she's dead. And I said what? You know, just like the shock. And I said as if, I said whatever, I said that's, that's bullshit. I said it can't be, you know. You know I was like we just saw her, you know, a couple of days ago.

And then I don't know how, where we got a bloody phone from because none of us had a phone. But then my brother was on the phone with my mom and my mom was crying, and she said get over here, come to the house. I said I've no way, I said I've got Casey. She's like well bring Casey, they're like bring Casey. I said yeah, I said but I've got no way to bring Casey. And then my mom said call -- she's like a cab is coming for you. She said what crisis is paying for your guys' cab, bring Casey. I said okay, you know.

Then me and my brother went back to my room and we picked up Casey and we started crying and holding him and -- the baby and him, you know. You know like holy crap, you know, Kelly's gone. You know like it still was unbelievable, you know, this and that.
MS. DARIA BOYARCHUK: So it was your mom that -- who got a phone call, right?

MS. DESTINY GOFORTH: I think they got a -- I think the police went to her house.

MS. DARIA BOYARCHUK: To your mom's house?

MS. DESTINY GOFORTH: My sister's house, Shaylene.

MS. DARIA BOYARCHUK: Oh, your sister, okay.

MS. DESTINY GOFORTH: Yeah, I'm pretty sure that's how it was, yeah.

MS. DARIA BOYARCHUK: M'hmm.

MS. DESTINY GOFORTH: And then they -- then they called my mom, or they talked to my mom. But we all met up at my sister Shaylene's house on Ottawa Street. That's where Kelly was staying at the time, was with our sister.

MS. DARIA BOYARCHUK: M'hmm.

MS. DESTINY GOFORTH: Yeah. And then we went there and then everybody crying. I didn't believe it at first, you know? And then that's when -- you know my mom was crying, everybody was crying. For a bit there I couldn't really cry or be anything either because I was the oldest and yeah, I'm supposed to -- you know everybody's like be strong Lena, stay strong for mom, you know, be strong for Casey, you know.
So I really didn't -- like couldn't really cry, you know, or I didn't want to cry sometimes. But then it just, it just stops you know, like when I think about her. You know for the longest time, you know. But I guess after -- after she died, after we found out, you know after the wake and funeral, you know, it's like -- but after we found out she died, that's when it just hit me, you know. If I couldn't cry, if I couldn't grieve for her, you know, if I had to be strong, then I'm going to be strong differently and I need something to help me out.

And that's where, you know, I started doing drugs again, you know. I fell off hard, like hard core. I didn't even care about nobody no more, you know. I got so addicted and so -- you know I had to be under the influence of something every day, you know, just to keep from crying, you know. And it was like that for a lot of years, yeah like I had to be on something. And where I was living -- what's funny is that it was my Aunt's house.

**MS. DARIA BOYARCHUK:** But where was this, this was in Regina?

**MS. DESTINY GOFORTH:** Yeah in Regina, yeah. Where I had -- where I was babysitting Casey. Well just before Kelly disappeared there was a couple of houses down, me and Kelly we went and looked at this one apartment. Like it's just a little bachelor suite, just like there's a
kitchen and then there's a room and a little bathroom. And that was for $700. And then, you know -- like she came with me to go look at that house, and like I was getting that house, you know, just for me and her and our babies, you know?

**MS. Daria Boyarchuk:** M'hmm.

**MS. Destiny Goforth:** You know because she said she was tired of always being kicked out, and you know, this and that. And I said, I said I promise you, I said if we get this house I said, this little place, it'll be our place. I said even if we get into a heated argument or if we argue, we get mad at each other, I'm not going to say get out, you know leave, you know kick you out. She's like I know you won't, you know. So yeah -- she was with me when I talked to the landlord too. And the day that she died, we were at my mom's house -- or my sister's house the day that -- you know, all the family sitting together. I had a phone call from that landlord --

**MS. Daria Boyarchuk:** M'hmm.

**MS. Destiny Goforth:** -- and he said yeah, you got the house. And then that's like it broke me, like I said that was supposed to be for me and her, you know.

**MS. Daria Boyarchuk:** M'hmm.

**MS. Destiny Goforth:** She wanted that house and I wanted that house, but --
MS. DARIA BOYARCHUK: What happened to the house?

MS. DESTINY GOFORTH: We got that house.

MS. DARIA BOYARCHUK: You got the house?

MS. DESTINY GOFORTH: Yeah.

MS. DARIA BOYARCHUK: Are you still living there?

