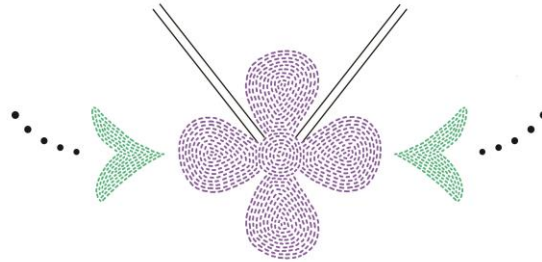


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2 --- Upon commencing on Saturday, November 17, 2018 at 1:20
3 p.m.

4 **MARIE-AUDREY GIRARD:** Okay. That's good.
5 So my name is Marie-Audrey; we are with the National
6 Inquiry in Edmonton, November 17. It is 1:20 in the
7 afternoon. And before we start, Timothy, I would like to
8 ask if you are agreeing that we're recording this session.

9 **TIMOTHY AUGER:** Yes, I do ---

10 **MARIE-AUDREY GIRARD:** Yes.

11 **TIMOTHY AUGER:** --- agree.

12 **MARIE-AUDREY GIRARD:** Okay. Excellent. So
13 can you present yourself? What's your name? Where are you
14 coming from, please?

15 **TIMOTHY AUGER:** My name is Timothy Auger and
16 I came from home.

17 **MARIE-AUDREY GIRARD:** Okay. And you're from
18 Edmonton.

19 **TIMOTHY AUGER:** I guess you could say. I
20 grew up my whole life in this city.

21 **MARIE-AUDREY GIRARD:** Okay. Okay.
22 Excellent. And, Timothy, what you would like to share with
23 us this afternoon?

24 **TIMOTHY AUGER:** I guess, basically, anything
25 that has to do with my younger sister.

1 **MARIE-AUDREY GIRARD:** Yes.

2 **TIMOTHY AUGER:** And I guess how that
3 affected us -- how it affected us when what happened,
4 happened to her.

5 **MARIE-AUDREY GIRARD:** Yeah.

6 **TIMOTHY AUGER:** And, you know, me,
7 personally, I guess, most of the time I feel really, really
8 depressed about that. And even this time of year, you
9 know, I mean, it once was a happy time but now it's just,
10 like, mostly anger.

11 **MARIE-AUDREY GIRARD:** I see.

12 **TIMOTHY AUGER:** And, you know, I mean,
13 there's the good days and there's the bad days. And, I
14 guess, I take it a step at a time, you know. It's been
15 over ten years now since she was murdered. And recently I
16 read an article in the newspaper, or not in the newspaper,
17 online about how Greyhound cancelled their -- well, not
18 cancelled their, but, like, basically shut down their
19 operations ---

20 **MARIE-AUDREY GIRARD:** M'hmm.

21 **TIMOTHY AUGER:** --- in BC. And then it went
22 on right away to talk about the Highway of Tears. And I
23 seen my sister in that documentary. And it brought up
24 about how even the Prime Minister of -- or, the -- at the
25 time, the Prime Minister of this country considered that to

1 be a -- a First Nations issue. When, really, it's not,
2 specifically, you know, in the case of my sister, who was
3 not, you know, a person who did, you know, those sort of
4 prostitution-type things. I mean, she was just a young kid
5 and she was taken out of, basically, her circle of friends
6 who were supposed, you know, who were basically looking
7 after her. And then, you know, she got split up and then
8 never made it back home.

9 And that, you know, when people heard about
10 that, you know, that really got under -- well, I think a
11 lot of peoples' skin because it wasn't a, you know, a
12 twenty-whatever, you know, an adult. It was a kid that was
13 found on that highway. And I think that resonates with a
14 lot of people because, you know, it could be -- it could be
15 anybody, you know, that that could have happened to. And -
16 --

17 **MARIE-AUDREY GIRARD:** And, Timothy, can you
18 share exactly what happened to your sister? I know you
19 were starting to but do you have, like -- do -- do you
20 have, like, the whole -- like, exactly what happened? And
21 you said, "Ten years ago." Do you remember the dates?

22 **TIMOTHY AUGER:** Yeah. It was February -- or
23 -- February 5th I think, or 3rd, somewhere between there
24 that she was found. And I think it was two or three weeks
25 before that is when she -- when -- when they, her and my

1 younger sister left and went to go and hang out with some
2 friends. And one of my sisters came back home, asked us if
3 she'd seen Aielah. We said we didn't know, we thought that
4 she was with, you know, that they were together. But here,
5 they had been split up.

6 Then we thought, oh, maybe Aielah went and
7 go -- went and stayed with somebody else, you know, like a
8 -- a boyfriend or something like that. Or, you know, she
9 was at a -- a newfound friend's house or something like
10 that because, you know, there was a lot -- lot of times
11 when she was a kid that she would just kind of venture off.
12 And we thought that, okay, well, maybe -- maybe -- just
13 maybe, hopefully that that's the case. And, you know,
14 sadly it wasn't.

15 And I remember, you know, thinking that,
16 okay, she's going to come back. And I remember, like, when
17 we went out -- because what happened was that Saturday -- I
18 think it was a Saturday or Friday or something, or
19 Wednesday -- we went out to the mall in Prince George and
20 we were walking around, and they had money. And they had
21 bought me something and then, you know, they met their
22 friends there. And then, you know, they hung around for a
23 little while and eventually I was going to go home and we
24 made our way to the transit area of the mall where the
25 transit station is or whatever.

1 So they hung around there talking for about
2 maybe, I don't know, I'm guessing five minutes, ten minutes
3 maybe. And they were talking about a party, so, you know,
4 that was in their minds, they wanted to go to a party. My
5 sister Aielah wanted me to go along and I didn't want to go
6 along because I didn't want to, you know, hang around with
7 them that type of a crowd, you know, because I knew right
8 away, you know, bad idea, not really smart, drugs and
9 alcohol equals hostility specifically. Because I know when
10 a person has something to say to you, a lot of the times
11 they won't tell you when they're sober but if they get
12 drunk or high, you know, that courage comes in. And then
13 they start, you know -- and then you multiply that by three
14 people, you know, and then all of a sudden, you know, next
15 thing, if I would have went, I would probably have ended up
16 in a fight. And knowing how crooked people are, you know,
17 there's no such thing as a -- a fair fight. They probably
18 would've used weapons and that kind of stuff. And those
19 were the kind of things, at that time, that played out
20 through -- in my -- in the back of my mind. That's why I
21 just wouldn't do that.

22 **MARIE-AUDREY GIRARD:** How old were you when
23 ---

24 **TIMOTHY AUGER:** I was -- I think I was 16 --

25 -

1 **MARIE-AUDREY GIRARD:** Okay.

