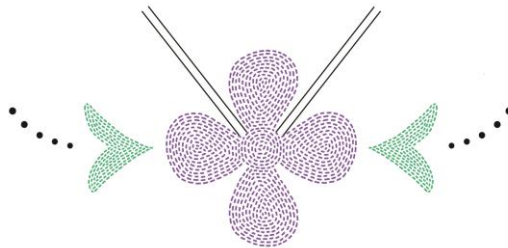


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2 Prince George, British Columbia

3 --- Upon commencing on Saturday, October 27, 2018 at 10:04 a.m.

4 **MS. KERRIE REAY:** So this is Kerrie Reay,

5 I'm a statement taker with the National Inquiry into  
6 Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls. Today we  
7 are out of Prince George, B.C., and the date is October  
8 27th, 2018, and the time is 10:04 a.m. Today I am speaking  
9 with Mary Auger, that's A-U-G-E-R, and Mary is from the  
10 Lheidli-T'enneh First Nation and resides here in Prince  
11 George?

12 **MS. MARY AUGER:** M'hmm.

13 **MS. KERRIE REAY:** Mary is here to speak

14 about her niece Aielah, that's A-I-E-L-A-H, Auger A-U-G-E-  
15 R, who was missing in March 2006 from Prince George, B.C.  
16 and was found, cause of death was murdered, at Tabor Lake  
17 at the ski hill. Mary is also here to share about the  
18 death of her son Sam Auger, in August -- April 28th, 2010.  
19 Also in the room is Gerald Auger, that's G-E-R-A-L-D,  
20 Mary's husband. Now for the record Mary, you are here  
21 voluntarily to provide your truth, and you understand that  
22 we are both videotaping and audio-taping, and that at the  
23 end we will talk about how you would like your truth to be  
24 used by the National Inquiry, either publicly or privately.  
25 So Mary, wherever you feel comfortable starting. I may ask

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1 some questions as we go through, I try not to interrupt.  
2 I'll be taking some notes, so please don't be distracted.  
3 It's just so that I don't forget, so I can come back  
4 around. So whenever you're ready Mary.

5 **MS. MARY AUGER:** Well my niece, they were  
6 from Edmonton, her and her family. My sister-in-law Audrey  
7 and her and her kids moved over here to Prince George to --  
8 they were saying to get a better life, like Edmonton was  
9 not very good. So that's why they moved to Prince George.  
10 And -- I just don't know what to say.

11 **MS. KERRIE REAY:** Do you recall when they  
12 came to Prince George?

13 **MS. MARY AUGER:** Okay, I'm trying to think.  
14 I think it was the year before, because they lived beside  
15 us in College Heights for a while, so it had to be the year  
16 before. Which was 2005 they moved to B.C. from Alberta.

17 **MS. KERRIE REAY:** And this was your sister  
18 and her family?

19 **MS. MARY AUGER:** Sister-in-law.

20 **MS. KERRIE REAY:** Sister-in-law?

21 **MR. GERALD AUGER:** My sister.

22 **MS. KERRIE REAY:** Okay. And so your sister-  
23 in-law, her first name was?

24 **MS. MARY AUGER:** Audrey.

25 **MS. KERRIE REAY:** Audrey. And so Audrey

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1 brought -- Audrey came to Prince George, she brought her  
2 children. How many children did she bring?

3 **MS. MARY AUGER:** Two, two girls and Timothy  
4 and Sampson. Four children.

5 **MS. KERRIE REAY:** Four children. And  
6 Aielah, was she the oldest?

7 **MS. MARY AUGER:** No, she was the youngest.

8 **MS. KERRIE REAY:** She was the youngest. And  
9 at the time she went missing she was 14 did you say?

10 **MS. MARY AUGER:** M'hmm 14, yes.

11 **MS. KERRIE REAY:** Okay. Can you tell us  
12 about that day she went missing?

13 **MS. MARY AUGER:** Actually it was -- I think  
14 it was about a week that she had been missing, and my  
15 husband's cousin was helping my sister-in-law Audrey to, to  
16 try and look for her daughter and they made pictures. They  
17 asked the RCMP, they didn't seem to want to help. I don't  
18 know how long it took them until they finally got in there,  
19 but first it was just my sister-in-law and my husband's  
20 cousin making pictures of Aielah, and they were going  
21 around town just handing them out. I was at work. We had  
22 a little restaurant, so like I felt really bad that I  
23 couldn't help them. But they were doing it, just the two  
24 of them.

25 **MR. GERALD AUGER:** They had help, not much.

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1 MS. MARY AUGER: Yeah. But yeah, we had --  
2 we were busy at the time so they were doing it on their  
3 own. I'm pretty sure I lent them our vehicle so that they  
4 can go around and hand those papers out. And it was about  
5 a week, it had to be about a week later when finally she  
6 was found. Nobody had heard from her.

7 MS. KERRIE REAY: Do you remember much about  
8 the policing? You referenced that your sister-in-law  
9 Audrey reached out to the RCMP here in Prince George. Did  
10 she talk to you about what it was like for her trying to  
11 get them to help?

12 MS. MARY AUGER: No, I -- my husband's  
13 cousin was talking, trying to speak for my sister-in-law  
14 Audrey because it was very hard.

15 MS. KERRIE REAY: M'hmm.

16 MS. MARY AUGER: So she was trying to do  
17 that part. But I don't even remember very much, it was  
18 very hard on all of us.

19 MS. KERRIE REAY: M'hmm, I would imagine so  
20 yes, very difficult.

21 MR. GERALD AUGER: It was winter, wasn't it?

22 MS. MARY AUGER: Spring, it was still snowy.

23 MR. GERALD AUGER: Still snowing out.

24 MS. MARY AUGER: In March.

25 MS. KERRIE REAY: Had they -- had the police

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1 -- are you aware if the police are still investigating, did  
2 they ever find anything?

3 MS. MARY AUGER: I don't think so.

4 MS. GERALD AUGER: Nothing's ever happened.

5 MS. MARY AUGER: No.

6 MS. KERRIE REAY: And does Audrey get any  
7 updates from the police in terms of the investigation?

8 MS. MARY AUGER: We lost --

9 MR. GERALD AUGER: Yeah.

10 MS. MARY AUGER: -- Aielah's mother.

11 MS. KERRIE REAY: Oh dear, I'm sorry.

12 MR. GERALD AUGER: Yeah.

13 MS. MARY AUGER: A few years, a few years  
14 now. She was trying to come to Prince George to pick up  
15 her son and she was in an automobile accident. So we lost  
16 -- she'd be here speaking right now, if she was here.  
17 She'd be -- she let everybody know, like you know, how it  
18 felt and all that.

19 MS. KERRIE REAY: So you're here to try and  
20 give her voice to the Inquiry?

21 MS. MARY AUGER: I'm trying to, yeah.

22 MS. KERRIE REAY: Gerald, did you want to  
23 add -- did you want to say anything?

24 MR. GERALD AUGER: I spoke to the cops  
25 there, do you want to help or anything? And they didn't



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1           like that eh, like an Indian. You know how they announce  
2           on the radio or whatever, looking for so and so? Never  
3           heard that. And as far as I know the investigation, I  
4           don't know what they're doing there. Probably just -- what  
5           do they call it? I don't know. Nothing has ever happened  
6           there, so --

7                           **MS. KERRIE REAY:** When that -- that is part  
8           of the mandate for the Commissioners, specifically to look  
9           at policing, to look at the historical racism that occurs  
10          across Canada.

