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--- Upon commencing on Saturday, October 27, 2018 at 1:05 p.m.

MS. KERRIE REAY: Okay, so this is Kerrie Reay, I'm a statement taker with the National Inquiry into Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls. And today we are in Prince George, British Columbia. It is October 27th, 2018, and the time is 1:05. Today I am speaking with Ida I-D-A, Basil B-A-S-I-L, of the Yekooche First Nation from Fort St. James. And that is spelled -- I'm not sure that I quite pronounced it right, but that is spelled Y-E-K-O-O-C-H-E. And Ida is here to share her truth about her sister, Immaculate Basil, I-M-M-A-C-U-L-A-T-E, and Immaculate, also referred to as Mackie, went missing on June 13th, 2013, at Fort St. James here in British Columbia. Also present in the room is Peter Basil, her brother, along with Vivian Basil, his wife, and they are here to support you. And Danny -- and your name?

MR. DANNY ALEXIS: Alexis.

MS. KERRIE REAY: Alexis, and Danny Alexis is also in the room, A-L-E-X-I-S. And we also have your two sons present. So for the record Ida, you're here voluntarily and you understand that we are audio taping and videotaping today, and that at the end we will ask you to let us know how you would like the inquiry to use your truth that you share today, either publicly or privately.
So I'll be taking some notes. I don't like to interrupt, but I may need to get clarification on some things so I will come back around. And if you're, if you're looking for some assistance or guidance to help share your truth, I'm more than happy to help you with that today. So when you're ready, deep breath. When you're ready, please decide -- you can start wherever you'd like to start.

**MS. IDA BASIL:** About myself?

**MS. KERRIE REAY:** Yes, you can -- you can start with about you and your family and Mackie your sister, and where you grew up, or you can start with Mackie's disappearance.

**MS. IDA BASIL:** I'm Ida, Mackie's older sister by like one year. She -- I was notified by my family, Peter and [Sister 1], they called me and told me that she's been missing and no one's seen her for a few days. And that was on June 13th, 2013. And I don't know, I didn't know how to handle it, like I was shocked. A lot of things going through my mind, and I kept in touch with my family.

**MS. KERRIE REAY:** So where were you living?

**MS. IDA BASIL:** Here in Prince George.

**MS. KERRIE REAY:** You were here in Prince George, okay.

**MS. IDA BASIL:** And went out there right
MS. KERRIE REAY: It's okay, take your time.

So you travelled up to Fort St. James?

MS. IDA BASIL: Yep, it's like 45 minutes outside of Fort St. James, north.

MS. KERRIE REAY: Okay. And what was happening in the home when you got there?

MS. IDA BASIL: I believe we all met up out at Leo Creek, right?

MR. PETER BASIL: Yeah.

MS. KERRIE REAY: And why at Leo Creek?

MS. IDA BASIL: Because that's where she was reported last seen.

MS. KERRIE REAY: Okay, okay.

MS. IDA BASIL: And we all met up there at a campsite that they set up.

MS. KERRIE REAY: Who's they?

MS. IDA BASIL: My family, sorry.

MS. KERRIE REAY: Your family?

MS. IDA BASIL: Yeah.

MS. KERRIE REAY: The reason I ask is I'm -- part of the Commission is interested in hearing how policing responds to Indigenous women that are missing.

MS. IDA BASIL: And the community was out there helping. And they had --
MR. PETER BASIL: Police cars.

MS. KERRIE REAY: Okay.

MS. IDA BASIL: Helicopters and --

MS. KERRIE REAY: Can you describe the area that she went missing in?

MS. IDA BASIL: It's kind of a remote place, a lot of forest, dirt road.

MS. KERRIE REAY: Was she there camping or was she travelling?

MS. IDA BASIL: She was actually at a party, is what I was told from my family.

MS. KERRIE REAY: Uh huh.

MS. IDA BASIL: I have no idea how she -- how it all happened and how she got there.

MS. KERRIE REAY: Okay, okay.

MS. IDA BASIL: My brother would have to fill you in.

MR. PETER BASIL: Well basically she was at a party on the reserve. And then two guys -- she jumped in the truck with two guys, and then -- well there was more than two guys, but along the way as they were going out of the reserve people jumped off here and there. And it just ended up to be three of them in the truck, with her and two guys. And from there they went up the Leo Creek Forest Service Road to Route 21 I think, or (indiscernible) or
something like that.

