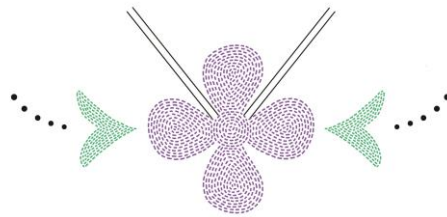


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Duncan, British Columbia

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2 --- Upon commencing on Sunday, October 21, 2018 at 10:40
3 a.m.

4 **COURTNEY NORRIS JONES:** This is Courtney
5 Norris Jones, statement taker with the National Inquiry
6 into Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls in
7 Duncan, BC on October 21st, 2018 and the time is 10:40 A.M.
8 Today I am speaking with Monica Jones, Bradley Joe, Helen
9 Joe and Sylvia Alphonse of the Cowichan Tribes. They are
10 here to tell their truth for their sister, auntie and
11 mother, Catherine Joe, who was murdered. She was missing
12 for six months and was found June 19th, 1977. Also present
13 in the room is Jackie Brown (ph) health support.

14 Also, for the record, Monica Jones, Bradley
15 Joe, Helen Joe and Sylvia Alphonse, you are here
16 voluntarily to provide your truth and you agree to the
17 videotaping and audiotaping of your truth. You also
18 understand that at the end of your truth you'll be able to
19 determine whether you would like your truth to be public or
20 private at that time.

21 So, Helen, whenever you are ready ---

22 **HELEN JOE:** Okay.

23 **COURTNEY NORRIS JONES:** --- you can start.

24 **HELEN JOE:** I called my nephew Dwayne (ph)
25 this morning and told him we were doing this and -- and he

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1 was crying. He remembers laying with his mom and she was
2 crying and all he said, "They're watching over us. Mom,
3 dad," and he remembers her getting beat up. He's still
4 hurting every day. He cried and told him what this was
5 going to do, it's opening wounds. And that's all he said.
6 He couldn't say anything else.

7 June 1977, Cathy went -- was only 27 and she
8 found -- my sister six months missing turned our lives
9 upside down, shattered, no clue. We received calls every
10 day, January, February, March, April, May, June. My
11 father, Benedict Peter, and uncle were in the States when
12 Larry Joe came and asked my mom to go identify her.

13 I asked to go with my mom and he said, "No."
14 And she went by herself and it shattered her life forever.
15 And year after she passed away, '78. She was drinking and
16 she choked on smoked fish. She had heart trouble. She
17 wouldn't stop crying. We'd try to comfort her, nothing we
18 said, you know, helped her.

19 Me and my [D.] we were drinking too and, you
20 know, we turned to alcohol. And then she said, "We can't
21 do this anymore. We have to do something, you know, keep
22 our dad alive with us." So we started canoe pulling. And
23 our daughters -- and my dad supported us, he travelled with
24 us to all the canoe races. And we were coming first for a
25 long time. We trained hard, we ran down the bay, heavy

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1 coats on with rocks in our hand. They trained us hard. We
2 were out there for three hours. We came first, we -- we
3 were -- they couldn't catch us. My dad was really proud.

4 And she was a good canoe puller too. She'd
5 go on a single and she didn't know how to turn and she'd
6 make a wide turn but she still came first. That's how much
7 power my sister had. And she'd clam dig and she'd pack the
8 sacks up the hill, Juno Bay (ph). My parents taught us how
9 to clam dig and live on the sea with my grandfather,
10 William Joe. We'd go on two boats down Cowichan Bay. We'd
11 camp down there because the water was rough. So it was a
12 lot of fun then.

13 In '78 my dad -- my mom passed away and his
14 life was shattered. That's why we had to pick him up to
15 stay with us. And everyday I hated the phone ringing late
16 at night. To this day, I'm still like that. The -- the
17 investigators came to the house, no clues. It affected my
18 parents this happened to our sister. She had a broken neck
19 and back.

20 Me and my [D.] went down to the police
21 station after a while because they weren't coming around
22 and that lady at the desk said, "No," right away and she
23 slammed that glass window in our face. And the cops were
24 saying that they had him but I didn't think it was true
25 because he was never arrested. And he killed himself and

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1 we heard all kind of stories.