11                           **MS. MARY AUGER:** M'hmm.

12                           **MS. KERRIE REAY:** And so sharing information  
13          where you've identified a young 14 year old Indigenous girl  
14          who's missing, there's no help for the families is what I'm  
15          hearing, it took them awhile to get involved.

16                           **MS. MARY AUGER:** Yeah.

17                           **MS. KERRIE REAY:** They haven't responded,  
18          they haven't updated, they haven't provided much in ways of  
19          information. Now Aielah's siblings are older?

20                           **MS. MARY AUGER:** M'hmm.

21                           **MS. KERRIE REAY:** Are they in touch with the  
22          police, do they still live in Prince George?

23                           **MS. MARY AUGER:** They live in Edmonton.

24                           **MS. KERRIE REAY:** So they returned to  
25          Edmonton did they?

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1 MS. MARY AUGER: M'hmm.

2 MS. KERRIE REAY: Okay.

3 MS. MARY AUGER: And they have their own  
4 families. And we do keep in touch with them, but they  
5 never do say anything, if they heard anything.

6 MS. KERRIE REAY: Okay.

7 MS. MARY AUGER: What's going on about their  
8 sister. That's probably why Timothy was trying to get a  
9 hold of you, to find out, see if -- or raise more awareness  
10 about his sister.

11 MS. KERRIE REAY: Okay.

12 MR. GERALD AUGER: There might be a better  
13 person to talk to --

14 MS. MARY AUGER: Timothy.

15 MR. GERALD AUGER: -- Sarah.

16 MS. MARY AUGER: Sarah yeah, there's Sarah  
17 too.

18 MS. KERRIE REAY: Okay, and so their last  
19 names are?

20 MS. MARY AUGER: Auger.

21 MS. KERRIE REAY: Auger, Timothy and Sarah.

22 MR. GERALD AUGER: Yeah, they were always  
23 with their mom, eh.

24 MS. KERRIE REAY: Pardon me?

25 MR. GERALD AUGER: They were always with

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1 their mom, they was there.

2 MS. KERRIE REAY: Right, right.

3 MS. MARY AUGER: And yeah, they would know  
4 what to say.

5 MS. KERRIE REAY: Did you want to talk about  
6 Sam?

7 MS. MARY AUGER: Yes, our son Sam was -- we  
8 lost him in 2010. It went to court and everything, and the  
9 person only got six months for running over our son with  
10 his truck. Six months in jail.

11 MS. KERRIE REAY: Can you share what  
12 happened?

13 MS. MARY AUGER: Well we heard in court it  
14 was because our son might have threw a rock at the person's  
15 truck, and so the person chased him down with his truck.  
16 And he was trying to say that our son jumped at the truck,  
17 which our son would never do that. He hit our son, and  
18 then our son fell back and his head was injured. So we  
19 were in Vancouver for seven days. They operated but it  
20 didn't help, they couldn't save him. I don't know --

21 MR. GERALD AUGER: He didn't --

22 MS. MARY AUGER: -- how people can get away  
23 with something like that.

24 MR. GERALD AUGER: They told us that he  
25 isn't going to make it or whatever eh, and I just said well

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1 maybe we'll just take him home and I brought him back. And  
2 then he -- was it three days he stayed with us?

3 **MS. MARY AUGER:** We were at the hospice for  
4 one night.

5 **MR. GERALD AUGER:** One night? Yeah.

6 **MS. MARY AUGER:** And all of us -- there was  
7 very many of us.

8 **MR. GERALD AUGER:** They came out to see all  
9 his -- or hear maybe, if he could hear, his kids.

10 **MS. MARY AUGER:** They brought both of his  
11 babies, and after they were there our son left us.

12 **MR. GERALD AUGER:** He couldn't hang on.

13 **MS. MARY AUGER:** But we don't know why he  
14 got six months. Six months for taking somebody's life.

15 **MR. GERALD AUGER:** And he got freed two  
16 years ago now eh, in August. It was almost like --

17 **MS. MARY AUGER:** He was on probation for --

18 **MS. GERALD AUGER:** Yeah, it was like he  
19 didn't do nothing or nothing happened to him. I don't  
20 know.

21 **MS. KERRIE REAY:** How old was Sam?

22 **MR. GERALD AUGER:** Then?

23 **MS. KERRIE REAY:** When he passed away.

24 **MR. GERALD AUGER:** Twenty-nine.

25 **MS. KERRIE REAY:** He was a husband, father?

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1 MS. MARY AUGER: Five children.

2 MR. GERALD AUGER: Five kids.

3 MS. KERRIE REAY: Five children. So when,  
4 when he was hit by the vehicle -- was the driver Indigenous  
5 or non-Indigenous?

6 MS. MARY AUGER: Non.

7 MS. KERRIE REAY: Non-Indigenous.

8 MR. GERALD AUGER: White man.

9 MS. KERRIE REAY: And when -- when your  
10 son's head had been initially injured, was there Victim  
11 Services there for you, did the police refer you to Victim  
12 Services or your daughter-in-law, Sam's wife?

13 MS. MARY AUGER: Victim Services, is that --

14 MS. KERRIE REAY: That's to help families.

15 MS. MARY AUGER: I don't remember that.

16 MR. GERALD AUGER: It doesn't seem --

17 MS. KERRIE REAY: No?

18 MS. MARY AUGER: No.

19 MR. GERALD AUGER: Like nothing much  
20 happened.

21 MS. MARY AUGER: I don't remember.

22 MR. GERALD AUGER: It was done and that was  
23 it.

24 MS. MARY AUGER: I remember I went to some  
25 grief counselling, but none of the other family like my

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1 husband or the kids. It was hard for me but --

2 MR. GERALD AUGER: It still bothers me I  
3 can't --

4 MS. MARY AUGER: Yeah.

5 MR. GARY AUGER: -- shake it, eh?

6 MS. KERRIE REAY: No, no.

7 MS. MARY AUGER: Yeah.

8 MS. KERRIE REAY: And how were the police  
9 with the family?

10 MR. GERALD AUGER: You know, nobody's ever  
11 talked to us from the RCMP.

12 MS. MARY AUGER: No, no, just when they told  
13 us that there was an accident that morning.

14 MR. GERALD AUGER: Yeah.

15 MS. MARY AUGER: That was it, that's all we  
16 heard from the police.

17 MS. KERRIE REAY: And when the individual  
18 went to court did the prosecution reach out to you as the  
19 parents of this young man who had been deliberately hit and  
20 run down?

21 MR. GERALD AUGER: She -- that was the girl  
22 eh, a woman? Like she even said what, what that guy was  
23 saying --

24 MS. MARY AUGER: In court you mean?

25 MR. GERALD AUGER: Yeah, about our son eh?

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1           Calling him down, and no good for nothing, and swearing  
2           like, you know.

3                   **MS. KERRIE REAY:** The prosecutor was doing  
4           that?

5                   **MR. GERALD AUGER:** Well I guess --

6                   **MS. KERRIE REAY:** She was asking him  
7           questions?

8                   **MS. MARY AUGER:** She was telling us what he  
9           had said.