MS. KERRIE REAY: Okay.

MR. PETER BASIL: They went to

(indiscernible).

MS. KERRIE REAY: They went to what, sorry?

MR. PETER BASIL: [One line redacted – ongoing investigation].

MS. KERRIE REAY: Okay, okay.

MR. PETER BASIL: [Three lines redacted – ongoing investigation]. And I never seen her all weekend. Usually Thursday, Friday -- I don't know, I think she started drinking.

MS. IDA BASIL: Friday.

MR. PETER BASIL: Friday, and she started drinking. Well she came to Vanderhoof visiting my wife and my father-in-law, and went to get a Father's Day cake and stuff like that, and shopped for groceries. And then she was getting mad because I didn't want to go in the liquor store for her, to buy her two bottles of Vodka. So she jumped out and I caught up with her, and I told her if she wanted her money she has to get back in the truck. Then I stopped at the liquor store that day for her.

MS. KERRIE REAY: Okay. And so then she went and was at a party?

MR. PETER BASIL: Yeah.
MS. KERRIE REAY: And then -- so Ida, how long were you able to stay in the area to help?

MS. IDA BASIL: I'm not too sure. Did I go back that day?

MR. PETER BASIL: I think you were there about a couple of days.

MS. KERRIE REAY: Would you like to share with the Commissioners what you remember of your sister growing up? You said you were a year older than her?

MS. IDA BASIL: Yeah. I grew up with Mackie and my younger sister [Sister 1]. Like we grew up in the system and it was pretty tough. But I don't really want to get into that, but we were pretty close to each other, always kept in touch or always around. We would be like normal siblings I guess, and we'd fight and argue and have fun.

MS. KERRIE REAY: Were you raised in different homes when you say the system?

MS. IDA BASIL: Yes.

MS. KERRIE REAY: Okay.

MS. IDA BASIL: Well Mackie was on her own, [Sister 1] and I were together.

MS. KERRIE REAY: Okay, and did Mackie share her experiences with you about her foster home?

MS. IDA BASIL: Yeah. We always got to stay
the night with her, or she would come over and stay with
us. Like she lived across the lake from us, Lucas Lake.

MS. KERRIE REAY: Okay, okay.

MS. IDA BASIL: So we always got to see each
other every day.

MS. KERRIE REAY: And how old was -- Mackie
was 17 -- 27?

MS. IDA BASIL: Twenty-even.

MS. KERRIE REAY: Twenty-seven when she went
missing. And can you talk about your relationship, what
would you like to share today with the Commissioners about
your sister?

MS. IDA BASIL: I don't know, she was a good
person, she was kind, nice. That's the same thing.

MS. KERRIE REAY: M'hmm.

MS. IDA BASIL: I don't know, she was
caring.

MS. KERRIE REAY: And your family has had no
answers?

MS. IDA BASIL: No.

MS. KERRIE REAY: Have the police updated
your family at all about the investigation into her
disappearance?

MS. IDA BASIL: My brother does most of that
part.
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MS. KERRIE REAY: Okay.

MS. IDA BASIL: It's too hard on me because -- like having to talk to journalists and reporters about growing up.

MS. KERRIE REAY: Oh, so have you had a lot of that?

MS. IDA BASIL: Yeah.

MS. KERRIE REAY: And how -- how has it been for you with them sharing your family, your family's struggles with the disappearance of your sister?

MS. IDA BASIL: It's tough. It's like -- I don't know, to me like having to talk about it, like the past, you get re-traumatized.

MS. KERRIE REAY: Yes, yeah. And that's what we were talking about, that there's a great deal of pain and emotion that gets shared here. And if you're not comfortable sharing that, that's okay. This is your space, you've taken time to come down. So if there's, there's stuff that you want to talk about, frustration with the system, frustration about the journalists, frustration about policing you can, that is here for you to share it today.

MS. IDA BASIL: I know. I think they did their job on their parts. Do you guys agree?

MR. PETER BASIL: Yeah.
MS. KERRIE REAY: You think the police have worked hard?

MR. PETER BASIL: Yeah, they were working at it pretty hard because the first day we reported her missing they responded that same evening, and they went back into the Fort. They came back the next day, and did a little bit of knocking on people's doors, and by the 13th they had a full-scale search going.