2 My sister knitted Cowichan sweaters too.

3 And socks and hats and real beautiful work with she had --
4 she'd argue with Bruce, the buyer from Victoria, saying she
5 wanted more money but he never gave no more money. He paid
6 low. 1970's, they pay -- he didn't -- they just gave --
7 they didn't make any profit. But she kept knitting and
8 selling to him. And called him a Chinaman because she
9 wouldn't raise the prices. She travelled to the States to
10 work too. She picked strawberries, cherries and apple. We
11 watched the kids while she was gone.

12 So it was a hard life going through this.
13 But I don't talk about it, you know, because I don't, you
14 know, put stuff on the children. And my sister [D.] has
15 some information too but she doesn't want to say it. I
16 just try to block it out, you know, I want to forget it but
17 I couldn't.

18 They went to the police station a few times,
19 I didn't go. I didn't want to hear what they're going to
20 say. To this day, I think the cops are prejudiced to -- to
21 us yet. That's all I have to say right now.

22 (Short recess)

23 **BRADLEY JOE:** I'm Bradley Joe. I'm going to
24 read about my late auntie. This is a story from my auntie
25 [D.]. She lives in the States. I'm just going to read

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1 what -- what she gave me.

2 "Cathy was a young, strong, hard -- hard
3 working and full of life. She had provided for her two
4 children, two and four at the time, by harvesting clams,
5 knitting. Cathy had also dedicated her -- her time to
6 training and canoe pulling.

7 One day Cathy went out partying and never
8 came back. Cathy had been missing for months. Her mother
9 went to the news in Vancouver and Victoria and for missing
10 person. Call -- Calls came in from everywhere saying that
11 they spotted her in different places. June 1997 (sic)
12 Benedict father Peter, Uncle Peter, Uncle Dojo (ph.)," --
13 or Grandpa Dojo, my grandpa -- "Followed a call down to the
14 Neah Bay (ph). Some said she might been seen there on this
15 day.

16 The Joe families have -- had been turned
17 upside down. [Police Service 1] knocked on the door, they
18 told Evelyn (ph)," -- my grandma, my auntie's mom, "That
19 they needed to come to the police station. She went alone
20 to identify her clothes. Cathy's body has been too far
21 decomposed for evidence. Her family, her mother and
22 children would never be the same again.

23 Cathy was raped and murdered. Her remains
24 had been brought home. Her parents were left to raise girl
25 Sylvia, boy Dwayne, and we had known it would been too much

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1 for mom. Her daughter went missing for a month, she had to
2 identify her clothes. No one should have to bury their
3 child. That mom die this -- on December 25th 1978, Cathy's
4 mom had sadly been taken her own life. She couldn't take
5 it. She died of a broken heart. Benedict raised
6 grandbabies as his own. The detectives came over less and
7 less.

8 Cathy was cold case. The law didn't do
9 anything when Cathy was taken away from our family. She
10 became one of many who missing and murdered. It would have
11 helped her family to have closure if her -- if her murderer
12 was brought to justice. Maybe it'll never happen. People
13 didn't like to talk about these things that make them
14 uncomfortable. Cathy's skin was never wrinkled, her hair
15 never got to go grey. She didn't get to watch her children
16 grow. She's immortalized now by stories we will tell.

17 Cathy will never -- will not be forgotten.
18 Her story will be told in the hopes that it will never
19 happen again."

20 **COURTNEY NORRIS JONES:** We are stopping for
21 a break at 10:55.

22 (Short recess)

23 **COURTNEY NORRIS JONES:** We are restarting at
24 11:02 A.M. Okay. Sylvia, whenever you're ready.

25 **SYLVIA ALPHONSE:** Hi, my name is Sylvia

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1 Alphonse. I'm Cathy's daughter. I don't know where to
2 begin. Being raised without a mom was the hardest. There
3 was questions that I had but I knew that I couldn't -- it
4 was never talked about, what happened to my mom. Just hear
5 stories about her. You know, she was a caring and loving,
6 happy-go-woman all the time. Always had a smile on her
7 face. She was always a fisherwoman, really good canoe
8 puller. And that she really loved her family.

9 She had three children. Her oldest brother,
10 Timothy, my brother Dwayne and myself. I never got to know
11 my older brother as well. He drowned in the river. There
12 was so much tragedy happened when I was young and it was
13 never talked about with our family. And still, to this
14 day, it's hard to ask questions because nobody wanted to do
15 anything while my grandfather was alive because they knew
16 it would be too hard on him.

17 And my grandfather is the one that raised
18 myself and my brother. You know, he lived a long life to
19 raise us. I can't imagine the pain that my grandfather had
20 to go through, my aunties, my uncles. You know, being a
21 mother myself, I wouldn't know what to do if I lost one of
22 my children and have them missing for that amount of time
23 before they're even found.