MS. DESTINY GOFORTH: Yeah -- no, no, no, I'm not living there, it actually burned down, you know. We only lived there for like a year and then -- that was our very first house in Saskatchewan, you know, like my very first house ever like as an adult. You know I never had my own place. It would have been me and her -- well my first place and her second place, I guess. But we were going to be together. And then the day on her funeral, that's when we paid for our, like our rent and our damage deposit, and we lived there like for the longest time -- like for a year, you know?

MS. DARIA BOYARCHUK: M'hmm.

MS. DESTINY GOFORTH: You know I'm staying here because this would have been me and Kelly's house, you know?

MS. DARIA BOYARCHUK: M'hmm.

MS. DESTINY GOFORTH: It would have been ours, yeah.
MS. DARIA BOYARCHUK: Yeah. But what happened to, what happened to, you know, the day when -- you said it was like September 20th, right?

MS. DESTINY GOFORTH: Yeah.

MS. DARIA BOYARCHUK: And she came to -- she obviously had something on her mind when she wanted to go some place, so she was asking you to babysit Casey, right?

MS. DESTINY GOFORTH: Yeah.

MS. DARIA BOYARCHUK: Did she tell you where she --

MS. DESTINY GOFORTH: Yeah.

MS. DARIA BOYARCHUK: She did?

MS. DESTINY GOFORTH: Yeah, she was going to go out and make money. She, she had an addiction too. Yeah that's, that's why I feel guilty, because the addiction that she had, you know she was addicted to morphine, was the addiction that I introduced her to, you know.

MS. DARIA BOYARCHUK: M'hmm. So she was going to go do drugs, right?

MS. DESTINY GOFORTH: Yeah.

MS. DARIA BOYARCHUK: Okay. And like I know you couldn't babysit her right?

MS. DESTINY GOFORTH: Yeah.

MS. DARIA BOYARCHUK: So she took Casey, but
did she -- where did she go, like how did she end up like
afterwards? Like I know she was making -- like she was
walking away in the rain and crying.

MS. DESTINY GOFORTH: Yeah.

MS. DARIA BOYARCHUK: And like where was
Casey, what happened with him?

MS. DESTINY GOFORTH: She ended up going to
my Aunt's house.

MS. DARIA BOYARCHUK: Okay.

MS. DESTINY GOFORTH: Yeah. And then from
there she just ended up going back to my sister's house and
dropping off Casey. I guess, you know, her and my sister
and my mom probably talked her into like -- okay, well
bring baby back because it was raining, you know?

MS. DARIA BOYARCHUK: M'hmm.

MS. DESTINY GOFORTH: You know like --

MS. DARIA BOYARCHUK: So it was your
sister's house, right?

MS. DESTINY GOFORTH: Yeah.

MS. DARIA BOYARCHUK: Okay.

MS. DESTINY GOFORTH: So you know -- and
Casey ended up back over there and that's when she
disappeared. But that was the last time I saw her, you
know.

MS. DARIA BOYARCHUK: Yeah.
MS. DESTINY GOFORTH:  Yeah.

MS. DARIA BOYARCHUK:  But --

MS. DESTINY GOFORTH:  Alive.

MS. DARIA BOYARCHUK:  But so -- right. So she ended up at her sister's house. Do they know, like did they -- did your sister or your other family members tell you where did she go, like what did she end up doing? Do they know anything about it? No?

MS. DESTINY GOFORTH:  As far as I know -- I know she probably just left to go and --

MS. DARIA BOYARCHUK:  Do drugs, yeah.

MS. DESTINY GOFORTH:  Yeah.

MS. DARIA BOYARCHUK:  And where did they find her, in what state? Did you ever get a police report?

MS. DESTINY GOFORTH:  No, I never actually saw the police report, I never wanted to find out really, you know. I never did any of that.

MS. DARIA BOYARCHUK:  You never wanted to find out what happened, right?

MS. DESTINY GOFORTH:  Yeah, I never really wanted to.

MS. DARIA BOYARCHUK:  So when they told you that she's dead, you have no idea why she was dead?

MS. DESTINY GOFORTH:  Yeah. Like that kind of big -- I kind knew, you know, like what, what may have
happened, you know?

**MS. DARIA BOYARCHUK:** What do you think had happened?

**MS. DESTINY GOFORTH:** I knew that it must have been something to do with being on the streets you know, like -- you know because it had happened before to us. You know like -- like you know she just had a lot -- you know like kidnapped her, you know, raped and all that, you know?