2 **TIMOTHY AUGER:** --- or 17. I was 17. And
3 so after I left the transit, you know, I was walking across
4 the transit station and I could still see them and they
5 said, "Why do want him to come along?" And she -- my
6 sister Aielah says, "Because he cares." And so they all
7 went on their way. I said, "I'll see you guys later." You
8 know, "I love you and I'll see you at home." And gave my
9 sister a hug, gave my sister [Sister 2] a hug. And then
10 after that we just went our own ways.

11 I went home and I couldn't help but feel
12 this feeling, like, gut feeling in my -- like, turn -- turn
13 back, go back, go back, you know, go back, go back. The
14 whole way home from the mall all the way to the -- way
15 home. And it was weird because, you know, I think about it
16 now, I couldn't shake that feeling all night, all day the
17 next day, the next day after that. And I thought this is
18 abnormal because this feeling has never stuck around like
19 this before. I should have stayed. I kept thinking that,
20 you know.

21 And then, basically, the days after that
22 became a blur. They all just, you know, kind of lump up
23 into one. And next thing you know, my mom and them are
24 searching for my sister. You know, we're driving around to
25 places that she -- they were known to hang out. And people

1 were giving us all kinds of directions and, you know, hints
2 and leads, and places that she might be and stuff like
3 that. And going to see people, and going to see friends
4 and stuff. And, you know, they're saying, "Oh, she might
5 be here, she might be there," you know, "We don't know
6 where she is." And we were trying to find her for, you
7 know, weeks. Or, at least two or three weeks after she had
8 disappeared. Constantly, my mom tried to find -- you know,
9 find or look for her. And she even got, you know, the
10 police involved and she got my auntie and my uncle
11 involved, and a couple people in the community involved in
12 trying to find her. And, ultimately, they were all
13 unsuccessful.

14 And, you know, one -- one day -- and that
15 was around -- I think it was on the 3rd or the 5th or
16 whatever of February, you know, we got a phone call -- or
17 someone got a phone call because by that time some distant
18 family came from up north in Alberta here, all the way to
19 BC to be with us. And I can't remember who it was that got
20 the phone call but, yeah, I just remember that my mom had
21 the phone in her hand and it was given to her by one of my
22 aunties, or maybe my brother, or somebody other than my
23 aunties because they didn't want her to, you know, they
24 didn't want her to hear that, they wanted, you know, a
25 family member to be able to tell them that -- then to hear

1 it from a police officer or some stranger.

2 And basically that was the phone call that
3 changed our lives forever. We were told, you know, she was
4 told, "We found a body and we need you to come identify it.
5 We think it might be your daughter." And my mom screamed
6 and she threw the phone on the ground, it smashed. But the
7 phone was still working. Someone picked up the phone, and
8 I just -- I'll never forget that. It was, like, you know,
9 just thinking about it now, it's warm in here but I'm
10 starting to shiver because of it.

11 **MARIE-AUDREY GIRARD:** M'hmm.

12 **TIMOTHY AUGER:** And, yeah, I just -- right
13 away, I kind of went into, like, defence mode because I
14 didn't want to -- I didn't want to collapse like that
15 either, you know, fall apart like that. And I can only
16 imagine now how she -- the pain that she felt because, you
17 know, my sister, now she has kids, [Sister 2].

18 **MARIE-AUDREY GIRARD:** M'hmm.

19 **TIMOTHY AUGER:** And they're all really,
20 really, just -- I -- I can see that. I -- even, like, at
21 the time this all happened, my other sister -- my older
22 sister [Sister 1], her kids were still small. And as a --
23 as an uncle, you know, you -- basically, you see your
24 nieces and nephews as your own kids. And to think that if
25 it was one of them that went missing, you know, it would --

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1 well, it -- even -- even if it was one of them, or, you
2 know, still, with it being my sister, you know, because I -
3 - I always used to tell her as a kid, you know, "You're not
4 Superman. You're not invincible. You got to have some way
5 to defend yourself and one of the best ways to do that is
6 to not go out and drink and do drugs, and hang out with
7 people who just don't give a," you know, "Don't care about
8 you."

9 **MARIE-AUDREY GIRARD:** Yeah.

10 **TIMOTHY AUGER:** You know. So and she, in a
11 way, you know, as a kid, she had always been kind of
12 stubborn and wanted to do things on her own. And in spite
13 of all that, she had a really goo outlook on the way this
14 world could be because she was just really kind and, you
15 know, a really kind-hearted person. And, sorry, I just ---

16 **MARIE-AUDREY GIRARD:** Please, go ahead.

17 **TIMOTHY AUGER:** --- just got to see what
18 that was. So where was I?

19 **MARIE-AUDREY GIRARD:** Talking about your
20 sister ---

21 **TIMOTHY AUGER:** She was ---

22 **MARIE-AUDREY GIRARD:** Sounded like a ---

23 **TIMOTHY AUGER:** She was really ---

24 **MARIE-AUDREY GIRARD:** --- really nice
25 person.

1 **TIMOTHY AUGER:** She was a really kind-
2 hearted person. She loved animals, she had, like -- if she
3 could have a thousand cats, she probably would. Maybe not
4 a thousand cats but, you know, she'd have quite a bit of
5 animals. And, specifically, cats.

6 **MARIE-AUDREY GIRARD:** And, Timothy, would
7 you feel comfortable to share the details how your sister
8 body was found and what happened?

9 **TIMOTHY AUGER:** Well, from my own view, and
10 from what I was told, and what I asked, she was found in
11 weather like this on the side of the highway. She had no
12 clothes on. She was -- body was wrapped in a tarp, a blue
13 tarp, like, you know, she was a -- like roadkill. She had
14 been there for about maybe five days. I think the animals
15 and the wildlife had, you know, disturbed the remains. She
16 -- so we couldn't see her, like -- you know, with an open
17 casket.

18 And it was a man in a -- a black vehicle
19 that I think -- I think I heard that it was an SUV-type
20 vehicle or a Jeep. And he stopped to -- to -- he thought
21 that, you know, somebody was poaching and that's why they
22 left that, right.

23 **MARIE-AUDREY GIRARD:** M'hmm.

24 **TIMOTHY AUGER:** Here, he went and lifted up
25 the tarp and he seen a leg, and that was it, you know. He

1 called the police right away and that's how the found her -
2 - found her body there. We still don't know where, like,
3 how she ended up there. Like, last thing I remember
4 hearing was that she was last seen getting into a black
5 van, then she was never seen again. She was never seen
6 alive again.