10                  **MR. GERALD AUGER:** Oh yeah.

11                  **MS. KERRIE REAY:** Oh, oh, I see.

12                  **MR. GERALD AUGER:** That's what I'm talking  
13           about -- oh, the Crown I guess eh?

14                  **MS. KERRIE REAY:** Yeah, that's who I'm  
15           talking about, the Crown. Did the Crown reach out to you  
16           as the parents, or to your daughter-in-law in terms of the  
17           impact that this man who --

18                  **MS. MARY AUGER:** Well they said --

19                  **MR. GERALD AUGER:** There wasn't really much.

20                  **MS. MARY AUGER:** -- a little bit but not  
21           much.

22                  **MR. GERALD AUGER:** I don't think so. I  
23           couldn't believe that.

24                  **MS. MARY AUGER:** Yeah, they were saying who  
25           was in charge, the name, and he or she was going to be --

1                   **MR. GERALD AUGER:** I don't know, I can't  
2 remember her.

3                   **MS. KERRIE REAY:** You know I think what I'm  
4 looking for, and I know it's very painful to bring up, to  
5 bring up this memory, this loss, but it sounds to me that  
6 the family's been really impacted by the lack of action --

7                   **MS. MARY AUGER:** M'hmm.

8                   **MS. KERRIE REAY:** -- and the lack of concern  
9 I hear in Prince George most likely, and perhaps the court  
10 system. And so that's part of what the Inquiry is, is  
11 looking at. So what's difficult is where non-Indigenous --  
12 and you mentioned this earlier. If it's a non-Indigenous  
13 person and they're missing, there's -- also it's the stuff  
14 on the news, and that didn't seem to happen for Aielah.  
15 And now I'm hearing a case where somebody deliberately ran  
16 down your son and ultimately took his life, and yet there  
17 doesn't seem from what I'm hearing, a lot of concern or  
18 empathy that came from the Crown side to support the  
19 family.

20                   **MS. MARY AUGER:** I guess it was a woman, a  
21 lady now that I remember. But I can't remember the name  
22 either. But yeah.

23                   **MS. KERRIE REAY:** You know to, to be in  
24 court where somebody was -- do you know what he was charged  
25 with? Was it dangerous use of a motor vehicle --



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1                   **MR. GERALD AUGER:** Yeah, I think it was  
2 dangerous use of a vehicle.

3                   **MS. KERRIE REAY:** And he got six months in  
4 jail?

5                   **MS. MARY AUGER:** M'hmm. Well they did say  
6 manslaughter didn't they first?

7                   **MR. GERALD AUGER:** Yeah.

8                   **MS. MARY AUGER:** And then they changed it to  
9 something that was --

10                   **MS. KERRIE REAY:** Did he plead guilty then,  
11 is that what happened, or did it actually go to trial?

12                   **MR. GERALD AUGER:** There was a trial.

13                   **MS. MARY AUGER:** We were in court, yeah.

14                   **MS. KERRIE REAY:** Okay.

15                   **MR. GERALD AUGER:** I didn't like that one  
16 part though, where the Judge said disregard this, whatever  
17 my son said, eh?

18                   **MS. MARY AUGER:** Yeah.

19                   **MR. GERALD AUGER:** Or something like that.

20                   **MS. MARY AUGER:** Yeah something. And the  
21 Judge was saying disregard something in the statement.

22                   **MR. GERALD AUGER:** Yeah.

23                   **MS. MARY AUGER:** And we were wondering why  
24 would he say that?

25                   **MS. KERRIE REAY:** Was there somebody else

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1 with your son at the time of, of the person hitting --

2 MR. GERALD AUGER: His girlfriend.

3 MS. MARY AUGER: His girlfriend was there,  
4 and then we never did -- yeah, I don't know what happened.  
5 She didn't have to come to court.

6 MR. GERALD AUGER: Yeah, I never seen her at  
7 all.

8 MS. MARY AUGER: Yeah.

9 MR. GERALD AUGER: Nothing else.

10 MS. KERRIE REAY: The Crown never called  
11 her, to bring her --

12 MS. MARY AUGER: No, no.

13 MS. KERRIE REAY: One of the things that the  
14 Commissioners have the power to do under their terms of  
15 reference is to request documents to help give them some  
16 insight in terms of how Indigenous people's matters, cases,  
17 were handled. And I -- I think what I'm going to do, if  
18 it's okay with you, I'm going to suggest that we subpoena  
19 the court transcript.

20 MS. MARY AUGER: M'hmm.

21 MS. KERRIE REAY: And the police, the police  
22 investigation --

23 MS. MARY AUGER: M'hmm.

24 MS. KERRIE REAY: -- that occurred. In a  
25 way it sounds a bit like road rage, in a way.

1                   **MS. MARY AUGER:** Yeah.

2                   **MS. KERRIE REAY:** You know he used a vehicle  
3 while he was driving and -- so I think what I'm sensing is  
4 a lot of unanswered questions.

5                   **MR. GERALD AUGER:** Yes, yeah.

6                   **MS. KERRIE REAY:** And I'm sensing that  
7 frustration that your son's life didn't really matter from  
8 your experience with the justice system.

9                   **MR. GERALD AUGER:** No.

10                  **MS. KERRIE REAY:** Am I sensing --

11                  **MR. GERALD AUGER:** Like the cop -- no RCMP  
12 came to talk to us what happened, and what's going to  
13 happen, or you know, just -- it was just -- I don't know.  
14 There's no justice there.

15                  **MS. KERRIE REAY:** And you know we have a  
16 young man at 29, who loses his life and leaves five  
17 children, five young children. And you know, because  
18 somebody deliberately turned around and took his life.

19                  **MS. MARY AUGER:** Yeah, didn't care.

20                  **MR. GERALD AUGER:** Because he wasn't man  
21 enough to face him.

22                  **MS. KERRIE REAY:** That's part of that, you  
23 know that sort of -- there's that -- feels that that  
24 systemic violence continues towards Indigenous people.

25                  **MR. GERALD AUGER:** Yeah.

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1 MS. KERRIE REAY: And the racism --

2 MS. MARY AUGER: Yeah.

3 MS. KERRIE REAY: -- that continues.

4 MS. MARY AUGER: We did hear something, that  
5 he did not like --

6 MR. GERALD AUGER: Yeah.

7 MS. MARY AUGER: -- native people.

8 MR. GERALD AUGER: Yeah.

9 MS. MARY AUGER: And he said that wasn't  
10 good that we heard it through somebody that knew him.

11 MR. GERALD AUGER: A lot of people thought  
12 that he didn't like Natives. And his dad put him in hockey  
13 or something, and you know if there was a Native in there  
14 he'd --

15 MS. MARY AUGER: Fight.

16 MR. GERALD AUGER: -- you know get into a  
17 fight or stuff like that.

18 MS. MARY AUGER: M'hmm.

19 MR. GERALD AUGER: Didn't care, eh.

20 MS. MARY AUGER: About us.

21 MR. GERALD AUGER: And -- I don't know. I  
22 know my oldest son there wanted to get him, but we said no  
23 he can't because they'll either just throw it out or let  
24 him go away and you'll go to jail. All my, all my sons  
25 are, you know they're not small. But still that's not how

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1 you do it. Even me I couldn't.