**MS. DARIA BOYARCHUK:** It happened before?

**MS. DESTINY GOFORTH:** Yeah, like it just about happened, you know. Like, you know, this guy tried to do something to her, you know, but she got away, you know. You know like because it happened to me before, you know. Like I just about got, you know -- this guy tried to beat me up and rape me and rob me too, you know. That's when we were always together, you know.

**MS. DARIA BOYARCHUK:** M'hmm.

**MS. DESTINY GOFORTH:** Yeah, but -- and I figured that's what must have happened, you know.

**MS. DARIA BOYARCHUK:** She was kidnapped you think by someone?

**MS. DESTINY GOFORTH:** Yeah, that's what I thought, you know. It had to have happened on the street, you know.
MS. DARIA BOYARCHUK: Okay. You said --

those kidappings that happened to you, was it recent, like

recent prior to her disappearance?

MS. DESTINY GOFORTH: No, not recent like

prior to her disappearance --

MS. DARIA BOYARCHUK: Yeah, yeah.

MS. DESTINY GOFORTH: -- but like within

that year, you know.

MS. DARIA BOYARCHUK: Within that year.

MS. DESTINY GOFORTH: The summer, you know, between -- yeah, the summertime. Between springtime and summertime I believe, you know.

MS. DARIA BOYARCHUK: M'hmm.

MS. DESTINY GOFORTH: That we were together, you know. Because I came back in July and we were always together for that period, you know.

MS. DARIA BOYARCHUK: M'hmm.

MS. DESTINY GOFORTH: When I was home.

MS. DARIA BOYARCHUK: M'hmm.

MS. DESTINY GOFORTH: You know.

MS. DARIA BOYARCHUK: If you're comfortable talking about it, because I know that you said that you don't want to find out what happened to you.

MS. DESTINY GOFORTH: Yeah.

MS. DARIA BOYARCHUK: To her, sorry. We
don't need to discuss this, but if you --

MS. DESTINY GOFORTH: Can I take a break real quick.

MS. DARIA BOYARCHUK: I need to have a cigarette first.

MS. DARIA BOYARCHUK: Yeah sure. Yes, we can take a break.

MS. DESTINY GOFORTH: Before I get into --

MS. DARIA BOYARCHUK: Of course. It's 11:57 and we're going to take a break at the moment.

-- A BRIEF RECESS AT 11:57 a.m.

-- UPON RESUMING AT 12:10 p.m.

MS. DARIA BOYARCHUK: It is 12:10 on April 21st, 2018, and Destiny Goforth and I are about to, are about to resume our statement gathering. And I would like you Destiny, to share your story, and I know that -- I'm sure you've cried a lot.

MS. DESTINY GOFORTH: M'hmm.

MS. DARIA BOYARCHUK: And like I feel like I have -- you know I know a lot about Destiny -- or sorry. About you for sure, but Kelly --

MS. DESTINY GOFORTH: Yeah.

MS. DARIA BOYARCHUK: -- and the way how you
Destiny Goforth
(Kelly Goforth)

1  grew up.

2  **MS. DESTINY GOFORTH:** Yeah.

3  **MS. DARIA BOYARCHUK:** If you're comfortable, do you mind telling us about some of the things that happened to you, like when you were on the streets and how it might have affected you in terms of like bringing it together? Because it sounds like when you were working in the streets it's -- this is something that also -- like it might have torn you apart as in -- like from, from the kind of work you were doing.

4  **MS. DESTINY GOFORTH:** M'hm.

5  **MS. DARIA BOYARCHUK:** But, but it also got you closer.

6  **MS. DESTINY GOFORTH:** Yeah, yeah it -- basically, you know like -- she told me a story that something happened to her, you know, while I was in Calgary and Vancouver.

7  **MS. DARIA BOYARCHUK:** M'hm.

8  **MS. DESTINY GOFORTH:** That -- you know that this man tried to, you know, like not pay her, like trying to beat her up, and you know tried to rape her and all that, you know, and that really hurt me, you know. Like that I wasn't there to protect her, you know. So when I got down you know, and I took off on my husband, you know, I started to, you know, resume that life again for a bit
MS. DARIA BOYARCHUK: M'hmm.

MS. DESTINY GOFORTH: And this happened to me before, you know. I told her the story of when I was like 23, you know.

MS. DARIA BOYARCHUK: M'hmm.