7 I think that they were drugged, her and her
8 friends were drugged. Alcohol and drugs, obviously, you
9 know, can't be associated with kind people. You know, evil
10 people do those things, you know, and when it comes to, you
11 know, young girls drinking and doing drugs, there's going
12 to be predators there that are opportunistic and sick
13 people at heart.

14 And I hope, to this day, and every other
15 day, that these people are found, that they'll pay for --
16 whether in this life or the next. Because when it comes to
17 these sorts of things, it's inescapable. You seal your
18 fate when you -- you're the type of person who wants to
19 cause damage to people's lives and hearts, and minds, and
20 bodies, you know. Like, if -- before this -- before
21 anything like this ever happened in my family -- because
22 it's not just my sister that, you know, has been murdered.
23 There are other family members of mine that have also been
24 murdered and, you know, who haven't really been done any
25 justice for any of that because, you know, these people

1 just manage to get away.

2 And do I feel like, you know -- I guess I
3 could say, you know, Aielah's case has gone as cold as the
4 day she was found. It's sad to say that but if there was a
5 way -- even the most impossible way that she could tell us
6 what happened, I would totally accept that. I would be
7 right there. I would lend my ears as if they were a phone
8 or something like that.

9 **MARIE-AUDREY GIRARD:** And you were talking a
10 little bit about justice. Do you -- can you provide, to
11 the best of your knowledge, details about the police
12 investigation? The institutions, like, how did the
13 institution handle the case, the police? If you have any
14 information about that.

15 **TIMOTHY AUGER:** Well, I remember, you know,
16 right after everything kind of broke out and, you know, we
17 were in a hotel, we weren't in our house no more. We were
18 on our way back to Alberta to go up north and bury my
19 sister. And before we left BC we were taken into the
20 downtown police station. And, you know, they asked us, you
21 know, basically your standard police -- I wouldn't say
22 interrogation but -- what do you call it -- basic -- I
23 can't find the proper word -- basic ---

24 **MARIE-AUDREY GIRARD:** Like, an interview, or
25 ---

1 **TIMOTHY AUGER:** Interview-type thing, yeah.

2 **MARIE-AUDREY GIRARD:** Yeah.

3 **TIMOTHY AUGER:** For lack of a better word.

4 And they asked us questions, like, you know, specifically
5 if I knew anybody, you know, of interest who, you know,
6 might be able to lead them closer to the people who did
7 this, or the people responsible. I know that Aielah had a
8 boyfriend, his name was -- what the heck was his name?
9 [Boyfriend]. And he was a really -- I didn't like him. He
10 was a very unlikeable person in my eyes. And after what
11 happened to Aielah, you know, he said to Aielah's friends,
12 "Oh, yeah, she deserved it." So I think that he -- you
13 know, just because of that, could be associated with those
14 people. Especially, you know, to be as heartless as that
15 and say something like that. Yeah.

16 And I think that him and, at the time, his
17 friends, wherever the heck it was that they went with my
18 sisters was a drug house. Because, you know, they -- they
19 were basically living in the inner part of Prince George,
20 which is not really a nice place.

21 **MARIE-AUDREY GIRARD:** And just for
22 clarification, how was Aielah -- how old -- how old was
23 she?

24 **TIMOTHY AUGER:** She was 14 years old. And,
25 yeah, when the news of her disappearance and then,

1 eventually being found -- because, you know, before her
2 body was found, she was already on the news across the
3 country and people were really getting riled up about that,
4 you know. "I hope she's found. I hope she's found." And
5 I -- I kept, you know, we were even hearing people on the
6 TV, you know, sending out their -- their prayers and that
7 sort of thing. And really hoping that she could be found,
8 you know, would be found alive and well and whatnot.

9 And then when she was found and it was the
10 opposite, that really shocked everybody because, you know,
11 I -- she's the youngest person to have ever been -- to have
12 ever been found on that highway. And we knew nothing about
13 the Highway of Tears before my sister. Nothing at all.

14 And in my sister's case, this raises, I
15 think, a lot of awareness with a lot of people because this
16 is not a grown woman who's hitchhiking. She had no
17 business even, you know, being on that highway. Whatever,
18 she wasn't hitchhiking, or running away from home, or
19 anything like that. She was left there by someone. And,
20 you know, there are rumours that I've been told, you know,
21 and, oh, the people responsible for my sister's death have
22 already died or something like that, or -- but I don't
23 believe that. I don't believe that at all. I think that
24 more than one person had -- had a part in what happened.
25 And, you know, I really do -- I really do hope that -- that

1 they're found. And, you know, honestly, you know, I don't
2 think that they will be found to be honest, you know.

3 But it's still nice to have that thought
4 there because I have my good days and I have my bad days.
5 And, you know, I really miss how happy I used to be before
6 any of this ever happened. And with how my life has been
7 now after all of that, I guess you could say, you know, the
8 past ten plus years have been quite the journey so to speak
9 I guess. And ---

10 **MARIE-AUDREY GIRARD:** I know we're pressed a
11 little bit by time and you have to leave soon but what we
12 like to do here at the National Inquiry is to have a --
13 have a picture or an idea of the person you're talking
14 about, in this case Aielah. Like, in -- not necessarily a
15 picture -- if you have one it's even better but some nice
16 memories you have of her that you would like to share with
17 us for us to try to know her, who she was exactly. Because
18 every -- everybody -- your sister's important to you and we
19 don't want only to know her as -- we would like to know her
20 as who she was. And you have been, like, describing her a
21 little bit as a really nice person and kind person, happy
22 person. But do you have memories that you will share?
23 Like, a good memory you have with her?

24 **TIMOTHY AUGER:** Yes. In fact, one of the
25 things that, to this day, always reminds me of my sister

1 and really makes me laugh -- puts a smile on my face is
2 when I find myself doing something that you normally
3 wouldn't do but you still -- you're, like -- and then you
4 look at -- you catch yourself in those moments and you're,
5 like, what the heck am I doing? And, like, for example,
6 when I wake up in the morning, say when it comes to, like,
7 making coffee, you know, okay. So you put the coffee in
8 the filter and then you put the filter in the thing, and
9 then you put the -- the filter in the coffee brewer, and
10 then you put the water in the back and it comes out, right.
11 Well, my sister would be, like, you know, put coffee, she'd
12 take the filter out if there's no filter in there, you
13 know, put the coffee in there, you know, and then kind of
14 just go backwards in a way. And I've done that before,
15 things like that. And my mom used to call them blond
16 moments or whatever. And it's just basically, you know, a
17 way of identifying those things that, like, for example,
18 funny little things like -- let me think -- when it came to
19 -- oh, once there was a -- it was Christmas time, she was
20 hungry, she wanted a bowl of -- she wanted a bowl of
21 Cheerios and there was milk and there was eggnog, right.
22 She didn't pay attention, grabs the eggnog and puts it in
23 the Cheerios, eats it and then she's, like, "Oh, this
24 tastes gross. What is -- what's wrong with the cereal? I
25 think the milk is old." I said, "No, the milk's not old

1 and that's not milk you put in your Cheerios." You know,
2 things like that. Once she puts an egg -- once when she
3 was a kid she put -- puts an egg in the microwave, you
4 know, it was a raw egg, put it in there and turned the
5 thing all the way up high and left it. Figured that she'd
6 come back and the egg would look like a fried egg. Next
7 thing she hears a big bang and sees a light. She opens the
8 thing and there's egg shells and egg all over the
9 microwave. I'm, like, "You got to clean that now." You
10 know, things like that.