2 **MS. MARY AUGER:** When the court was on and  
3 our son, our oldest son was walking across one of the roads  
4 there by the courthouse -- what did he say about the, the  
5 person? He was really giving him really dirty looks, the  
6 murderer. He was just staring him down. That was hard to  
7 believe. I said what? He's in the courthouse and he's  
8 trying to -- that was another example right there. That he  
9 doesn't like natives.

10 **MS. KERRIE REAY:** And the name of the fellow  
11 who took your son's life? Because we'll need to get the  
12 transcript from court.

13 **MR. GERALD AUGER:** Gordon Kerr. He's  
14 probably what, 60 now?

15 **MS. KERRIE REAY:** Six-zero?

16 **MR. GERALD AUGER:** Yeah. I think he'd be  
17 around there, I think he's --

18 **MS. KERRIE REAY:** Okay.

19 **MR. GERALD AUGER:** -- eight years still  
20 right now.

21 **MS. KERRIE REAY:** So you lost your son in  
22 2010. When did this man go to court?

23 **MS. MARY AUGER:** A couple of years, two  
24 years? Not right away. It didn't go to court right away.

25 **MS. KERRIE REAY:** Okay, okay. I think with

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1 the name Gordon Kerr, I think we should be able to find it.

2 MS. MARY AUGER: M'hmm.

3 MS. KERRIE REAY: If I'm having trouble can  
4 I give you a call?

5 MS. MARY AUGER: M'hmm.

6 MR. GERALD AUGER: You know Sam was going  
7 the right way too. He had all his tickets, went to school  
8 -- was it CNC?

9 MS. MARY AUGER: M'hmm.

10 MR. GERALD AUGER: No -- yeah.

11 MS. KERRIE REAY: CNC?

12 MS. MARY AUGER: Yes.

13 MR. GERALD AUGER: He was going to be a  
14 welder?

15 MS. MARY AUGER: He wanted to be a welder,  
16 yeah.

17 MR. GERALD AUGER: Something.

18 MS. MARY AUGER: He was starting to do that  
19 that, yeah.

20 MR. GERALD AUGER: So I only got 20 years  
21 with him, when he stayed with us. When did he leave home,  
22 19?

23 MS. MARY AUGER: I think so, yeah.

24 MR. GERALD AUGER: That's all we got.

25 MS. KERRIE REAY: Did you raise your family

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1 here in Prince George?

2 **MS. GERALD AUGER:** Yeah, she's one good  
3 mother her, she won't -- you know? We've still got our  
4 baby at home, but she don't want to let him go. I keep  
5 telling him you've got to go to work.

6 **MS. KERRIE REAY:** Would you like to share  
7 anything with the Commissioners about your experiences  
8 growing up, or how it's been for you as Indigenous people  
9 living in Prince George?

10 **MR. GERALD AUGER:** Tell her how you grew up.

11 **MS. MARY AUGER:** Or how you, you --

12 **MR. GERALD AUGER:** I've never --

13 **MS. MARY AUGER:** Had problems?

14 **MR. GERALD AUGER:** -- had problems. Like  
15 people didn't bother me. If they did I tell them what's  
16 wrong with you, or you've got a problem or -- they'd just  
17 say no. Okay.

18 **MS. KERRIE REAY:** Did you grow up in Prince  
19 George?

20 **MR. GERALD AUGER:** Yeah, all my life.

21 **MS. KERRIE REAY:** Okay.

22 **MR. GERALD AUGER:** I've been here since '64,  
23 '65.

24 **MS. MARY AUGER:** We thought it was a good  
25 place to live here and raise our families until -- now that

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1 we lost our son we don't feel the same.

2 MS. KERRIE REAY: No, no. And the Lheidli-  
3 T'enneh, is that outside of Quesnel?

4 MS. MARY AUGER: Just outside of Prince  
5 George.

6 MS. KERRIE REAY: Just outside of Prince  
7 George?

8 MS. MARY AUGER: M'hmm.

9 MS. KERRIE REAY: Okay, so --

10 MS. MARY AUGER: We're about 20 minutes on  
11 the north side of the Fraser River.

12 MS. KERRIE REAY: Okay.

13 MS. MARY AUGER: And then we have another  
14 side on the south side. Some of our members, they go over  
15 there and we have a store. A store now and a gas station.

16 MS. KERRIE REAY: So you were born and  
17 raised here then?

18 MS. MARY AUGER: I was born actually in  
19 Shelley, on the other side, Shelley Town site. And then we  
20 moved to Saskatchewan for a few years, and then we came  
21 back like in '72. And it used to be a good place I  
22 thought, but as I said, the feeling's not the same.

23 MS. KERRIE REAY: And with such painful  
24 memories.

25 MS. MARY AUGER: M'hmm, our niece and our



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1 son.

2 MS. KERRIE REAY: Yes, yes.

3 MR. GERALD AUGER: It's just that we were  
4 attached to all our kids, like we didn't spoil them.  
5 (Indiscernible) because of them, but it's been good.

6 MS. MARY AUGER: But our grandchildren now,  
7 like I don't know. We don't feel like they're safe like  
8 years ago.

9 MS. KERRIE REAY: Okay.

10 MS. MARY AUGER: As they're growing up. We  
11 just don't feel that they're secure and safe.

12 MR. GERALD AUGER: Prince George seems like  
13 it's getting stupider, I don't know. Like --

14 MS. KERRIE REAY: How's Prince George  
15 changing?

16 MR. GERALD AUGER: It seems like there's  
17 more --

18 MS. MARY AUGER: Sometimes you --

19 MR. GERALD AUGER: -- murders and stuff, not  
20 -- I don't know.

21 MS. MARY AUGER: Or sometimes you hear about  
22 the schools and there's somebody driving around. So that's  
23 another reason where they're trying to pick up a child or  
24 something, so that's another reason why we're worried about  
25 our grandchildren.

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1 MS. KERRIE REAY: Right.

2 MR. GERALD AUGER: That's what I tell my  
3 granddaughter, don't talk to anybody. I got lots of them.

4 MS. MARY AUGER: That's grandchildren --

5 MS. KERRIE REAY: How many grandchildren?

6 MS. MARY AUGER: -- to worry about.

7 MR. GERALD AUGER: Twenty-three.

8 MS. KERRIE REAY: Twenty-three

9 grandchildren.

10 MS. MARY AUGER: And three --

11 MR. GERALD AUGER: And 24 coming.

12 MS. MARY AUGER: Three great-grandchildren.

13 So my mom's a -- five generations.

14 MR. GERALD AUGER: So we're not young.

15 MS. MARY AUGER: We have five generations in  
16 our family.

17 MS. KERRIE REAY: Oh wow.

18 MS. MARY AUGER: Yeah.

19 MS. KERRIE REAY: Hopefully you've been able  
20 to capture that in pictures?

21 MS. MARY AUGER: Yeah, yeah.

22 MS. KERRIE REAY: Is there anything you'd  
23 like -- anything else you would like to share? The things  
24 that the Commissioners are looking at includes looking at  
25 the long term, the cycle of intergenerational violence.

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1           And it may not be part of your life, but you may know  
2           others where parents, or grandparents, or great-  
3           grandparents spent time in the Residential Schools --

4                       **MS. MARY AUGER:** M'hmm.