MS. DESTINY GOFORTH: Yeah, I was, you know -- I was taken to a house and this man tried to throw me in the basement and rob me and beat me up. But I ended up --

MS. DARIA BOYARCHUK: That was back in?

MS. DESTINY GOFORTH: Yeah, this was like way back in like 2011, yeah.

MS. DARIA BOYARCHUK: And where were you at that time?

MS. DESTINY GOFORTH: In Regina.

MS. DARIA BOYARCHUK: In Regina, okay. When did you move to Vancouver?

MS. DESTINY GOFORTH: In -- the end of 2011, the end there.

MS. DARIA BOYARCHUK: So you stayed there for like two years or so?

MS. DESTINY GOFORTH: Yeah, I worked nine months. We lived in -- I left Calgary in 2011, maybe around July, July 2011.

MS. DARIA BOYARCHUK: M'hmm.
MS. DESTINY GOFORTH: And we lived in Vancouver until about --

MS. DARIA BOYARCHUK: So 2013?

MS. DESTINY GOFORTH: Yeah 2013, July 2013, that's when we came back.

MS. DARIA BOYARCHUK: So you returned to Regina?

MS. DESTINY GOFORTH: Yeah.

MS. DARIA BOYARCHUK: Okay. So when -- she confided in you, right?

MS. DESTINY GOFORTH: Yeah.

MS. DARIA BOYARCHUK: It sounds like something was bothering her?

MS. DESTINY GOFORTH: Yeah, she -- you know she was telling me all this and, you know, that what happened to her. And I felt so bad.

MS. DARIA BOYARCHUK: M'hmm.

MS. DESTINY GOFORTH: She also, you know, told me about the times, you know, like when she would like get kicked out from my mom's house or my sister's house, you know. She'd end up on the street anyways, you know.

MS. DARIA BOYARCHUK: M'hmm.

MS. DESTINY GOFORTH: And I just felt so bad that I didn't protect her, you know, like -- and like if she got kicked out then I was with her, you know. Anyhow,
like I didn't have a place of my own either, I wasn't that good. But you know I tried my best, you know. We were always together though. And then, you know -- like just to -- because I felt like I needed to protect her, you know.

MS. DARIA GOFORTH: M'hm.

MS. DESTINY GOFORTH: Like when we were together we'd always spot each other. We call it spotting, you know? You know, I would always like write down the numbers of the car, the make of the car, the licence plate and all that.

MS. DARIA BOYARCHUK: Oh okay, yeah.

MS. DESTINY GOFORTH: And stuff like that, you know.

MS. DARIA BOYARCHUK: And she would do the same for you?

MS. DESTINY GOFORTH: Yeah, exactly yeah. How the man drove, how long we were going.

MS. DARIA BOYARCHUK: M'hm.

MS. DESTINY GOFORTH: But every time one of us would grab, you know like get picked up, we'd say let's meet at this house. You know there was a certain house that we always disappeared to. I guess we would call it like a drug house, you know.

MS. DARIA BOYARCHUK: Or a safe house.

MS. DESTINY GOFORTH: Yeah. Like it was
mostly just a drug house, everybody who loved to do drugs.

MS. DARIA BOYARCHUK: M'hmm.

MS. DESTINY GOFORTH: And sell drugs, you know. And that's the house that we would always, you know, disappear to, just me and her. We said let's meet up here, you know.

MS. DARIA BOYARCHUK: M'hmm.

MS. DESTINY GOFORTH: Yeah, that's how we -- that's how we worked it for the longest time when we would disappear together. I mean after -- after leaving my husband we got back together, you know just before September. We were actually going to go back -- we were moving back to Vancouver. The end of September we were going to go back. But when my sister went missing I said okay, well we're not going to -- I'll wait to see where she is first, you know, let's just wait, you know. And then we ended up just staying after -- because we found out Kelly died, you know, like she was dead, you know. I can't leave my family, I can't leave my mom, my sister and my brothers, and Casey.

Yeah, but after she died you know, I went through this spiral, like downward spiral. Nothing but addiction, you know. I found some way to cope because I didn't want to believe it, you know. It took me awhile because I had a lot of guilt, you know, a lot of
unforgiveness in myself you know, as an older sister, you know. Like I always blamed myself, you know. I always said I should have been there to protect her, you know. I should have went with her, you know. I should have took Casey, and I should have took the baby, you know.

MS. DARIA BOYARCHUK: M'hmm.

MS. DESTINY GOFORTH: Because, you know, my last -- my last image of my sister alive was her crying, you know.

MS. DARIA BOYARCHUK: M'hmm.