MS. KERRIE REAY: Okay. That was a bit of relief for the family, to have the police doing their, their job?

MR. PETER BASIL: Yeah. And so far we've been keeping updated by the investigators, like on their behalf. Well they've still got some people searching, like me, my father-in-law, we've been searching over the summers.

MS. KERRIE REAY: M'hmm.

MR. PETER BASIL: Then this past -- like we find things and we send it out for getting it tested and seeing if there's any DNA or stuff, to see if it's related to Mackie.

MS. KERRIE REAY: Okay.

MR. PETER BASIL: The investigators, they come back like in a week or two --

MS. KERRIE REAY: Well that's good.
MR. PETER BASIL: -- to update me when they get it back.

MS. KERRIE REAY: Okay, okay, that's good.

MR. PETER BASIL: There's been -- well just recently they found some more stuff, but I never got the chance to tell the RCMP yet.

MS. KERRIE REAY: Okay.

MR. PETER BASIL: And send like bones out and stuff like that, tarps and stuff like that, whatever we find.

MS. KERRIE REAY: That's difficult, you know difficult for all these years to be searching and searching, yeah. And Peter, do you -- have you had the same challenges with the journalists and the media trying to get a hold of you and documents? It seems that Ida was quite upset by the experience.

MR. PETER BASIL: I was kind of like the backbone of all that, setting it up and getting things going with them. I lost, lost track of how much people we were dealing with there for a while.

MS. KERRIE REAY: M'hmm, m'hmm. And Ida, do you want to share about what it, what it was that was upsetting, was it the manner in which they approached you?

MS. IDA BASIL: No, like I understand all of that, I don't have anything against them, it's just -- to
me like I put that behind me, growing up with my sister and what it was like. But when she went missing, like I was open-minded and honest and told the truth, and to get the word out there, how much our family's hurting --

MS. KERRIE REAY: M'hm, m'hm.

MS. IDA BASIL: -- I talked about it. And yeah, I have nothing against them at all. It's just to me -- it's hard.

MS. KERRIE REAY: Yes. So I'm understanding that the pain that is with you from growing up on the years in the system, that you've developed a way to try to protect yourself, to keep yourself safe and to not hurt?

MS. IDA BASIL: Yeah.

MS. KERRIE REAY: And so this is, this is part of the way you handle it, is to try to put it away?

MS. IDA BASIL: M'hm.

MS. KERRIE REAY: Part of what the Commission is also concerned about, is about how to keep young Indigenous women and girls safe. And part of that is looking at the violence, and survivors of violence, survivors of the system, whether it's the foster system, or Residential School system, the Sixties Scoop. Is there any of that you'd like to share today? Because it is there. If you're not ready and you are finding this too painful, this is your space so it's up to you what you share and
what you don't share.

**MS. IDA BASIL:** I don't know. It was pretty tough in the system because all the stuff that happened. And I wasn't on good terms, that's for sure. And I honestly hate the system.

**MS. KERRIE REAY:** I bet, yeah.

**MS. IDA BASIL:** They actually tried to get involved with my kids a couple of years ago.

**MS. KERRIE REAY:** Do you want to share what they figured was the grounds to get involved with your children?

**MS. IDA BASIL:** Because I'm Native.

**MS. KERRIE REAY:** Okay.

**MS. IDA BASIL:** Yeah.

**MS. KERRIE REAY:** And they -- and your children have stayed with you the entire time?

**MS. IDA BASIL:** Yes, with both, me and the dad.

**MS. KERRIE REAY:** Okay. But it was -- but it sounds like it was very challenging for you, to have child welfare knocking on your door.

**MS. IDA BASIL:** I lost it. We went into a meeting and I ended up telling them off, that they're not opening up a file. And I told them what had happened to me, and I was like I'm not going to let it happen with my
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kids.

MS. KERRIE REAY: And they -- did they tell you why they came knocking on your door?

MS. IDA BASIL: No.

MS. KERRIE REAY: No?

MS. IDA BASIL: I know that they got a call, but I don't know from who.

MS. KERRIE REAY: So it sounds like maybe they were a little quick in coming knocking on your door?

MS. IDA BASIL: Yeah.

MS. KERRIE REAY: And I also sense that you said it's because you're Indigenous?

MS. IDA BASIL: Yeah.

MS. KERRIE REAY: When you were thinking about coming to speak, was there something that you really wanted to make sure that you shared with the Commissioners?