5                       **MS. KERRIE REAY:** -- you know observations  
6           you may have about the difficulties of racism. If there's  
7           anything that you would like to share with the, with the  
8           Commissioners as well, I invite you. It's a space for you  
9           to share what's on your mind.

10                      **MS. MARY AUGER:** My mom has been in  
11           residential school for 10 years. I have my late brother  
12           that was there for just about 10 years, and my Uncle [K.],  
13           my late Uncle [K.] that was there. And my mom tells me  
14           stories about residential school, and it was very, very  
15           hard for my mom. She would -- yeah.

16                      **MR. GERALD AUGER:** We have a friend too that  
17           comes and visits, it's the same.

18                      **MS. MARY AUGER:** Telling me about --

19                      **MR. GERALD AUGER:** Telling us about what  
20           they used to do there.

21                      **MS. MARY AUGER:** -- how much they get --

22                      **MR. GERALD AUGER:** At Lejac School.

23                      **MS. KERRIE REAY:** Lejac at Fraser Lake?

24                      **MR. GERALD AUGER:** Yeah.

25                      **MS. MARY AUGER:** M'hmm.

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1                   **MR. GERALD AUGER:** You know the bread and  
2                   water they got, or some that had no water.

3                   **MS. MARY AUGER:** I think that's why my  
4                   mother got into drinking, and my uncle, and my brother.  
5                   They were all -- went to residential school.

6                   **MS. KERRIE REAY:** People turning to  
7                   substance to cope with the pain.

8                   **MS. MARY AUGER:** M'hmm.

9                   **MS. KERRIE REAY:** Cope with the trauma.

10                  **MS. MARY AUGER:** Yeah.

11                  **MS. KERRIE REAY:** And for you growing up in  
12                  a family where your mother was a residential school  
13                  survivor --

14                  **MS. MARY AUGER:** M'hmm?

15                  **MS. KERRIE REAY:** -- how was it for you?

16                  **MS. MARY AUGER:** It was not good, like as it  
17                  should have been. My mom liked the alcohol.

18                  **MS. KERRIE REAY:** M'hmm.

19                  **MS. MARY AUGER:** So she had a lot. So did  
20                  my uncle I lost. He would always be having his alcohol  
21                  too. And my late brother [J.] went to residential school,  
22                  and we lost him. He used to have a lot of seizures. I  
23                  don't know, I think that might have been from alcohol  
24                  drinking.

25                  **MS. KERRIE REAY:** Okay.

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1                   **MS. MARY AUGER:** Yeah. That's why he had  
2 those.

3                   **MS. KERRIE REAY:** M'hmm.

4                   **MS. MARY AUGER:** Yeah. So it's not -- times  
5 were happy sometimes, but not a lot of happy times.

6                   **MR. GERALD AUGER:** Spooky some of the  
7 stories they say.

8                   **MS. MARY AUGER:** My mother and my father put  
9 us in an orphanage because of my mother's drinking, for  
10 seven years.

11                   **MS. KERRIE REAY:** So did Child Welfare come  
12 in or did they -- you say they put you in an orphanage?

13                   **MS. MARY AUGER:** I think they -- I think my  
14 father did.

15                   **MS. KERRIE REAY:** Okay.

16                   **MS. MARY AUGER:** My father wasn't doing good  
17 with his health, and then my mother was drinking, and so we  
18 were in an orphanage in Saskatchewan. My brothers, my  
19 sister and I, and my late brother. My youngest late  
20 brother was in a foster home beside the orphanage so we  
21 could see him.

22                   **MS. KERRIE REAY:** And how many years were  
23 you --

24                   **MS. MARY AUGER:** Seven years.

25                   **MS. KERRIE REAY:** Seven years.

1                   **MS. MARY AUGER:** We were in an orphanage,  
2                   yeah.

3                   **MS. KERRIE REAY:** And so what changed, what  
4                   changed after seven years?

5                   **MS. MARY AUGER:** We lost our father, and our  
6                   mother got to take us out of the orphanage.

7                   **MS. KERRIE REAY:** And return back home to,  
8                   to Prince George?

9                   **MS. MARY AUGER:** Yes.

10                  **MS. KERRIE REAY:** Do you, do you know why  
11                  your family moved to Saskatchewan, to leave home?

12                  **MS. MARY AUGER:** My uncle had a store in  
13                  Saskatchewan just outside of The Pas, Manitoba.

14                  **MS. KERRIE REAY:** Okay.

15                  **MS. MARY AUGER:** So that's where -- I think  
16                  that's why we moved there for awhile.

17                  **MS. KERRIE REAY:** Okay. And the orphanage  
18                  that you were at?

19                  **MS. MARY AUGER:** Prince Albert.

20                  **MS. KERRIE REAY:** Prince Albert?

21                  **MS. MARY AUGER:** M'hmm.

22                  **MS. KERRIE REAY:** And would you like to  
23                  share anything about your experience in the orphanage?

24                  **MS. MARY AUGER:** It was not like, not like  
25                  Lejac. It was -- we had a lot of friends there, nuns, the

1 father. But we had a lot of food to eat, we never starved.

2 MS. KERRIE REAY: Okay.

3 MS. MARY AUGER: It was -- yeah, it was  
4 okay there, but it would have been better to be with our  
5 family.

6 MS. KERRIE REAY: Right, right.

7 MS. MARY AUGER: And that's -- like I say,  
8 that's probably because my mom was at Lejac and liked to  
9 drink from the -- after the things -- I'm pretty sure  
10 that's why she got into alcohol, because of Lejac.

11 MS. KERRIE REAY: And that's one of the  
12 things that, you know, we can see is that perpetual  
13 violence. Not perpetual violence, but the trauma that  
14 comes from the disconnect from families. When a parent has  
15 had time in a residential school like that, and the abuse  
16 and the trauma that they suffered, makes it hard, you know,  
17 for their children --

18 MS. MARY AUGER: M'hmm.

19 MS. KERRIE REAY: -- to feel loved.

20 MS. MARY AUGER: M'hmm.

21 MS. KERRIE REAY: It's definitely, you know,  
22 something that we hear. You know people say I know my mom  
23 loved me, but just didn't know how to show it.

24 MS. MARY AUGER: Yeah. Your mom went to --  
25 did she go to residential school in Alberta?

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1 MR. GERALD AUGER: To school or to --

2 MS. MARY AUGER: In Alberta.

3 MR. GERALD AUGER: No, it was a --

4 MS. MARY AUGER: Wasn't it?

5 MR. GERALD AUGER: Oh, maybe it was.

6 MS. MARY AUGER: Because his mom also liked  
7 drinking.

8 MS. KERRIE REAY: Yeah.

9 MR. GERALD AUGER: We didn't spend much time  
10 with my mom and dad.

11 MS. KERRIE REAY: No?

12 MR. GERALD AUGER: All my brothers and  
13 sisters kind of got weeded out to families.

14 MS. MARY AUGER: Weeded.

15 MR. GERALD AUGER: So I never got -- never  
16 grew up with them. And I've lost two now.

17 MS. KERRIE REAY: So when you say they went  
18 to other families --

19 MR. GERALD AUGER: Yeah.

20 MS. KERRIE REAY: -- was that the Indigenous  
21 culture way of family raising, or are you talking about the  
22 Sixties Scoop?