MS. DESTINY GOFORTH: And believe me we felt guilty, you know, and for awhile there, you know, me and my family we weren't close, you know. We did a lot of blaming, you know. Like if you didn't do this you know, or she'd be alive. Like there was a lot of that animosity between us, you know?

MS. DARIA BOYARCHUK: M'hmm.

MS. DESTINY GOFORTH: You know like that strain, you know. And you know I just did a lot of alone time. Like I didn't really hang out with my family no more because I guess in a sense I was mad at them too, you know, like at my mom, and my sister and my brothers. Like I don't know, I just blamed myself.

MS. DARIA BOYARCHUK: How do you feel today?

MS. DESTINY GOFORTH: I actually, you know,
I feel a lot better, you know. I forgive myself because -- it took me awhile. I think when me and my husband married in 2014, you know like I finally -- April 2014 my husband and I got married. I had a good talk with one of my relatives and told her how I felt, you know. That I felt like I don't even deserve you know like goodness, any goodness in my life, you know. Because, you know, my sister's not here, you know, and I wasn't there to protect her, you know.

Like I was at that breaking point where I was just ready to give up everything. I was going to give up my husband, I was going to give up my daughter, you know. I was going to give up everything. Like I thought I didn't deserve because I couldn't protect my sister. How could I protect my daughter?

**MS. DARIA BOYARCHUK:** M'hmm.

**MS. DESTINY GOFORTH:** How could I protect, you know, anybody. No, I couldn't do nothing, you know. But she told me that I had to forgive myself, I have to let go, you know.

**MS. DARIA BOYARCHUK:** M'hmm.

**MS. DESTINY GOFORTH:** My sister isn't suffering, you know.

**MS. DARIA BOYARCHUK:** One of your relatives you said, right?
MS. DESTINY GOFORTH: Yeah, one of my relatives, yeah.

MS. DARIA BOYARCHUK: Okay.

MS. DESTINY GOFORTH: It was an Aunt. Yeah, and she prayed with me, you know. And I asked, you know -- while I was pregnant I asked Kelly to forgive me, you know, for not protecting her. And I know in my heart of hearts you know, that -- you know she's always so forgiving, you know. Like I could feel her there.

MS. DARIA BOYARCHUK: M'hmm.

MS. DESTINY GOFORTH: She wouldn't want me to feel like that, you know keep blaming myself, keep hurting myself. So I got clean there for a bit.

MS. DARIA BOYARCHUK: Yeah. Do you talk to Casey a lot, like now that like he's growing up, do you talk a lot about his mom and telling him stories about her?

MS. DESTINY GOFORTH: I tell him a little bit of this and that, yeah. He actually thinks I'm his older sister.

MS. DARIA BOYARCHUK: Aww, so your relationship is very close and that sort of thing?

MS. DESTINY GOFORTH: Yeah, because -- you know he's being raised by our mom. My mom is his mom too, you know.

MS. DARIA BOYARCHUK: M'hmm.
MS. DESTINY GOFORTH: I mean Kelly was his mom, but she's an angel you know. Because he never really -- he doesn't remember her at all.

MS. DARIA BOYARCHUK: M'hmm.

MS. DESTINY GOFORTH: Yeah, and because --

MS. DARIA BOYARCHUK: Do you have some pictures of her?

MS. DESTINY GOFORTH: Oh yeah, there's pictures all over. All our house is -- you know there's pictures of Kelly. You know we always remind him, you know, who is mommy was.

MS. DARIA BOYARCHUK: M'hmm.

MS. DESTINY GOFORTH: But he still thinks, you know, our mom is his mom and I'm his older sister. Yeah, so our relationship isn't like an auntie and nephew, it's a brother and sister.

MS. DARIA BOYARCHUK: Aww.

MS. DESTINY GOFORTH: So he's my younger sibling.

MS. DARIA BOYARCHUK: Yeah.

MS. DESTINY GOFORTH: And he actually calls my husband honey.

MS. DARIA BOYARCHUK: Aww.

MS. DESTINY GOFORTH: Because ever since he could talk he'd hear me and my husband talk -- call each
other honey. And then ever since then --

MS. DARIA BOYARCHUK: He calls --

MS. DESTINY GOFORTH: -- he's always called

my husband honey, you know.

MS. DARIA BOYARCHUK: Yeah, because that's

what you do.