MS. IDA BASIL: Pretty much the pain that we're all going through, and wanting her to be found so we can have closure.

MS. KERRIE REAY: Is there anything you think anybody could be doing more? I mean Peter and your family are searching all the time. Is there anything else that you think would help?

MS. IDA BASIL: I don't know, everybody's doing as much as they can.
MS. KERRIE REAY: M'hmm.

MS. IDA BASIL: Like the whole community and the surrounding areas, our family, it's still there.

MS. KERRIE REAY: M'hmm, it's just the waiting and the unknown?

MS. IDA BASIL: Yeah.

MS. KERRIE REAY: I just want to make sure you have an opportunity to share what you, what you've waited for, to be able to come here today.

MS. IDA BASIL: I don't know, hoping that someone would come forward.

MS. KERRIE REAY: M'hmm.

MS. IDA BASIL: So we can have closure or something.

MS. KERRIE REAY: And it sounds from what Peter said, that the RCMP have been good about sharing information?

MR. PETER BASIL: Yeah.

MS. KERRIE REAY: Is there any information that you would like that you haven't got, or do you think that things right now are going well?

MR. PETER BASIL: Things are going well, so far anyway.

MS. KERRIE REAY: Okay. And when I say well, I mean in terms of that communication between you and
the police.

MR. PETER BASIL: We pretty well developed a bond with the investigators that's working with us.

MS. KERRIE REAY: Okay.

MR. PETER BASIL: But that's just part of the tragedy we live through. Like my sister -- that's not including my other sister that died from a fentanyl overdose. And the year after she died my brother got shot down here, the gun violence and stuff like that. So it's just, just partially the tragedy that we're speaking about now.

MS. KERRIE REAY: So your sister that died of a fentanyl overdose, was she the one that stayed with you in care, or she was --

MS. IDA BASIL: No, she was older. She was I guess a street person.

MS. KERRIE REAY: Okay, okay. And did she lose her life to fentanyl here in Prince George?

MS. IDA BASIL: Yeah.

MS. KERRIE REAY: Okay. And then you said your brother was, was murdered in Prince George as well?

MS. IDA BASIL: All year after year.

MS. KERRIE REAY: Oh dear.

MS. IDA BASIL: My sister, older sister Samantha, then Mackie went missing, then my brother got
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shot.

MR. PETER BASIL: Mackie, then Samantha, then Travis.

MS. KERRIE REAY: And who's Travis?

MR. PETER BASIL: Brother, youngest brother. He's the youngest of all of us.

MS. KERRIE REAY: And was he the one that was shot?

MR. PETER BASIL: Yes.

MS. KERRIE REAY: Okay, and you mentioned another brother?

MR. PETER BASIL: We have two brothers. One's in jail and one's in treatment right now.

MS. KERRIE REAY: Did any of you go to residential school? How about your parents?

MS. IDA BASIL: Yeah.

MS. KERRIE REAY: Yeah? Both your parents?

MS. IDA BASIL: Yeah.

MS. KERRIE REAY: Did they ever talk about residential school?

MS. IDA BASIL: I don't -- I didn't get to grow up with my family, but from what I recall they never did.

MS. KERRIE REAY: So you were taken away very young?
MS. IDA BASIL: Yeah. Always in and out of foster homes, different homes.

MR. PETER BASIL: Mother and father were pretty young. But my mother and my father, they walked out on us when we were at a young age. Like I was two years old, and you were like 10, 11, 12 years old or something. My mom left, started drinking out in the streets, and then my dad left and went back to the other reserves. And I practically grew up with my Granny and, and my Granny couldn't handle all the kids so the Ministry had to step in, take these girls from her.

MS. KERRIE REAY: And when was that?

MR. PETER BASIL: Early 90s I think.

MS. KERRIE REAY: Pretty young. And what's your date of birth Ida?

MS. IDA BASIL: [Birthdate].

MS. KERRIE REAY: So you were about six.

MR. PETER BASIL: And then by the time we were all old enough, like my mother got ran over by a semi here in Prince George due to alcohol related. She died the next day after she got ran over.

MS. KERRIE REAY: Oh dear. So lots of tragedy, lots and lots of tragedy.

MR. PETER BASIL: We didn't have no bonding with her, she didn't really talk to us about her life in
residential school or anything. So she just left us.