23 MR. GERALD AUGER: Probably -- I don't know.

24 MS. KERRIE REAY: Where they went into like  
25 foster homes or adopted?



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1                   **MR. GERALD AUGER:** Couldn't keep them I  
2                   guess or something, I don't know. They, they were into  
3                   alcohol too, eh?

4                   **MS. MARY AUGER:** His parents.

5                   **MR. GERALD AUGER:** Like not every day but --

6                   **MS. KERRIE REAY:** M'hmm. And who raised  
7                   you?

8                   **MR. GERALD AUGER:** My Grandma and Grandpa.

9                   **MS. KERRIE REAY:** Okay.

10                  **MR. GERALD AUGER:** In Alberta. And after my  
11                  Grandpa died my uncle brought us here.

12                  **MS. KERRIE REAY:** So stayed within the  
13                  family?

14                  **MS. MARY AUGER:** Yeah.

15                  **MR. GERALD AUGER:** Yeah.

16                  **MS. KERRIE REAY:** Okay.

17                  **MR. GERALD AUGER:** I don't know, I must have  
18                  been about 10 or something when I came here. Because I  
19                  used to drive my Grandma and Grandpa to church in the car.  
20                  I don't know how I did it, but I -- everybody laughed at  
21                  me, eh?

22                  **MS. MARY AUGER:** In Alberta.

23                  **MR. GERALD AUGER:** All my aunties and  
24                  uncles. I did a lot of things that were --

25                  **MS. MARY AUGER:** Can't do nowadays.

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1                   **MR. GERALD AUGER:** No, a 10 year old  
2                   wouldn't be able to do.

3                   **MS. MARY AUGER:** Nowadays.

4                   **MS. KERRIE REAY:** M'hmm.

5                   **MS. MARY AUGER:** Back then.

6                   **MR. GERALD AUGER:** Chop wood, haul water,  
7                   feed the horses, feed the cows, muck the cows.

8                   **MS. MARY AUGER:** Look after so many brothers  
9                   and sisters.

10                  **MR. GERALD AUGER:** I looked after my  
11                  brothers and sisters, changed their diapers. In the winter  
12                  I just about -- and I'd cry, but I'd be sorry, you know,  
13                  because all we had was wood stoves. And of course when the  
14                  fire runs out --

15                  **MS. MARY AUGER:** It gets cold.

16                  **MR. GERALD AUGER:** -- all our hands would  
17                  swell up and they got cold.

18                  **MS. KERRIE REAY:** Sometimes people don't  
19                  understand the poverty, do they? And Alberta back then in  
20                  the 60s was very cold.

21                  **MR. GERALD AUGER:** I thought my mom and dad  
22                  were going to be like, you know, good because we lived --  
23                  well in tents, and grain shacks, in the bush. Like I said,  
24                  not much time was spent with my mom and dad, eh?

25                  **MS. KERRIE REAY:** No.

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1                   **MR. GERALD AUGER:** Maybe -- 10 years maybe,  
2 each, or not even. I didn't like what they did, but I  
3 couldn't hate them.

4                   **MS. KERRIE REAY:** They were your parents.

5                   **MR. GERALD AUGER:** They were my mom and dad,  
6 you know? Every time I seen them I'd be happy, eh. But,  
7 but -- yeah, I don't want to be that way. That's -- she  
8 gave me seven kids, who had seven kids eh, and raised them  
9 all.

10                  **MS. KERRIE REAY:** One at home still, and 23  
11 grandchildren, one on the way?

12                  **MS. MARY AUGER:** And one grandchild at home  
13 with us.

14                  **MS. KERRIE REAY:** Okay, and three great-  
15 grandchildren?

16                  **MS. MARY AUGER:** M'hmm.

17                  **MS. KERRIE REAY:** It sounds like a lovely  
18 family.

19                  **MR. GERALD AUGER:** Full house when they all  
20 come. Most of them.

21                  **MS. KERRIE REAY:** And who cooks?

22                  **MR. GERALD AUGER:** She does, but I keep  
23 telling her no, let the kids do it. It's their turn.

24                  **MS. KERRIE REAY:** There you go.

25                  **MR. GERALD AUGER:** Yeah, it's -- and I've

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1 worked all my life since I was 17, 18. Still going at it,  
2 eh. I should be retired now. People say well if you  
3 retire you mustn't have anything, it'll be all over.

4 **MS. KERRIE REAY:** I retired.

5 **MR. GERALD AUGER:** Most people I know it did  
6 happen to them at home. Oh man, really?

7 **MS. KERRIE REAY:** Yeah, it's nice to stay  
8 busy.

9 **MR. GERALD AUGER:** Yeah, but I think I'd be  
10 busy enough. I just want to go for I think two more years  
11 or maybe three.

12 **MS. KERRIE REAY:** Okay, and what do you do  
13 if I can ask?

14 **MR. GERALD AUGER:** Truck driver.

15 **MS. KERRIE REAY:** Oh okay, long haul?

16 **MR. GERALD AUGER:** Long haul.

17 **MS. MARY AUGER:** Well it's all the logs.

18 **MR. GERALD AUGER:** The logs.

19 **MS. KERRIE REAY:** Oh, the logging okay.

20 **MR. GERALD AUGER:** I've been doing that  
21 since, since I've been with her.

22 **MS. KERRIE REAY:** And where do you tend to  
23 log from?

24 **MR. GERALD AUGER:** Prince George area.

25 **MS. KERRIE REAY:** Prince George, yeah?

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1                   **MR. GERALD AUGER:** I think I slow down, I  
2           don't like the hours or the driving, eh.

3                   **MS. MARY AUGER:** Yeah.

4                   **MR. GERALD AUGER:** Like where I'm hauling  
5           from now I've got to drive four hours just to get there and  
6           grab a load.

7                   **MS. KERRIE REAY:** And of course now with  
8           winter right, I guess things freeze, freeze up?

9                   **MR. GERALD AUGER:** Yeah, when I was coming  
10          Friday there, and I was -- it's not real steep where we  
11          are, but --

12                   **MS. KERRIE REAY:** M'hmm.

13                   **MS. MARY AUGER:** Sometimes.

14                   **MR. GERALD AUGER:** -- that one spot where  
15          you've got to come down and turn at the bottom and it's --

16                   **MS. KERRIE REAY:** Like a hairpin?

17                   **MR. GERALD AUGER:** -- a stupid bridge --

18                   **MS. KERRIE REAY:** Oh.

19                   **MS. GERALD AUGER:** -- at the bottom there.

20                   **MS. MARY AUGER:** Some of those roads are  
21          scary.

22                   **MS. GERALD AUGER:** Forty foot like ditches.

23                   **MS. KERRIE REAY:** Yeah, I remember driving  
24          into Telegraph Creek and it was like 1500 feet down, you  
25          know, and it's all those hairpin curves.

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1                   **MR. GERALD AUGER:** Yeah.

2                   **MS. KERRIE REAY:** I couldn't imagine driving  
3 a logging truck on something like that fully loaded.

4                   **MS. MARY AUGER:** M'hmm.

5                   **MS. KERRIE REAY:** Is there anything else  
6 you'd like to share with the Commissioners, anything you'd  
7 like to put your personal experiences about racism, about  
8 the justice system, about --

9                   **MR. GERALD AUGER:** Justice system for sure.

10                  **MS. KERRIE REAY:** Okay, what would you like  
11 to say Gerald?