MS. DESTINY GOFORTH: Yes. And he's five

and he still says my honey, and I'm not allowed to call

anybody else baby brother or baby bro, because he's my only

bro. And my son, he's two, he -- when he means on Casey,

like means on Casey, you know he comes and tells me. And

I'll pretend to scold my son, don't you fight my baby

brother, you know. He likes it when we do that to him.

MS. DARIA BOYARCHUK: M'hmm.

MS. DESTINY GOFORTH: He's a good kid, and

he's a really good boy, you know. And when we feel lonely

we just look at him because he looks like Kelly now, you

know.

MS. DARIA BOYARCHUK: Does he?

MS. DESTINY GOFORTH: Yeah.

MS. DARIA BOYARCHUK: Aww.

MS. DESTINY GOFORTH: He looks like his mom,

there's certain looks. He just -- I don't know, it's just

I see a lot of Kelly in him.

MS. DARIA BOYARCHUK: M'hmm. And I notice
you have -- like you're wearing a sweatshirt, and I think you brother is probably --

MS. DESTINY GOFORTH: Yes.

MS. DARIA BOYARCHUK: Yeah, he's also

wearing a sweatshirt with Kelly--

MS. DESTINY GOFORTH: Picture.

MS. DARIA BOYARCHUK: -- picture?

MS. DESTINY GOFORTH: Yeah.

MS. DARIA BOYARCHUK: Of Kelly, right?

MS. DESTINY GOFORTH: Pardon?

MS. DARIA BOYARCHUK: Kelly, and there's a picture of it?

MS. DESTINY GOFORTH: Yeah.

MS. DARIA BOYARCHUK: Do you want to turn around and show it to the Commissioners, they can read it?

MS. DESTINY GOFORTH: Oh yeah, sure.

MS. DARIA BOYARCHUK: Thank you. Kelly Nicole Allison Goforth, nice. Thank you. I noticed -- like I wasn't aware that you were going to give a statement.

MS. DESTINY GOFORTH: Yeah.

MS. DARIA BOYARCHUK: But I saw --

MS. DESTINY GOFORTH: Oh yeah, I always wear this sweater, you know.

MS. DARIA BOYARCHUK: Yeah.
MS. DESTINY GOFORTH: It makes me feel proud.

MS. DARIA BOYARCHUK: Yeah. So it's Kelly Nicole Allison.

MS. DESTINY GOFORTH: Yeah.

MS. DARIA BOYARCHUK: I will write it down, awesome. Okay, thank you. Do you recall at the beginning you were telling me that when your parents divorced --

MS. DESTINY GOFORTH: M' hmm.

MS. DARIA BOYARCHUK: -- were you living on the reserve at that point, or were you already here?

MS. DESTINY GOFORTH: No, we were already here in Regina.

MS. DARIA BOYARCHUK: And that's when you felt like this is -- that things went down the wrong path, right?

MS. DESTINY GOFORTH: Yeah, yeah.

MS. DARIA BOYARCHUK: And when was it, like what year? Do you remember when you guys --


MS. DARIA BOYARCHUK: So it was fairly recent though, right?

MS. DESTINY GOFORTH: Yeah.

MS. DARIA BOYARCHUK: Okay. And Kelly, how
old was she at that time?

MS. DESTINY GOFORTH: Oh, I was 19.

MS. DARIA BOYARCHUK: Oh, 19 okay.

MS. DESTINY GOFORTH: Yeah, I was 19 so she

must have been --

MS. DARIA BOYARCHUK: Seventeen or 16?

MS. DESTINY GOFORTH: Yes, 17 or 16.

MS. DARIA BOYARCHUK: Because like figure

three years -- you have three years difference?

MS. DESTINY GOFORTH: No, Shaylene -- I'm

30, my sister Shaylene is 28, Kelly is 26. So there's two

years between us. So there was like a four year

difference.

MS. DARIA BOYARCHUK: Okay.

MS. DESTINY GOFORTH: Yeah, she was like 15,

right?

MS. DARIA BOYARCHUK: M'hmm. Is there

anything else that you would like to share with us, either

about Kelly or her son, anything that you feel like?

MS. DESTINY GOFORTH: I know that, you know,

my sister, she -- you know if she were alive, you know,

like she -- if she were alive I think things would be

different, you know? But at the same time I'm glad that

she isn't here to see how the world's, you know, turning

out to be, you know. And you know she always had this fear
all her life, she -- you know like we always read in the
bible, you know, about the end of the world, and you know
the end times and stuff like that. And that was like her
major, biggest, biggest fear, you know, that she had to
live through, you know. Like live through something like
that, you know.