**MS. KERRIE REAY:** And you were in foster care?

**MS. IDA BASIL:** M'hmm.

**MS. KERRIE REAY:** And you survived foster care and have two very handsome boys.

**MS. IDA BASIL:** Thanks.

**MS. KERRIE REAY:** So if there's anything that you would like to share about your experience in foster care, or the education system, or the health systems?

**MS. IDA BASIL:** I don't know, like now I'm older and a little bit wiser. To me it's pretty bad.

**MS. KERRIE REAY:** And when you were in foster care were they non-Indigenous homes?

**MS. IDA BASIL:** Yes. We had to stay in the motels and the hotels for like a month at a time, until they found a place for us temporarily.

**MS. KERRIE REAY:** And so can I ask? When you became of age, when they talk about aging out, did you age out of the foster care system?

**MS. IDA BASIL:** I was actually 15 when I decided to move from the foster parents that my sister and I were staying in out at Lucas Lake. I ended up going into the group home in Vanderhoof. Stayed there like for a
couple of months. I ended up with a boyfriend, and they thought we were mature and old enough that we can go on independent living.

MS. KERRIE REAY: They did?

MS. IDA BASIL: Yeah.

MS. KERRIE REAY: They did?

MS. IDA BASIL: The group home people.

MS. KERRIE REAY: Okay.

MS. IDA BASIL: So they actually taught us stuff like that, so that place was good. And so that's when I moved on my own. It was a couple of months before I turned 16 and I've been living on my own since.

MS. KERRIE REAY: And can you share with the Commissioners, as a young Indigenous woman, what were some of the -- what were some of those difficulties being out living on your own at such a young age?

MS. IDA BASIL: It was pretty tough. You definitely have to grow up fast. The Ministry was there to just get you past, like with income right?

MS. KERRIE REAY: M'hmm.

MS. IDA BASIL: Yeah.

MS. KERRIE REAY: And what about finding a place to stay, being that young? Did you have difficulties finding a place to live?

MS. IDA BASIL: Yes, but the group home
people that ran it, they actually helped us.

MS. KERRIE REAY: Okay.

MS. IDA BASIL: Yeah, which the Ministry didn't. You'd think that they would. Yeah, I actually took advantage of the Ministry, yeah. I figured if they were going to be my legal guardians, they might as well pay for everything.

MS. KERRIE REAY: Okay.

MS. IDA BASIL: So I always got extra money and vouchers for stuff that I needed. And when I turned of age they asked if they could mark me down as, like disabled, like illiterate, you can't read or write. So then I could go on welfare and not have to work or anything. And I told them no, because I was capable of going out on my own, getting a job. And that's what I did.

MS. KERRIE REAY: So can I ask, and only answer if you feel comfortable, because one of the things that you've shared is a system encouraging you not to go out to succeed and to grow as a young woman, but to stay at home on welfare.

MS. IDA BASIL: Yeah, I don't know, to me -- I wasn't very smart back then, so I didn't think of that. I just told them like I can do this.

MS. KERRIE REAY: Yeah, you had the confidence in yourself while the Ministry seemed to not?
MS. IDA BASIL: Yeah.

MS. KERRIE REAY: And I'm just wondering if that's part of that systemic racism that we start -- that we see. They think they're helping, but in fact maybe they're not.

MS. IDA BASIL: Yeah, definitely not. Because they have rules, stuff to fall into, and I knew what they could do and couldn't do because I grew up in the system.

MS. KERRIE REAY: Right, system wise.

MS. IDA BASIL: Yeah. What they're allowed to do, or what they can say or cannot say.

MS. KERRIE REAY: Is there anything else that you would like to share with the Commissioners about growing up on the child welfare system? Because what we're seeing today is -- you know we have the residential schools, then we have the Sixties Scoop for adoption, and now we're seeing a very large majority of Indigenous children ending up now in our child welfare system. And you spoke here earlier, that somebody complained and they're knocking on your door looking to remove the children.

MS. IDA BASIL: They actually did that. On our brother's funeral, like the service, they came to my brother's, [Brother 1], his place. Came knocking on the
door and tried to remove the kids, like his kids. And I --
luckily I was there at that time when they came. I lost it
on them. Like I'm so against the system, the Ministry,
like how they go about things.

MS. KERRIE REAY: M'hmm.