12                  **MR. GERALD AUGER:** Well the same thing about  
13 my son. There's no -- nothing really happened there. Like  
14 the guy basically got just his fingers slapped, eh.

15                  **MS. KERRIE REAY:** Okay.

16                  **MR. GERALD AUGER:** And that was -- I think  
17 it was the other way around. If it was me, I'd still be in  
18 jail.

19                  **MS. MARY AUGER:** M'hmm.

20                  **MR. GERALD AUGER:** But they don't, they  
21 don't look at it that way or whatever. I just -- I tried  
22 to forget, but you know -- I've changed a little bit too.  
23 I've been real grouchy. I don't know why, but I try to  
24 hold back any loss. Like I shouldn't be burying my kids,  
25 it should be like me.

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1 MS. MARY AUGER: Not our kids or nieces.

2 MR. GERALD AUGER: Yeah.

3 MS. MARY AUGER: And it shouldn't have  
4 happened in the first place.

5 MS. KERRIE REAY: And that just adds to the  
6 trauma of losing a child, is it never should have happened  
7 in the first place.

8 MS. MARY AUGER: And that's it.

9 MR. GERALD AUGER: Well --

10 MS. MARY AUGER: So our late sister-in-law  
11 Audrey was devastated.

12 MR. GERALD AUGER: We had our son at our  
13 house what, three days, the wake?

14 MS. MARY AUGER: Our son, yeah.

15 MR. GERALD AUGER: Never seen so many people  
16 come, and I can't even remember half of them.

17 MS. MARY AUGER: No, we can't. Even with  
18 Aielah too, I can't remember so many things.

19 MR. GERALD AUGER: The same about our --

20 MS. MARY AUGER: I'm just blank.

21 MR. GERALD AUGER: And our other grandson  
22 Sean --

23 MS. MARY AUGER: Oh right.

24 MR. GERALD AUGER: -- nothing's ever  
25 happened there either.

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1                   **MS. MARY AUGER:** We'll have to tell you  
2           about --

3                   **MR. GERALD AUGER:** He was like our son too  
4           eh, but we raised him a little bit.

5                   **MS. KERRIE REAY:** Is that Audrey's son?

6                   **MR. GERALD AUGER:** No, the oldest sister.

7                   **MS. MARY AUGER:** Another nephew that in --

8                   **MR. GERALD AUGER:** Edmonton.

9                   **MS. MARY AUGER:** -- Edmonton got stabbed.

10           And the RCMP -- they were all trying to get to the hospital  
11           with whoever he was with, the RCMP stopped them and  
12           wouldn't let them go to get to the hospital. That's why we  
13           lost him.

14                   **MR. GERALD AUGER:** Bled to death.

15                   **MS. MARY AUGER:** Our other nephew in  
16           Edmonton.

17                   **MS. KERRIE REAY:** And his name?

18                   **MS. MARY AUGER:** Sean.

19                   **MS. KERRIE REAY:** Do you know is that S-E-A-  
20           N or S-H --

21                   **MS. MARY AUGER:** S-E-A-N yeah, Auger.

22                   **MS. KERRIE REAY:** Auger?

23                   **MS. MARY AUGER:** And this was 2008. This  
24           happened in September 2008, Edmonton. And the person that  
25           did it never got charged for nothing, for the loss of our



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1 nephew. And I think it happened they were saying, because  
2 they were calling our nephew down because he was Native.

3 **MR. GERALD AUGER:** Yeah.

4 **MS. MARY AUGER:** That's why the fight  
5 started in Edmonton.

6 **MR. GERALD AUGER:** This is what I mean,  
7 people don't -- can't fight the normal way, they've got to  
8 use the --

9 **MS. MARY AUGER:** A knife.

10 **MR. GERALD AUGER:** -- a bat, or a knife, or  
11 a car.

12 **MS. MARY AUGER:** Yeah.

13 **MS. KERRIE REAY:** And are you aware of the  
14 person who stabbed Sean, whether they were Indigenous or  
15 non-Indigenous?

16 **MR. GERALD AUGER:** I don't know, never heard  
17 nothing.

18 **MS. MARY AUGER:** I'm pretty sure they were  
19 non.

20 **MS. KERRIE REAY:** Okay.

21 **MS. MARY AUGER:** Non. His brother Darren,  
22 said that he never got charged, never went to jail.

23 **MR. GERALD AUGER:** And our own, that's  
24 stupid.

25 **MS. MARY AUGER:** That's another case yeah,

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1 of a family member of ours.

2 MR. GERALD AUGER: He was 24.

3 MS. MARY AUGER: M'hmm.

4 MS. KERRIE REAY: So a niece, a nephew and  
5 your own son, all lost to violence at a very young age.

6 Aielah at 14, your son at 29 and your nephew at 24.

7 MS. MARY AUGER: M'hmm.

8 MS. KERRIE REAY: That's a lot of loss --

9 MS. MARY AUGER: Yeah.

10 MS. KERRIE REAY: -- for a family.

11 MS. MARY AUGER: And now we've lost Aielah's  
12 mom and we've lost Sean's mom.

13 MS. KERRIE REAY: And those are both of your  
14 sisters Gerald?

15 MS. MARY AUGER: M'hmm.

16 MR. GERALD AUGER: My oldest sister.

17 MS. KERRIE REAY: And her name?

18 MR. GERALD AUGER: When was her, two years  
19 ago now?

20 MS. MARY AUGER: Yeah right.

21 MR. GERALD AUGER: Yeah.

22 MS. MARY AUGER: Two years now.

23 MR. GERALD AUGER: Two years ago now. She  
24 had --

25 MS. MARY AUGER: And Audrey.

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1 MR. GERALD AUGER: -- my mom's maiden name.

2 MS. MARY AUGER: Keseypopamotoa.

3 MR. GERALD AUGER: Keseypopamotoa or  
4 whatever it was.

5 MS. KERRIE REAY: I'm sorry?

6 MR. GERALD AUGER: Keseypopamotoa her last  
7 name was.

8 MS. KERRIE REAY: How do you spell that?

9 MS. MARY AUGER: It's a really long name.

10 MR. GERALD AUGER: K-E-S-E-Y-P-O-P-A-M-O-T-  
11 O-A. That's the way I spell it.

12 MS. KERRIE REAY: A-M?

13 MR. GERALD AUGER: A-M-O-T-O-A.

14 MS. KERRIE REAY: K-E-S-E-Y-P-O-P-A-M-O-T-O-  
15 A?

16 MR. GERALD AUGER: Yeah.

17 MS. MARY AUGER: M'hmm, that was his  
18 mother's maiden name.

19 MS. KERRIE REAY: And how did she pass away?

20 MS. MARY AUGER: We're not very -- really  
21 sure.

22 MR. GERALD AUGER: Nobody's ever told us  
23 because -- I think Sarah knows all of that, eh.

24 MS. MARY AUGER: We were thinking she might  
25 have had cancer, but she never really -- she never kept in

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1 touch with us for like a couple of years before we lost her  
2 because she never really had a phone. She'd go to the  
3 women's shelter or somewhere to use the phone. Yeah, so  
4 we've had a lot of losses in these last years. Two  
5 sisters-in-law, two sisters, our niece, our nephew, our  
6 son. So that's a lot since 2006 to a couple of years ago,  
7 and two sisters-in-law.