24 And to find out how my mother died was hard
25 because nobody told me when I was young. I always called

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1 my grandfather dad so I believed, when I was younger, that
2 he was really my dad. The closest thing I had to a mother
3 was my aunties and my uncles. You know, they did the best
4 that they could to raise my brother and I.

5 I don't even remember how old I was when I
6 first found out what really happened to my mom being
7 brutally murdered. I know it took a long time just to even
8 talk about her, you know. Most of my life -- younger life,
9 I just cried and cried and cried. Wondered what it would
10 be like to have a mom. And then I became a mother so I had
11 to quit crying.

12 But I had a really good talk with my Uncle
13 Peter. He -- it's still hard for him today, to talk about
14 it because he did a lot -- a lot of searching for her --
15 for my mom when she was missing. You know, those six
16 months he drove everywhere. He drove up and down the
17 Island. Somebody would say that she was seen down Victoria
18 so he'd jump on his truck and go riding down there trying
19 to find her and still didn't find her. You know, it was
20 really emotional for him.

21 You know, they don't have the technology
22 today that, you know, I believe they would have found
23 something more if they did have the technology that they do
24 today. I know this is the very first time that I ever,
25 ever really talk about my mom to anybody. It's -- it was a

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1 hard life without her. You know, just hearing stories and
2 there was always a missing piece to my life because I
3 always wondered what it would be like to have a mom. I
4 just don't want this to happen to anybody else.

5 It's unimaginable pain that my family has
6 gone through. My grandfather lived a long life broken-
7 hearted, losing his wife one year after his daughter. You
8 know, he's a really strong man to do that. I know there's
9 a lot of other things that my grandfather went through and,
10 you know, he was a great role model to our family for
11 everything that he has done.

12 Finding out how my mom died brutally, neck
13 broken, back broken, that's not a way for somebody to die.
14 Can't imagine how much pain that she felt going through all
15 of that. And I'd never wish this upon anyone. But I know
16 that she's in a better place now. And I just hope one day
17 that my family can have their hearts healed a little anyway
18 to carry on in life.

19 There's a lot of questions that I had for my
20 mom when I was becoming a mom myself. My aunties and my
21 uncles were always there to help me and my brother. I
22 really thank them for that. But just to let my mom know
23 that she's not forgotten and she's still really loved by
24 everybody. I know I talked about her to some of her
25 friends and they still say the same thing, that she was a

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1 really good fisherwoman, really good canoe puller, always
2 came first in the singles. Always smiling, always happy.
3 Never, ever sad, always had a smile for everybody.

4 (Short recess)

5 **COURTNEY NORRIS JONES:** Recording stop time,
6 11:15 A.M. Recording start time 11:16 A.M.

7 **MONICA JONES:** My name is Monica Patsy
8 Jones. My maiden name is Joe. I'm the youngest daughter
9 of Benedict and Evelyn Joe. I'm here to talk about my
10 oldest sister Cathy Joe.

11 I used to babysit for Cathy for many years,
12 for Dwayne and Sylvia, weekends, everywhere she went, she
13 took me with her. In June 1977 she was found brutally
14 murdered. Prior to that, for a long time our family was
15 searching for her. I recall everybody, just all the aunts
16 and uncles, and all the cousins being in the home, being
17 supportive to my parents and my siblings. I just know I
18 had to keep Sylvia and Dwayne in a room all the time. We
19 were kind of told to stay out of the way while they were
20 looking for my sister.

21 She resided at [Location 1] a little
22 apartment complex. In her walk of life I do remember being
23 with her when I used to babysit for her, we used to walk
24 home lots from town, from the store. I recall a few times
25 we were walking home and the [Police Officer] pulled us

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1 over. I recall my sister being all upset and she was
2 crying. She kept saying, "No. No, I have my children.
3 No." And that guy was -- [Police Officer] kept telling her
4 that she had to go with him. And he kept saying, "Oh, let
5 me bring my kids home first."

6 He -- she brought us home and she was all
7 upset and crying, and she said, "I'll be back later." And
8 she kissed me on the forehead. Said, "Lock the house up."
9 I phoned my mom and I told my mom, "The cops took Cathy but
10 I don't know why." Cathy always came home. And she was a
11 mess. Her hair and her clothes, and she was crying and
12 she'd just go into the tub and cry. But when my mom and
13 them went to the cops, they said that she wasn't there.