MS. IDA BASIL: Not properly investigate.

But they were trying to take the kids and I lost it on
them. She was like bawling her eyes out.

MS. KERRIE REAY: And this was the day of
your brother's funeral?

MS. IDA BASIL: Yeah. And so I was like you
guys have no right coming here. Like our whole family's
grieving. Like the day of the service that they decide to
come and try and remove the kids? Like what more can they
do to hurt the family even more?

MS. KERRIE REAY: Right, right.

MS. IDA BASIL: And like huge disrespect
too.

MS. KERRIE REAY: Did they leave?

MS. IDA BASIL: Yes, they ended up leaving.

And my brother's girlfriend was like crying to me. She was
like I'm so thankful you were here, because she didn't know
what to do.

MS. KERRIE REAY: And was this the brother
that died from, from the stab wound?
MS. IDA BASIL: The one who got murdered --
MR. PETER BASIL: He was shot.
MS. IDA BASIL: -- got shot.
MS. KERRIE REAY: Oh shot, sorry.
MR. PETER BASIL: That wasn't his funeral day, but our other -- my youngest brother. That was our older brother -- well not older than me, but a younger one.
MS. KERRIE REAY: And how did he pass away?
MR. PETER BASIL: Well he's still alive, just the youngest, youngest brother is gone.
MS. KERRIE REAY: Oh, I'm sorry. So you were -- it was your younger brother's funeral, but it was another brother who was there at the funeral, that they were coming to take his children?
MS. IDA BASIL: Yes.
MS. KERRIE REAY: Okay, okay. And were they living on the reserve or were they living in town?
MS. IDA BASIL: On the reserve.
MR. PETER BASIL: On the reserve.
MS. KERRIE REAY: Okay. Do you have any thoughts Ida, given your experience, what would help the Child Welfare system?
MS. IDA BASIL: Remove it completely.
MS. KERRIE REAY: Okay, yeah.
MS. IDA BASIL: Because I don't see it
MS. KERRIE REAY: And your experience is helping. All they want to do is control Indigenous people.

MS. IDA BASIL: Yeah.

MS. KERRIE REAY: Yeah.

MR. PETER BASIL: I kind of find the welfare system, like they should try to like give young parents a chance, because after -- before and after they take their kids they start that -- they're chasing them to the streets to do drugs and drink because they know they got their freedom back. And on the other hand, when they have their kids and stuff like that, they've got responsibilities so they stay within the limits of what they could do.

MS. KERRIE REAY: M'hmm. So lend a helping hand rather than using it to remove the children?

MR. PETER BASIL: Yeah, so I just figure they should give the parents a chance, let them have their kids even though they're going through rough times.

MS. KERRIE REAY: Right, and putting those supports. I think I hear you saying putting in supports there, so that the children can stay with their parents?

MR. PETER BASIL: Yeah.

MS. KERRIE REAY: And I think you made the comment that even though your parents weren't there, they were your parents.
MR. PETER BASIL: Yeah.

MS. KERRIE REAY: Right. And that connection, that bond, that they are your parents no matter what.

MR. PETER BASIL: Yeah.

MS. KERRIE REAY: Anything else Ida? I don't want to keep you longer than what you're wanting to share, but I don't want you to leave either, feeling that you didn't share everything you wanted to share. Anything there that you've been thinking about, keeping to yourself?

MS. IDA BASIL: Only the closure.

MS. KERRIE REAY: For Mackie?

MS. IDA BASIL: Yeah, for us to have closure. But I'm kind of losing hope, I don't think anything will ever happen.

MS. KERRIE REAY: And that's, that's the real difficulty, that's the real sadness.

MR. PETER BASIL: And then I figure -- like I never give up hope, but I'm slowing putting it behind me and moving on or ahead of me. And I told my wife like you've got to keep an open mind, like things about the forests and hunters and stuff like that, maybe one day they'll stumble across her.

MS. KERRIE REAY: Okay.

MR. PETER BASIL: So that's where my hopes
Ida Basil & Peter Basil,  
(Immaculate Basil)

are now.

**MS. KERRIE REAY:** Right. Well it's very heartbreaking, you've had a lot of loss in your family through great violence. And Ida, I thank you for sharing your thoughts about the child welfare system. Every little bit helps, you know, forms some thoughts about how to make life for Indigenous women and girls, and all Indigenous people, safer and healthier.

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