And I wonder that -- she's, she's happy, you
know? She doesn't have to hear what's going on, you know,
now. You know like I don't -- like what's happening with
like Trump and Syria and all that, you know stuff like
that. That would really freak her out, you know. She was
so scared of the end of the world and, you know, I know
that God's -- Jesus is coming back soon, you know.

MS. DARIA BOYARCHUK: M'hmm.

MS. DESTINY GOFORTH: And she didn't want to
live through that, you know. And I do believe that when
you're too beautiful for this earth God takes you, you
know?

MS. DARIA BOYARCHUK: M'hmm.

MS. DESTINY GOFORTH: She was just too
beautiful for this world.

MS. DARIS BOYARCHUK: That's beautiful.
Like that's very heartwarming to hear you say that and that
shows how much you cared about -- you still care about your
sister.
MS. DESTINY GOFORTH: Yeah.

MS. DARIA BOYARCHUK: And so beautiful, thank you.

MS. DESTINY GOFORTH: That's basically all I can think of right now.

MS. DARIA BOYARCHUK: Is there anything -- like how would you like to commemorate or honour the memory of your sister, how would you like to see her honoured?

MS. DESTINY GOFORTH: You know I would want other women, you know, that we didn't like that high risk life, whatever, you know? I want -- you know I want them to actually know Kelly's real story and, you know, to show them the dangers, and to recognize the dangers, and to get help, you know, before it's too late, you know. And quit while you can, you know what I mean?

MS. DARIA BOYARCHUK: Quit the, the -- like the kind of --

MS. DESTINY GOFORTH: Yeah, the street life, you know?

MS. DARIA BOYARCHUK: The street life. Do you think if you, that if you and Kelly had the access to those kinds of services at the time, do you think your life would have been different?

MS. DESTINY GOFORTH: Yes, exactly.

MS. DARIA BOYARCHUK: Is it something that
you feel you didn't have access to?

   MS. DESTINY GOFORTH: M'hmm. If we had more
-- like if someone were to actually tell us what exactly
happened, you know -- like how would I say it? If we were
to actually see or hear other people's survival stories,
you know, and you know if we were to talk to them one on
one, you know.

   MS. DARIA BOYARCHUK: M'hmm. So you
actually think that like if someone -- I'm just giving you
-- for example, if you heard my survivor story --

   MS. DESTINY GOFORTH: Yeah.

   MS. DARIA BOYARCHUK: -- and you saw that we
connected on some sort of -- like on some level, then it
would help inspire you to like get out of that, that
darkness?

   MS. DESTINY GOFORTH: Yeah.

   MS. DARIA BOYARCHUK: So this is something
that -- it's not just talking to a psychologist or getting
health support, it's actually speaking to survivors, right?

   MS. DESTINY GOFORTH: M'hmm.

   MS. DARIA BOYARCHUK: You would be inspired
by those?

   MS. DESTINY GOFORTH: Yes.

   MS. DARIA BOYARCHUK: Those women?

   MS. DESTINY GOFORTH: Yeah.
MS. DARIA BOYARCHUK: That's interesting.
So did you, did you ever -- like you or Kelly, did you ever
seek any sort of access to like health services or anything
to -- or like social services?

MS. DESTINY GOFORTH: There was social
services but nothing really for like -- I don't know. Like
if we were to ask for help, you know. There was -- like
nobody really like helps the -- I guess, you know the
street workers. They kind of just fluff us off to the
side.

MS. DARIA BOYARCHUK: M'hmm.

MS. DESTINY GOFORTH: But there is a program
in Regina, I guess it's called the Street Workers Advocate
Program. I think that's what it's called, Project?

MS. DARIA BOYARCHUK: Street Workers
Project?

MS. DESTINY GOFORTH: I don't know exactly,
but it's called SWAP for short, you know. They ride around
like --

MS. DARIA BOYARCHUK: S-W-A-P?

MS. DESTINY GOFORTH: Yeah.

MS. DARIA BOYARCHUK: Okay.

MS. DESTINY GOFORTH: And --

MS. DARIA BOYARCHUK: And what do they do?

MS. DESTINY GOFORTH: I'm not too sure, but
it's, it's basically for street workers. I guess they go around in a van and, you know, like condoms and the bad day sheets and stuff like that. And they have like some sort of like -- I don't know. I don't have no idea, but especially if I don't really know, you know?

MS. DARIA BOYARCHUK: M'hmm.