8 **MS. KERRIE REAY:** In 10 years.

9 **MS. MARY AUGER:** So 10 years, yeah.

10 **MR. GERALD AUGER:** Not even 10 years. Sean  
11 was after Sam.

12 **MS. MARY AUGER:** In 2006, 2008, 2010 and  
13 then two sisters --

14 **MR. GERALD AUGER:** Well at least 10 years,  
15 yeah.

16 **MS. MARY AUGER:** Two sisters-in-law.

17 **MR. GERALD AUGER:** Too much.

18 **MS. MARY AUGER:** That is a lot.

19 **MS. KERRIE REAY:** Anything else?

20 **MS. MARY AUGER:** We just hope something can  
21 help like the justice system, or the Highway of Tears, the  
22 missing Indigenous women or men. We'd like something to  
23 help raise more awareness as what you're doing, to what  
24 you're doing.

25 **MS. KERRIE REAY:** The hope I think for, for

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1 the Commissioners and their report, is hearing and  
2 listening and watching as people have taken great courage  
3 and strength to come and share. This is not easy to, to  
4 come to a place and start to share such pain with a  
5 stranger. But hopefully this will, will lead to strong  
6 recommendations to help keep Indigenous people -- yes, this  
7 is about women and girls, but I think it will help to keep  
8 all Indigenous people safe.

9 **MS. MARY AUGER:** I hope so.

10 **MS. KERRIE REAY:** And to help educate Canada  
11 about the first peoples of this country, and that racism is  
12 not okay. Any final words that you'd like to share?

13 **MR. GERALD AUGER:** The guy that did our boy  
14 there, I don't know, he was getting passes before when he  
15 was in jail. Remember he had to get -- gets to go to work  
16 eh, Kitamat, Mackenzie.

17 **MS. MARY AUGER:** They would send us letters.

18 **MR. GERALD AUGER:** Yeah, they'd send us  
19 letters --

20 **MS. MARY AUGER:** Telling us that he was on  
21 PO.

22 **MR. GERALD AUGER:** -- he's going here and  
23 he's going there working.

24 **MS. MARY AUGER:** Yeah, they didn't --

25 **MS. KERRIE REAY:** So they appealed his

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1 sentence? So was it originally six months and he appealed  
2 six months, or did he get more time and then appealed it  
3 and got six months?

4 **MR. GERALD AUGER:** When they say they're  
5 going to jail they don't -- they didn't really say that,  
6 did they? Like he's going to stay for 10 years or 20  
7 years.

8 **MS. MARY AUGER:** We were thinking he was  
9 going to get at least 10 years.

10 **MR. GERALD AUGER:** It was going to be set  
11 later on or something.

12 **MS. KERRIE REAY:** So you really don't know  
13 how much time he got?

14 **MR. GERALD AUGER:** No. Nothing basically,  
15 because he kept getting passes.

16 **MS. KERRIE REAY:** Right.

17 **MS. MARY AUGER:** Yeah, he didn't have a  
18 driver's -- he lost his driver's -- so how does --

19 **MR. GERALD AUGER:** For 10 years.

20 **MS. MARY AUGER:** I'm not sure how long it  
21 was, but how was he getting around to go and look for these  
22 jobs, these different places, that's what I'd like to know?

23 **MS. KERRIE REAY:** M'hmm.

24 **MS. MARY AUGER:** When he wasn't supposed to  
25 have a licence to drive.

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1                   **MR. GERALD AUGER:** You know I think what  
2 they said, he wasn't supposed to come close to me or her or  
3 family members, eh? But he's out there free. I don't know  
4 what he's doing now. Probably he's laughing about it.

5                   **MS. MARY AUGER:** Yeah, he got away with  
6 murder.

7                   **MR. GERALD AUGER:** It's not good anyways.

8                   **MS. MARY AUGER:** It's hard to believe that,  
9 he only got that little bit of time for taking our son's  
10 life.

11                   **MS. KERRIE REAY:** There's an organization  
12 that works with the families that come to testify for the  
13 National Inquiry, and it's the Family Information Liaison  
14 Unit, we call it FILU.

15                   **MS. MARY AUGER:** M'hmm.

16                   **MS. KERRIE REAY:** They're there to help  
17 families get a hold of information that they've not been  
18 able to get a hold of.

19                   **MS. MARY AUGER:** M'hmm.

20                   **MS. KERRIE REAY:** If there's anything that  
21 you -- in terms of information, policing information, or  
22 anything that you should have -- you should be able to have  
23 access to but you're having trouble getting a hold of that  
24 information, FILU actually has an office here in Prince  
25 George.

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1 MS. MARY AUGER: M'hmm.

2 MS. KERRIE REAY: So I would be more than  
3 willing to introduce you through email --

4 MS. MARY AUGER: Okay.

5 MS. KERRIE REAY: -- to the staff here. And  
6 perhaps they may -- I don't know all the information that  
7 you might be able to get a hold of, but they certainly --  
8 if you were to share what I've heard you share today about  
9 the frustrations with the justice system and not knowing  
10 how much real time he got, or you know why was he allowed  
11 out to do this or to do that, they may actually have access  
12 to some of that information. I can't say they have it all  
13 because as I said, I'm not really sure.

14 MS. MARY AUGER: Okay.

15 MS. KERRIE REAY: But I would certainly be  
16 pleased to introduce you through email.

17 MS. MARY AUGER: Okay.

18 MS. KERRIE REAY: To see if they can help  
19 you, maybe answer some of your questions that you might  
20 have that might be in the file.

21 MS. MARY AUGER: Okay.

22 MS. KERRIE REAY: Would that be something  
23 you'd be interested in?

24 MS. MARY AUGER: Yeah.

25 MS. KERRIE REAY: Okay, any last words?



1                   **MS. MARY AUGER:** I was just thinking if we  
2 do forget to say something, if we think of something can we  
3 maybe let the person you're going to let them know, that we  
4 were just talking about?

5                   **MS. KERRIE REAY:** If there's anything that  
6 you would like to say to the Commissioners?

7                   **MS. MARY AUGER:** Yes.

8                   **MS. KERRIE REAY:** Then you can email me.

9                   **MS. MARY AUGER:** Oh okay.

10                  **MS. KERRIE REAY:** Okay? And as long as we  
11 do that sort of in the next couple of weeks, you can email  
12 it to me and then I can add it to the file.

13                  **MS. MARY AUGER:** Okay.

14                  **MS. KERRIE REAY:** That's not a problem at  
15 all.

16                  **MS. MARY AUGER:** Okay, because we probably  
17 did forget something.

18                  **MS. KERRIE REAY:** It's hard you know, coming  
19 here.

20                  **MR. GERALD AUGER:** You can't think when  
21 you're -- when something like that happened, you know.

22                  **MS. KERRIE REAY:** Yeah, a lot of anxiety  
23 coming, when you come in here. You're not really sure  
24 what's going to happen or -- yeah, it's a little --  
25 sometimes a little hard to prepare.

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1                   **MS. MARY AUGER:** Yeah.

2                   **MS. KERRIE REAY:** Yeah, but that's -- if you  
3 think of anything please -- I'll give you my email, and  
4 just email me and I'll add it.

5                   **MS. MARY AUGER:** Okay, that sounds good.

6                   --- Upon adjourning at 11:15 a.m.

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