11 And she would also try to dress up her cats
12 in clothes and, you know, cats don't like that so they just
13 lay around and get lazy. And she was just really, like,
14 basically a free spirited type of person, you know, wanted
15 to do her own thing and was always happy and basically she
16 followed her own path. And that was the scary thing
17 because even as a kid she would just, you know, wander off
18 and sometimes we wouldn't know where to find her and we'd
19 freak out and call the police and the police would search
20 for her, and then they'd find her, and then bring her home.
21 And then, you know, my mom had to deal with Child Welfare
22 and Child Services a lot because of that. They would think
23 my mom doesn't know how to take care of her kids so then
24 they'd try and take us away. And we'd get angry at my
25 sister because then, you know, that would basically screw

1 up everything with our current situation, with our house
2 and, you know, our lives and, you know, school and
3 everything. And, yeah.

4 And, yeah, I think the worst thing, you
5 know, to ever happen to my family is drugs and alcohol.
6 And that factor is something that's always -- always been
7 there, which is tough to say. But, you know, we grew up
8 around that and we -- like, seeing people battle with
9 substance abuse and, you know, it -- it plays out, like, it
10 -- it stems from problems in their childhood, you know.
11 And my mom never grew up with biological family, you know.
12 And from what I had heard, you know, she didn't have a very
13 great childhood at all. She was abused. My uncles were
14 abused. They all grew up with different families. So as a
15 result of that, they battled with drug abuse and
16 alcoholism. And my mom did a good job, you know, stopping
17 that and quitting that.

18 And, you know, fast forward, you know, we're
19 in Prince George now and even at that time she was still
20 battling with drugs and alcohol. She had a job but it just
21 started to look like that same situation all over, you
22 know. And that was basically the reason we left this city
23 here was because of a similar situation that happened where
24 some creep tried to bother my sister and, you know, we
25 found out about that and left the city. And then we ended

1 up in BC.

2 And -- and now come to think about it a lot
3 of times in my life I had good intuition about things. And
4 kind of just never said anything because it -- you know, I
5 did tell my mom, "It's not a good idea. I don't think we
6 should go there. What is that place like?" You know, I
7 seen it and I was, like, "No. No way." Because we were
8 originally supposed to go to [inaudible response] but, you
9 know, there's no point in -- in, you know, saying, "We
10 should've done this and we should've done that," or,
11 "Could've done this, could've done that," you know, because
12 now, like, you know, time has passed and it already
13 happened. All we can do now is try to get some semblance
14 of justice out of it.

15 **MARIE-AUDREY GIRARD:** Do you have any
16 recommendations for us -- for the National Inquiry, for the
17 Commissioner in how we can change this situation? For
18 things that happened to your sister never happen again.

19 **TIMOTHY AUGER:** Geez, that's a tough one,
20 you know, because, I mean, it's, like, how -- what else
21 would I be able to say, you know? Tell all the kids to
22 stop doing drugs and drinking, you know. Tell everybody
23 who's got things to deal with, you know, to take
24 counselling and, you know, it's not that easy. You know,
25 it's easier said than done and that's definitely how

1 everything usually is in the world today.

2 **MARIE-AUDREY GIRARD:** Sir, do you see, for
3 instance, you're mentioning support -- do you see, like,
4 for instance, at any point, if your family needed support,
5 like, was it provided to you and your family?

6 **TIMOTHY AUGER:** Yeah. Yeah, and you know
7 what? I, myself, I -- I never did take any counselling, I
8 just sat and stared at the big, blue sky. And, you know,
9 let the big guy out there deal with it. Because in the
10 end, you know, they say he's the only way. And those was
11 people who did what they did won't get away. Definitely
12 won't. Because if there's anything that you can do, you
13 know, it's believing that the right thing will happen. It
14 may not happen at the time that you want it to but it will
15 happen. And I've seen that a lot already in my life. You
16 know, I -- I went through tough times and I kept my mind in
17 a positive place. And I kept on believing that. And with
18 my own hard work and effort, the right things started to
19 happen. You got to keep yourself in that positive state of
20 mind even when things go downhill. And it's not always
21 easy. And -- but, you know, you don't have to be superman.
22 You just take a deep breath and, you know, you're still
23 here after that breath then, well, there you go. Still --
24 you're still doing it, you're still making it, you know.

25 And basically it's things like little

1 thoughts like that that keep me -- keep my mind in a
2 positive place. Because I think today about -- you know, I
3 wonder about, you know, what I'd be doing if my sister was
4 still around, you know, what she'd be up to. And, you
5 know, I'll never be able to, you know, completely cut off
6 that feeling of anger and rage that comes with, you know,
7 even the most happiest of thoughts and memories. But it
8 just so happens, I guess, you know, for some people that's
9 how life turns out to be, you know. Take the good with the
10 bad. Mostly the good. You know, it's, like, that
11 question, you know, how full is the cup of water? Is it
12 half empty or is it half full? And I say my cup is more
13 full.

14 And another thing is that, you know, you can
15 never really tell, in great detail, how your life is going
16 to be. But if you take some time to think about it, or,
17 you know, just look in the mirror -- this mirror, you get a
18 clear enough idea. And however dark a person's life, you
19 know, can turn out to be at times, you know, even the
20 littlest -- littlest bit of light could help them find
21 their way. You can always find the light when it's dark.