14 And years after I brought this up to a
15 detective that I remember -- after I was being interviewed,
16 after they found my sister, he said there was bad cops.
17 And he said these bad cops used to bring them up to this
18 clubhouse that was up in [Area 1]. And through the stories
19 of talking about this with my uncles, my uncles also told
20 me that the [Police Service 1] abused our women where they
21 would take them and they would abuse them for hours before
22 they let them go.

23 And one lady that's passed away, I was
24 sitting in a (inaudible response) with her drinking. Those
25 cops walked in and she kind of got nervous. And I said,

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1 "What's the matter?" And she said, "Don't let them take
2 me." And I said, "They can't take you. We won't let them.
3 There's enough of us around to stop them. If they take
4 you, they're going to take all of us." That's how we were
5 talking.

6 And she said that they used to take our
7 women, bring them to this clubhouse and abuse them, or they
8 would hurt them and drop them off way up in the mountain
9 and let them find their own way out. And most of the time
10 the loggers would drive them out when they found them early
11 in the morning. I just recall this happening a few times
12 with the [Police Service 1] and my sister.

13 When she went missing, our family searched
14 continuously. I do remember the calls that came in and my
15 older brother Peter and my late uncle Joe-Joe (ph) used to
16 go look for her at these places they were told that she was
17 going to be at. And she was never there. And it went on
18 everyday. A lot of calls came in. Real lot of calls.
19 Every lead that they got called in, there was nothing.

20 After she was found deceased, she was found
21 up in the [Area 2] in June 1977 by a hiker. There was this
22 farmer up there and he recalled that the [Police Service 1]
23 vehicle was in that area, and he found it very odd because
24 it was very, very late at night. And they had flashlights
25 but he doesn't know what they were doing. And he was too

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1 scared to report it because he knew the police back then
2 were not good to our people, or good to anybody.

3 When I was interviewed as a child, they
4 asked me all kinds of questions about my late sister. And
5 just her walk of life, who was her friends? Who was she
6 living with? Did she have a boyfriend? You know, all
7 those kinds of questions. And I remember this one
8 detective, and I remembered what they all looked like but I
9 couldn't remember their names because I was young. And I
10 was scared because I remembered them taking my sister away.
11 And we're in a small room being interviewed so I was quite
12 scared.

13 When I became an adult I had my own place,
14 and in December they had honoured the [Police Service 1] in
15 the newspaper, and I was looking through it and I found
16 that detective. His name was [Detective]. And I called
17 the [Police Service 1] and I told them I would like to
18 speak to him. And they said, "What -- in what regards?"
19 And I said, "To my late sister's death, Cathy Joe." And
20 almost an hour after, I got a phone call from Vancouver and
21 it was him. And he was kind of laughing, he says, "How did
22 you find me?" So I told him about the newspaper. And he
23 was retired at the time. And he says, "You were real young
24 and I was talking to you. I'm surprised you remembered
25 me."

1 And when we spoke, I asked him a lot of
2 questions. One of the things he said to me was that they
3 had private -- undercover cops in [Area 3], and there were
4 -- had this white guy under surveillance. He lived in a
5 isolated area and he had a long driveway, and he had all
6 kinds of traps around his house so the only way you could
7 get in was by going in through that long driveway. And he
8 had cameras. He said that they stalked him for many, many
9 years. And as they were closing in on him, they said he
10 eventually killed himself.

11 And another story that was said to me that
12 there's this white guy who was a logger that was under
13 surveillance. He was quite tall and they called him
14 [Nickname]. He was a suspect for many years because he
15 stalked our Aboriginal women. And that came from one of
16 the main bosses of the logging company. Because my husband
17 knows the logger. And he was surprised when he found, you
18 know, he was asking questions of who I was so I told him.
19 And that's what he said.

20 And whenever I questioned the police about
21 these two incidents, they always kept saying that she was -
22 - that it would probably remain cold case unsolved. I
23 approached the police many times and asked them questions
24 about Cathy. They were all quite rude to us. The one that
25 stuck to me the most was I wanted answers and then that

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1 lady said, "Do you see this filing cabinet right here?" It
2 was a lady cop. Said, "That's full of your sister's
3 information. You can sit there and go through with it and
4 see what you come up with. But I don't have anyone here to
5 supervise you so today's not a good day." And then she
6 closed that glass on me and walked away.