MS. DESTINY GOFORTH: But if there was more stuff --

MS. DARIA BOYARCHUK: Is it something new?

MS. DESTINY GOFORTH: It's not new, new, but it's only we didn't really know of, you know?

MS. DARIA BOYARCHUK: Right, that's what I was going to ask you.

MS. DESTINY GOFORTH: Yeah.

MS. DARIA BOYARCHUK: Was it there when you guys were going through this?

MS. DESTINY GOFORTH: It was there I guess, but we didn't really like now about that, you know.

MS. DARIA BOYARCHUK: Yeah.

MS. DESTINY GOFORTH: If there was more like -- what do you call that, like attention to it, you know? Like --

MS. DARIA BOYARCHUK: Like there was no, there was no advocate right?

MS. DESTINY GOFORTH: Yeah, that's it.
MS. DARIA BOYARCHUK: What about the other women that -- I know Kelly was with you. What about other women who were doing the same kind of work, did you ever share your own like fears, or like your -- you wanting to get out of this kind of like -- this kind of life? And like was there any kind of support among the women?

MS. DESTINY GOFORTH: Not really. You know it was basically a dog eat dog world out there, you know.

MS. DARIA BOYARCHUK: M' hmm, yeah.

MS. DESTINY GOFORTH: Like you know you really can't trust anybody but yourselves out there, you know. It was just me and Kelly out there, you know?

MS. DARIA BOYARCHUK: Yeah.

MS. DESTINY GOFORTH: Especially in the drug world, you know. Nobody really cares and -- but if we were able to, you know, like have access to like the health things for addictions, you know? Like I know if someone were to go to detox, you know there's like a big waiting list because there's not enough room, you know?

MS. DARIA BOYARCHUK: Okay.

MS. DESTINY GOFORTH: Yeah. Or you know like there's a waiting list for, for -- to get to like rehab and stuff like that. Because I know me and my sister were talking about we would love to have, you know, done that, you know? But, you know, once we tried to reach out
to go to detox, you know, and we were go to rehab. That was our plan, go to rehab.

MS. DARIA BOYARCHUK: M'hmm.

MS. DESTINY GOFORTH: But we got put on a waiting list, you know.

MS. DARIA BOYARCHUK: Okay, so you actually did get put on the waiting list --

MS. DESTINY GOFORTH: Yeah.

MS. DARIA BOYARCHUK: -- but it never came around.

MS. DESTINY GOFORTH: Never came around, you know. I didn't -- after that then there's the --

MS. DARIA BOYARCHUK: How long were you on the waiting list for?

MS. DESTINY GOFORTH: They told us two weeks and then after we just didn't bother.

MS. DARIA BOYARCHUK: Two weeks?

MS. DESTINY GOFORTH: Yeah, they told us we had to wait within the two weeks.

MS. DARIA BOYARCHUK: Okay.

MS. DESTINY GOFORTH: But you know like we didn't even bother trying. You know I wish there was more, more space I guess, you know, because -- you know when someone wants to get clean right then and there, you know, right? When they want -- when they have the will, you
know, and they get told no, there's no room, you've got to wait, you know, come back, well no one's going to wait until --

**MS. DARIA BOYARCHUK:** Exactly.

**MS. DESTINY GOFORTH:** Because they could switch, you know. I wish there was more like space, you know like --

**MS. DARIA BOYARCHUK:** M'hmm.

**MS. DESTINY GOFORTH:** -- more accommodation you know, like for that, you know?

**MS. DARIA BOYARCHUK:** Yeah, that's unfortunate.

**MS. DESTINY GOFORTH:** Yes.

**MS. DARIA BOYARCHUK:** It's true.

**MS. DESTINY GOFORTH:** Yeah, that's -- yeah.

**MS. DARIA BOYARCHUK:** Thank you for sharing so much of your personal experience of going through this, but also dealing with like you said, the trauma and -- the trauma of seeing your little sister, and also sharing that part of the story. Because like you said, that your family, or some members of the family, do not approve of this necessarily.

**MS. DESTINY GOFORTH:** Yes.

**MS. DARIA BOYARCHUK:** And I just -- I really appreciate you having enough strength to come out here and
like share with us. Thank you.

MS. DESTINY GOFORTH: And thank you for listening.

MS. DARIA BOYARCHUK: Of course. It's 12:30 and we will end our statement here.

MS. DESTINY GOFORTH: Okay, thank you.

MS. DARIA BOYARCHUK: Thank you.

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