22 And, you know, after my sister, you know, my
23 mom's way of healing was -- well, she really took that
24 really hard when she -- when what happened happened. And,
25 you know, instead of us, you know, clinging together, we

1 kind of just, split up. And, naturally, for me, you know,
2 I just wanted to be alone because I didn't want to be
3 around the drugs and the alcohol because I seen it right
4 away as, you know, there's no point in indulging in the
5 substances that played a factor in this whole mess for the
6 sole purpose of grief. And it was just frustrating too,
7 you know. At the time, I can say it was mostly just pure
8 anger and hatred for -- just for, like, whoever it was or
9 whoever it is that did what they did, you know. And it's,
10 like, if there's anybody that -- if there's anybody I hate,
11 it's those people. Strongly. Hate's a strong word and
12 I'll use it strongly when it comes to those specific people
13 because they basically destroyed our lives and for what
14 reason, right? For nothing.

15 And, you know, it's basically the same thing
16 plays, you know, goes around and around in my head every
17 time, you know, I think about it. I remember how she was,
18 how happy she was. I remember how -- how free-spirited she
19 was at heart. I remember her love that she had for her
20 cats and, you know, then I think about how she was taken,
21 basically, away from us. And with that, you know, I think
22 a lot of things about that, you know, because we don't know
23 what happened. We don't know what happened. And if we
24 did, well, then whoever, you know, took her life would
25 obviously be in jail right now. And, you know, there's

1 another thing, you know, they could be in jail but just not
2 for this though.

3 So, yeah, then I think, you know, she --
4 even though she was a happy person, there were things that
5 she dealt with that made her very sad inside. You know,
6 she was a -- she was bothered by a family member and that
7 was when she was 11 years old, 10 or 11. She was crying,
8 she told us all. And at the time, that person was only 16
9 years old, he was taken away and I don't know what happened
10 with him, if he was sent to jail. I think he was.

11 And after that, you know, I became very
12 protective towards my sister. And as a result of that, you
13 know, with her stubbornness, it resulted in angers -- or
14 not -- arguments. It resulted in arguments. And, you
15 know, I'd always tell her -- ask her, "Why do you have to
16 be so stubborn?" And, you know, "Can't you just stay home
17 for once?" And, you know, she never really wanted to stay
18 home. And that's because, you know, by -- at that time, we
19 -- you know, we were just getting to that age that, you
20 know, I could pretty much say that we were done, you know,
21 we were teenagers, you know, I was 17 years old. So if we
22 were here in Edmonton, you know, a year after that, I would
23 have moved out of my mom's house and I wouldn't have cared
24 where I went to go stay. Even if it was on the streets. I
25 would have -- I would've went out there to go and find my

1 own place to live so that I could get away from everybody
2 and their problems. And just deal with my life and what I
3 have, you know, on my hands.

4 And I think, you know, because that, like --
5 or at the time, we had a lot of tensions in our house.
6 And, you know, Aielah didn't want to be around, you know,
7 the hostility I guess, because even though, like, things --
8 things -- when I think about how, you know, everything that
9 had kind of, sort of played up to what happened, you know,
10 I never drank at that time, never did drugs. And at the
11 time everybody was always telling me that I was the strong
12 one, you know, that I was the one -- the only link in that
13 house keeping everybody's heads afloat because I was the
14 only one who actually had the wise words to say - [One line
15 redacted pursuant to Rule 55].

16 [Two lines redacted pursuant to Rule 55].
17 So I seen myself as setting the example for those kids.
18 And I'm like, "You know what? Everybody else here is doing
19 these things but it doesn't mean that I have to, you know?
20 And that's what you guys should see is that just because
21 people are, you know, drinking and doing drugs, and this
22 and that, doesn't mean that you have to do that, you know.
23 It's what you call being your own person" type of thing.
24 And also, I understood that, you know, at the same time,
25 the reason why my [family members] you know, do those

1 things is because they all had their own issues to deal
2 with. And, you know, I was never abused sexually in any
3 way, shape or form. You know, I was called names and
4 called ugly but, you know, what kid doesn't experience
5 that, I mean, in today's world? You know, so I was -- I
6 would always think and ask myself, "Why do people have to
7 be the way they are?" And then, you know, I'd think, well,
8 there's a reason for everything. And it was that alone
9 that kind of helped me put things into perspective. You
10 know, because what happened to my sister when she was, you
11 know, 11 years old, that was why, you know. [*Four lines*
12 *redacted - personal information*]. I think it was just that
13 [*Sister 2*] wanted to be Aielah's support and, you know, not
14 make her feel so alienated. And that was why she was kind
15 of her little sister's keeper.

16 And then there was me, you know. I would
17 just sit back and wonder, and observe, and, you know, try
18 and understand, and, you know, I would -- I wouldn't always
19 fight with my younger sisters. Sometimes I just, "You know
20 I love you, I care about you and sorry that we argue. We
21 shouldn't argue because life's too short for that." And,
22 yeah, I ended up drinking on my birthday when I turned 17.
23 And I drank with Aielah and she thought I was funny because
24 I got too drunk. And everybody was laughing at me. And
25 the next day, I woke up just feeling really depressed and

1 really gross and hook -- because of that. Specifically,
2 because of the drinking because, you know, I just, like,
3 you know what? I just don't understand how people can
4 become addicted to this stuff. Like, why, right?

5 And, you know, when I was 23 I overdosed on
6 almost every drug you could think of and that was because
7 of depression because of what happened to my sister. And I
8 didn't want to leave, you know, another heartache on
9 everybody's shoulders. And I'm glad I actually came out of
10 the hospital alive. And I seen light in a different way --
11 life in a different way. And I guess in a way, you know,
12 it helped me deal with a lot of the pain that I already had
13 from enduring the whole traumatic experience of, you know,
14 losing my sister. And then eventually my mom. And, you
15 know, I -- as a kid, I always used to sit and think, and
16 become stressed out about, you know, what's going to
17 happen, you know, when I'm, you know, close to 30 years
18 old? People are eventually going to leave this place and
19 how are they going to leave this place, right? Of course,
20 drugs and alcohol are the reason why. And, yeah, I try not
21 to get, I guess, tangled up in those things.

22 **MARIE-AUDREY GIRARD:** You look like a really
23 strong person.

24 **TIMOTHY AUGER:** Oh, thanks. Yeah, as a kid,
25 I guess, you know, I got used to being alone. And I

1 overcame the urge and the need to cry as a kid from being
2 alone, or feeling scared, you know. And keeping my mind
3 distracted, you know, like, watching movies but then, you
4 know, I'd get these -- I always paid attention to my
5 emotions were the number one thing. If I felt even
6 slightly off I had to, you know, stop what I was doing and
7 sit and think. You know, I'd look out -- look out the
8 window, I'd look at the sky, I'd look at the cars going by.
9 I'd feel the wind or something like that, you know. Little
10 things like that. Put my hands like -- like this or like
11 this, or like -- what is it?