7 And there's another time that we went into
8 the police station and asked -- got brought into an office
9 with this [Police Service 1 officer]. And I told him I was
10 there to ask questions about my late sister. And as we
11 were talking, he stated this guy's name to me. I -- I
12 can't remember it right now. And then he says that justice
13 was already served but they couldn't prove it because he
14 committed suicide. And he says, "You can keep searching or
15 you could have closure."

16 Over the years, I went to the police station
17 to ask them a lot of questions, and they've always been
18 rude to us. They've never given us any answers. They
19 always just said the evidence deteriorated. And they would
20 never resolve anything. That they always told us that we
21 could take our file and go look at it and see what we can
22 find.

23 Over the years, it's always bothered me
24 where I'd become an overprotective person over my -- not
25 just my family but my community because the crime in

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1 Cowichan is getting -- escalating and the police are still
2 not doing anything today.

3 The year 2015 I spoke to the major crime
4 unit. I'm not sure of the year but I did speak to the
5 major crime unit. That's when we lost our niece, Tyeshia
6 Jones, who was brutally murdered. And I told them, "Look
7 at my sister's file and come up and give me information
8 because they wanted to speak to me -- ask questions about
9 everything because we were preparing her funeral and they
10 wanted to have detectives all over the place in the prayer
11 meeting -- funeral.

12 And they came up, that lady said, "Oh, I
13 briefly looked at the file and there's still no clues, no
14 evidence. We don't have anything to go on because all the
15 evidence that they kept deteriorated. It'll remain open
16 but it'll always be slated as a cold case file."

17 This has been devastating to our family for
18 many years. We all lived with broken hearts and were kept
19 silent. We never talked about it. Our mother died of a
20 broken heart at Christmas. For many years I hated
21 Christmas because I lost my mother. For many years in June
22 I never celebrated my birthday because that's when they
23 found my sister.

24 For my mother, when she was here, she cried
25 each day for my sister and it was hard to see. Throughout

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1 all this, this has made me live in fear for our family
2 because we don't know who done this to our family. We all
3 walk with broken hearts and we are all really
4 overprotective. You know my sisters and I -- they say a
5 lot of stuff about us but we live this life of losing our
6 oldest sister who was a strong lady. She was really tough.

7 When she canoe paddled she was pregnant with
8 Sylvia and she still became champ. Really big belly and
9 she still beat everybody on a single canoe race. I
10 remember that because we were laughing when she come to
11 shore. And she was hugging -- my dad was laughing because
12 he goes, "Look at you," because she had the canoe on the
13 shore and those others were still going to the finish line.
14 And dad was packing the canoe up and she says, "I got it,
15 dad." And he says, "You're pregnant." And she just picked
16 it up and brought it to shore. I really remember that so
17 clearly.

18 Our wounds will never heal. You know,
19 through this, for our family, because we still have three
20 missing nephews here in Cowichan. And we have no clues or
21 no leads. But this we created a Missing and Murdered Walk
22 for Men, Women and Children here in Cowichan. We did that
23 last year, our first walk, February 10th. And it's just to
24 keep the memory alive of our missing loved one but also for
25 my late sister because for many years we went down to

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1 Victoria and did the walk in February with them. And they
2 always let my niece and my sisters walk in front with our
3 sister's pictures. And when I created this walk last year,
4 I had a hard time with the police for a bit. And I said,
5 "I'm not asking you, I'm telling you what we're doing."

6 For our first missing relative, he went
7 missing, his name is Desmond Peter. He went missing March
8 12th, 2007. His mother is Liz Louie and his grandmother is
9 Donna Louie. And throughout all this, the police have
10 never done anything to search for him. For maybe six weeks
11 and they've never had any tribal support or any support
12 from anywhere until they put it online. And then the
13 Missing Children's Society got involved. But throughout
14 all this, his file is just being passed around from one
15 police officer to another. And they haven't done anything
16 else. Even the leads that are sent to them, the people who
17 are accused of this, they say they're innocent, they got a
18 clean record. But they've never really, thoroughly
19 investigated his file. And that's for Desmond Peter.

20 And then our nephew Ian Henry, he went
21 missing the third week of August 2015. He was last seen
22 right near our home on Joe Road (ph) just down the road,
23 like, a block away. And he just disappeared. Three months
24 the police helped us search. Then after that, they lost
25 interest and they got the main major crime unit involved.

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1 But there's still nothing that they're doing on it.