12 And then I'd start thinking, I'd close my
13 eyes and I'd think about, you know, just current things at
14 any time that might, you know, be causing that. And
15 usually I was right, you know, if it was, like, say, at any
16 given time when we were kids, you know, I'd come home and I
17 would, you know, when you walk into the room, you could
18 feel the energy in that room. And I would be able to think
19 and feel, or I -- you know, I'd play around with the idea
20 in my mind, "Okay, this is what's going to happen. Watch.
21 We'll see if it's going to happen and we'll see if we're
22 right or not," you know.

23 And I would sit and draw a picture and I
24 would listen to what's going on around me with my sisters
25 and the TV, and, you know, my mom cooking and, you know,

1 the phone ringing, and everybody, you know, just living
2 their lives. And, you know, sometimes I'd be right, you
3 know, and my mom and my sister would argue, or my sisters
4 would maybe argue with each other or my brother would
5 start, you know, getting bored and then look for people to
6 tease or something like that. And eventually I developed
7 strategies to kind of just disappear without being noticed.
8 And I would hide around the corner, or, you know, be within
9 earshot of, you know, everybody else so that they -- they'd
10 start to wonder, "Where -- where is Tim?" You know, my mom
11 would wonder where I'd go, or where I was and sometimes I'd
12 be in my room, or downstairs.

13 Then, as I got older, then, you know, it
14 was, like, you know, I'd go to a park, or I'd go for a
15 walk, or I'd hang around outside, you know. And all those
16 times that I was alone I would always be thinking about
17 life and what's going to happen, you know, in the future,
18 five years from now, or ten years from now, twenty years
19 from now, you know. And I would just -- I'd think, geez,
20 you know -- you know, thinking about that would bring up
21 things, you know, that were relevant at any time like my
22 sisters and basically my whole family and their whole, you
23 know, doing drugs and drinking, you know, sort of thing.

24 And, you know, I would just wish that, you
25 know, at times that they could just see that that's not

1 good for them. And I always told my self, "Well, you're
2 not in control of anybody. You can't, you know, force
3 anybody to do anything they don't want to do." And a lot
4 of times, when I was a teenager and a kid, you know, I
5 would tell my [family members] you know, "This stuff's
6 never going to lead you guys down a good road, a road of
7 happiness. And it's never going to bring you the better
8 things in life. And I'm just saying this now because I'm
9 not going to regret not telling you guys that when I'm 30
10 years old. Because you guys are smart, you guys can
11 listen."

12 But, you know what? It's not that I'm
13 relieving myself of responsibility or anything like that
14 but what else can you do when people won't listen to you?
15 You know, and when you care about these people too. And
16 it's just like in one ear and out the other type of thing.
17 And, basically, I do see the reasons, you know, why and how
18 alcohol and drugs played a pretty big factor into
19 everything that happened leading up to my sister's death
20 because she wasn't surrounded by people who, you know,
21 wanted to make things better. They'd say that they would
22 but then, you know, their actions were very different, you
23 know, here.

24 *[Six lines redacted pursuant to Rule 55].*

25 You know, things like that. Everything makes an effect on

1 an 11-year-old kid. You know, especially a girl, you know,
2 because Aielah was very impressionable, very.

3 Like, at 11 years old she -- she was
4 already, you know, kind of like becoming deviant in a way.
5 Stealing clothes from shopping stores and stuff like that.
6 And wandering off, and friends from school and stuff like
7 that. [*Two lines redacted pursuant to Rule 55*]. And that
8 was stressing her out. So, yeah, I mean, like, drugs and
9 alcohol are what my family had, you know, battles with a
10 long time before Aielah ever went missing, and disappeared,
11 and was eventually murdered.

12 And because -- because of her, you know,
13 seeing that a lot of the time, because she experienced it
14 in her childhood, it was, you know, playing out in her
15 teenage years or whatever. And I was always against them,
16 you know, going out to hang out with their friends and
17 eventually drink and do drugs because I knew that's what
18 they were going to do.

19 And I guess I do, in a way, I blame myself
20 for not being there. And I don't know -- I guess you could
21 say I don't know what I would have done. And I think about
22 that. That's one of the things I think about the most, you
23 know. Say I was there, say I did go out there with her and
24 them, and drank and -- I don't think that would have been
25 very great because then I would be impairing my judgement

1 and alertness.

2 And I guess I had a lot of doubt that, you
3 know, they would even listen to me. You know, I -- say I
4 did go out there and said, "Hey, we got to leave, we can't
5 stay here," you know, if they would, you know -- usually
6 how it turned out would be, "Oh, don't worry," you know.
7 "Lighten up," or, "Stop being so paranoid," type of thing,
8 you know. They'd always make the argument to do the
9 opposite, you know. Because there were a lot of times
10 where we were -- me and my brother and my sisters were
11 hanging out and my brother, or my younger sister would get
12 the idea to, you know, steal something. I'd say, "No. I
13 ain't going to do that. I'm stop hanging around with you
14 guys right now. Don't follow me." You know, I would leave
15 and disappear. They would follow me around, my brother
16 would still try and steal things while following us. And
17 then if he got caught, he would say that we were, you know,
18 his accomplices or whatever, you know. We're his
19 accessories. We were there, you know, and trying to get
20 him to do that for us. He would lie and, you know. And
21 that was another reason why I never hung around with him
22 too. Like, there were a lot of times I ended up in the
23 back of a police car because of stupid things like that.

24 So there's a bunch of different things I
25 guess, if you think about when it comes to, you know, the

1 thought of me actually being there for my sister instead of
2 leaving that up to her friends who know nothing about her -
3 - who knew nothing about her even though they said that
4 they were her friends. But, you know, they never grew up
5 with her like I did. And she was very stubborn. And I
6 think, you know, the place that she ended up in, or, I
7 don't know, whatever it led -- whatever led to that -- her
8 hopping in that black van, I think she said that -- or I
9 think somebody told me or my sister that -- somebody told
10 [Sister 2] that Aielah was going to go and get some -- she
11 wanted some weed, right, some marijuana. And these people
12 in that black van were going to take her to go and get
13 that. We'd always told her, you know, that's -- that's
14 that typical scenario where a stranger lures a kid with
15 candy.

16 **MARIE-AUDREY GIRARD:** M'hmm.

17 **TIMOTHY AUGER:** And in this case, the candy
18 was that marijuana. And I told her, "You never follow
19 anybody who offers you the -- the promise of drugs or
20 alcohol," you know. And that was the sort of thing that --
21 that was the sort of thing that we'd always tell her to,
22 you know, beware of that. Don't ever go trying to get that
23 stuff by yourself. And, yeah, I think that -- that was
24 part of they went to the girls were drugged because I
25 remember speaking to her close friend who said that when

1 they were at that party, they were being given cans of beer
2 but the beer was opened. And that was a thing I knew at
3 that time, that you never should ever accept an open drink
4 from a person. If it's in a glass, pour it out or leave
5 it. If it's a can, make sure it's closed. If it's a
6 bottle, make sure the cap is still tight on it. If the cap
7 is loose, put the drink down. And I think that's how they
8 got split up because it wasn't just girls that went out
9 into that party because they -- the way -- the situation
10 was that it was my two sisters and then their two friends,
11 and their two friends had their two brothers with them.
12 And those -- Aielah was going out with one of those boys
13 and [Sister 2] was. And they all -- the six of them went
14 to that party -- the four girls and the two boys went to
15 that party. And I think they ended up in a -- a house with
16 shady people who do drugs. And those people, you know,
17 mastered up a plan and split them all up to separate them,
18 you know. I honestly hope that, you know, even if these
19 people are never found, I guess one way to make sure that
20 this never happens to anybody else is basically to be more
21 vigilant when it comes to things like drugs and alcohol
22 because if this were a party that they were going to where
23 these was none -- none of that, I think, you know, this
24 would have been a lot more different, you know. And I
25 think it would be -- well, I can't say that it wouldn't be,

1 I mean, you know, there are a lot of crazy people out
2 there. But basically be more vigilant and more watchful.
3 And also -- I don't know, there's a whole bunch of things
4 that I -- I'm actually thinking about right now that could,
5 you know, help this thing -- to make sure that this never
6 happens to anybody else. And one of them being is if
7 you're going -- if -- if a kid is going to hang out with
8 their friends, you know, I guess it's that parents should
9 talk more about -- more about -- more with their children
10 about how to use the eyes behind their head because my mom
11 always used to tell us that, "Use the eyes behind your
12 head," you know. "Somebody offers you something, don't go
13 for it. Or if they do, make sure that somebody's with
14 you," you know, that type of thing. You know, and when it
15 came to the four of us always hanging out together, we were
16 always together, that's why nobody ever tried anything.
17 There were a few times -- lots of times, as a kid, when I
18 would go and use a washroom in a gas station and my sisters
19 would be standing out front and some car would stop and
20 look at them and say, "Hey, what are you guys doing?" And
21 then they'd say, "Leave us alone." And I'd come out and
22 then that car would drive away. And they'd say, "Hey, Tim,
23 see that car? They stopped and asked us what we were
24 doing." I said, "Those guys are pigs," you know. And
25 they're, like, "Yeah, no kidding. Lucky that you're here."

1 Like, "Yeah, no kidding." Sick people are everywhere. And
2 there's lots of things that people can do to make sure that
3 this never happens. And, yeah, I guess, you know, for the
4 most part, the biggest one being is, you know, it's the
5 whole drug and alcohol thing. That's the biggest one, and,
6 you know, I just can't shake that because your friends can
7 be the best friends in the world but they won't be able to
8 help you and protect you if they're all drugged up and
9 high, and, you know, they've been, you know, even drugged
10 against their own will. How are you going to defend
11 yourself against a -- a slithery, sneaky predator, you
12 know, when people are, you know, that sort of situation.
13 Like, I don't think that they knew that and they obviously
14 didn't have that in their minds. So, yeah, you know,
15 identifying the reasons and how to avoid them too, also I
16 start to blame myself because I was 100 percent against
17 drugs and alcohol at that age so I would have told them,
18 "Don't drink." And, "Don't smoke anything they give you.
19 And if you do smoke it, better smoke it at home. And if
20 you do smoke it, smoke a little bit," you know, because
21 that way you'll have better safeguards, you know, and you
22 won't be in -- necessarily in harm's way because when my --
23 when we were teenagers [*two lines redacted pursuant to Rule*
24 *55*]. My mom would tell them not to but they still would.
25 But then, you know, how's -- how -- how do you -- [*two*

1 *lines redacted pursuant to Rule 55]*. It's not going to
2 work. See, you -- you know? And these tiny examples are
3 factors in an among ---

4 **MARIE-AUDREY GIRARD:** M'hmm.

5 **TIMOTHY AUGER:** --- themselves that played
6 into this whole thing. So, you know, my sister going out
7 to hang out with her friends, and drink and do drugs, you
8 know, it was naive of me to think that she would be able to
9 come back. And with that reason alone, I guess I blame
10 myself for that. And it's not just me. I think my
11 brothers and my sisters do too. And my mom did probably,
12 most likely a lot because she had a really tough time after
13 that. A really tough time. And I just tried to be there
14 for her the best that I could. And I try not to blame
15 myself too much for these things because, you know, I don't
16 know exactly how evil these people were. You know, I don't
17 know if they had guns around that they would use --
18 could've used to threaten them, scare them, you know, force
19 them to do things they didn't want to do. You know, to
20 force the situation to happen the way they wanted it to
21 happen. And I think there are people out there who know
22 what happened, who were there, even if they didn't play a
23 direct part in it. They might have been nearby. And them
24 too, that makes them directly a part of the problem.

25 And that's what leads me to say that there's

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1 more than one person involved because there's the person,
2 there's the person who does the dirty work, and then
3 there's the -- you know, the other people who keep their
4 mouths shut and turn their eyes, and shut their ears, you
5 know. And I don't know, I hope one of them slips up. I
6 really hope so. I hope one of them caves in. I hope one
7 of them can't stand the guilt. I hope one of them somehow
8 just snaps and lets it all out, you know. And then we'll
9 really be able to ---

10 **MARIE-AUDREY GIRARD:** Maybe get some
11 closure.

12 **TIMOTHY AUGER:** Yeah. Definitely. I was
13 actually considering going to a psychic leader because of
14 all this. You know, I told my girlfriend about it and she
15 said, "It's unnatural." You know, everybody has their
16 opinions and their views, and I never considered doing
17 something like that, ever in my life, for any specific
18 reason but, you know, now, yeah, definitely. Definitely, I
19 would. You know, and, yeah, I don't know, like, now, you
20 know, ten years after, ten-plus years after the --
21 everything had happened, I -- I try -- I try not to -- I
22 guess I try not to blame myself too much.

23 **MARIE-AUDREY GIRARD:** Well, thank you for
24 sharing this with us today. I think -- well, to know what
25 happened -- and I think you put it right, you know, all the

1 factors that add up leading to what happened to your
2 sister, I think it's really important to understand these
3 contexts and [inaudible response] and for you to share that
4 with us today, I think, is really powerful, really, really
5 powerful, and really prudent for us because that's -- we
6 want to understand what's happening, right. What -- what
7 leads to those kinds of situation. And I think you really
8 brilliantly explained what lead up to this situation,
9 right. How it was possible for this situation to happen,
10 right. And I think you're right when you say you shouldn't
11 blame yourself for that because -- because you have nothing
12 to do with it.