2 And with Everett Jones, he went missing
3 February 10th, 2016. They had the search and rescue, they
4 had the major crime unit, they had everybody here for six
5 months. And with these, all the files are being just
6 pushed aside. All of it. Like, it just, they keep telling
7 us this police officer's looking at it, then the file's
8 going here, the file's going to Ottawa. One's going to
9 Victoria, one's going to Vancouver.

10 So to this day, right from 1977 to now,
11 there isn't any real police help in our area for searching
12 for our loved ones. This has been really hard on my family
13 because we can't get any closure because of our missing
14 relatives here. And people don't just disappear. All our
15 hearts are broken. And the police are no help. And they -
16 - I've called them weekly to ask them for reports and we
17 get no answers.

18 And through this Missing and Murdered walk,
19 people are coming from all over and that really helps my
20 family in our -- our own way, it helps us heal. And we
21 want to keep that memory alive to let the community know
22 that we're still searching for answers for our late sister
23 Cathy and for our three missing nephews. And that we want
24 justice. And that one day we will have justice.

25 I've been told many times that this opens

1 wounds for people. But I believe that we've been quiet for
2 too long. There are many murders here in Cowichan that
3 people don't even talk about, or don't even pursue the
4 police for answers.

5 **COURTNEY NORRIS JONES:** Just keep going.

6 **MONICA JONES:** I've been really protective
7 over my family because of all the great loss we have of our
8 sister Cathy. Put in many requests to Cowichan Tribes and
9 to [Police Service 1] to protect our people but nothing has
10 been done by the [Police Service 1] and they haven't
11 contacted us at all.

12 **COURTNEY NORRIS JONES:** Sorry. Can we just
13 stop because of the -

14 (Short recess)

15 **COURTNEY NORRIS JONES:** Stop recording time
16 11:35 A.M. Continue recording 11:40 A.M.

17 **MONICA JONES:** For many years, my sisters
18 and I, and my brothers always wanted answers on who done
19 this to our sister. My sister Helen and I went to the
20 pictorial to look in -- to find out what they had written
21 about our late sister. They had a tiny little scripture in
22 there with her little picture. Stated that she was missing
23 and just a small little part, we almost missed it. And
24 it's, like, in the middle of the newspaper. Then we asked
25 if there was anything run after that and they said, "No."

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1 Then we went to -- like, it was brought out
2 on a -- one of the TV shows. They did a re-enactment of my
3 later sister's final days. And my father was still here
4 when that happened. Hoping that someone would come
5 forward. It was a Crime Stoppers where they did a re-
6 enactment of her life until her death. And nothing became
7 of that.

8 And it's like [Police Service 1] have never
9 really cared. They've never really taken the time to look
10 at our sister's file. And I've reached out to the Minister
11 at the parliament buildings a couple times and there's no
12 real answer that they can give me also. They said they can
13 look into it and get back to me, and another cop will come
14 talk to me. And they pretty well same, said that she's a
15 cold case unsolved.

16 And with these other ones that are missing,
17 it's just the same pattern. You know, she's -- they're
18 seen here, they're seen there. Like, Victoria, Vancouver,
19 up north Island. It's the same pattern as my late
20 sister's. And they've never been found at all. So
21 something that's -- I believe has been going on for a long
22 time with our people. And I don't know why [Police Service
23 1] won't help us. They're always just rude and mistreat
24 us, and don't call us back for many months.

25 Because no one has contacted us in many

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1 years in regard to our late sister's case. And that's the
2 hardest part. They say that they look at her file every
3 month but no one has reported anything to us. I just pray
4 one day that our family will have justice. We don't give
5 up hope. And we rely on our prayer to make it through.

6 And it has opened a lot of wounds because
7 it's been a roller coaster of a week for myself just
8 remembering everything, remembering my sister's life while
9 she was here, and remembering my mother cry when they found
10 out that she was gone. Because it was the last day of
11 school when I come home, walking up the hill and mom's
12 standing there on the porch crying. She told me. And it
13 wasn't what I wanted to hear at the time.

14 I just really wish the [Police Service 1],
15 the major crime unit now will step up and really do
16 something to help us in our community. I keep going because
17 of all my grandchildren that I have and my family. That's
18 everything.

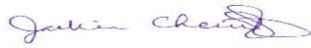
19 **COURTNEY NORRIS JONES:** Thank you. End

20 recording 11:45 A.M.

21 --- Upon adjourning at 11:45 a.m.

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