13 **TIMOTHY AUGER:** Yeah. Because, yeah, like,
14 my mom was a really good mother. She tried hard, really
15 hard, worked really hard and did a good job with each and
16 every one of us. She was never -- she was not perfect and
17 she would even say herself, you know, "I wouldn't -- I
18 wouldn't call myself motherly," or -- but she did her part
19 and she told us, you know, the things that we needed to
20 hear, that ever child and, you know, every parent should
21 tell their kids. And it's those important things in life.
22 And, you know, me as a kid, you know, I -- I wasn't just
23 told, "Stay away from drugs and alcohol," but I seen the
24 reasons why I should stay away from drugs and alcohol.

25 And me -- now, in my sister's case, she just

1 -- you know, and I think it's with a lot of people, she
2 didn't like being alone. Me, on the other hand, it was
3 different. I was able to, you know, I was like a cup of
4 water, you know, I didn't like to be -- I can find my point
5 of stillness when I'm left alone. Otherwise when there's,
6 you know, other people around and it gets to be too much,
7 the waters get too shaky. So I'd have to, you know, take a
8 break and, you know, clear my mind and let everything
9 become still again. You know, see, "Okay, this is where I
10 am, this is what's happening, this is where things are."
11 You can't do that when you're on drugs and you're drinking.
12 It clouds your mind, it clouds your judgement, it messes
13 with your emotions. You know, it messes with your thoughts
14 and then you find yourself in stupid situations and, you
15 know, the situations, otherwise, that you never would have
16 been in.

17 And, you know, with my sister's situation,
18 she just wanted friends. You know, everywhere she'd go,
19 everywhere she went, she, you know, wanted to be with
20 friends. She -- she didn't like, like, being -- being
21 alone. But at the same time, like, she didn't want --
22 like, she didn't like being alone but I guess in her own
23 way she benefited from that. And, specifically, you know,
24 when it comes to the night that she went out and, you know,
25 eventually never came back, their gathering was all

1 revolving around drugs and alcohol and going to a house
2 party no less, you know. If, say, that they went to, you
3 know, their friend's house and they stayed there and they
4 drank, and, you know, smoked their marijuana then, you
5 know, nothing bad would have happened.

6 And that's another thing too, you know,
7 because these -- like, my sister identified herself, you
8 know, with these, you know, group of kids because, you
9 know, the group pretty much, you know, can identify, like,
10 grew up pretty much the same. We weren't made of money, we
11 didn't come from middle class families, we were kind of
12 poor, you know, and so, you know, these kids, you know,
13 talking about how life was like at their house, basically,
14 was like life at our house, you know. My mom did drugs,
15 and my mom didn't want us to do drugs but she battled with
16 it because of, you know, problems in her life that she went
17 through. And, you know, my older sister too, and my older
18 brother, and then, you know, my younger sister and me, you
19 know. I would think why am I different? Why am I not
20 doing these things? Well, it's because, you know, I'd see
21 -- I'd -- I'd see the effect and I'd know -- I'd know right
22 away, you know, this is what's going to happen, this is --
23 do I want to be like that? No. Do I want any of these
24 problems that that could bring? No. And my sister, she --
25 well, she was free-spirited and stubborn, and wanted just

1 to have fun. And in her -- in her eyes and her mind, that
2 was a way of having fun was doing that.

3 Now, it's not recommended that parents let
4 their kids smoke marijuana and drink all the time but in
5 this situation, you know, at that time, you know, their
6 friends and, you know, their parents, they would let them
7 do that because they'd be at home, you know, safe and not
8 out there doing that, you know, where they don't know where
9 they are, they don't know what's happening.

10 And my mom would, you know, she thought of
11 that and she was, like, "Okay, that makes -- that actually
12 kind of does make sense because at least they're here, at
13 least I know where they are. At least I can tell them to,
14 you know, say they do something and, you know, they smoke
15 some marijuana and it's laced with something, they can
16 phone the police, they could phone, you know, the hospital,
17 they can have them sent there and then they could ask them
18 where they got that stuff. And then, you know, see where
19 that goes." That's the way of, you know, kind of
20 combatting that whole problem of drugs and alcohol and, you
21 know, teenagers doing that stuff, and then, you know,
22 eventually that whole scenario, sort of, preventing that,
23 you know, what happened to my sister basically because my
24 mom -- my -- my mom didn't want them drinking, you know, in
25 the house. And my sisters' friends weren't welcome there

1 to drink and do drugs there so they would often go to their
2 house and take my sisters with them, and that's where they
3 would drink and do their drugs and whatnot, and hang out,
4 and that sort of thing.

5 You know, another thing too that would've
6 made this -- you know, would've prevented this is cell
7 phones. They never had smartphones in 2005. But if they
8 did, guarantee, I'm sure my sister would've answered her
9 phone. "Where are you?" "I'm here, I'm there," you know.
10 And it would've turned out, I guess, a lot better.

11 So, yeah, you know, I had always -- I'd
12 always thought that -- that we would leave that city and,
13 you know, things would be okay. And it didn't turn out
14 that way. And I guess all we can do is hope now that, you
15 know, the right thing will happen and that we won't be left
16 wondering what's going to happen, or where they are sort of
17 thing.

18 **MARIE-AUDREY GIRARD:** Absolutely. Well, for
19 me, I think I have the information, like, I wanted to ask.
20 Is there anything else you would like to add before we
21 finish?

22 **TIMOTHY AUGER:** I think I pretty much got
23 everything.

24 **MARIE-AUDREY GIRARD:** Well, again, thank you
25 for sharing this. I think it's really important. And for

1 trusting us enough to share those really sensitive thing
2 and how you're feeling about it. I know it's -- it's hard,
3 it's difficult to share those kinds of things so thank you
4 for trusting me, myself, today, to share with me and the
5 Inquiry. And I think it will be -- it is really important
6 for us to receive those kinds of -- your truth and your
7 story. So thank you very much for sharing.

8 **TIMOTHY AUGER:** You're welcome.

9 **MARIE-AUDREY GIRARD:** Okay. So if it's okay
10 with you, I will turn off the camera right now an the ---

11 **TIMOTHY AUGER:** Yeah.

12 **MARIE-AUDREY GIRARD:** --- recorder. I'll
13 just check what time it is. So it's 2:44 and I'm turning
14 off the recorder. I'm sorry, I went a little bit over.
15 --- Upon adjourning at 2:44 p.m.

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