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MARIE-AUDREY GIRARD: Okay. Hi, my name is Marie-Audrey; I work with the National Inquiry. We are in Edmonton and -- November 18 and it's 9:37 that we're starting this statement. I would like to ask, first of all, if you're okay if we record this session? We have a camera and an audio recorder. If you agree both that we are recording this session?

JULIE ANN ANTOINE: Yes, I agree.

JAMIE HAINES: I agree.

MARIE-AUDREY GIRARD: Thank you very much. Can I ask you to introduce yourself, please?

JULIE ANN ANTOINE: Good morning. I'm Julie Ann Antoine from the Skeetchestn Indian Band, the Secwepemc Nation.

JAMIE HAINES: Good morning. My name is Jamie Diane William (Ph.). I am from Skeetchestn Indian Band. I live in the community.

MARIE-AUDREY GIRARD: Thank you very much.

Thank you very much for being with us this morning. So as I said, my first question for you this morning will be what would you like to share with the National Inquiry? What would you like to share with us today?
JULIE ANN ANTOINE: What I'd like to share is my daughter and how things went for the two weeks that they held her. It was on April 27th, 2013 that she was a guest in a house fire. And the -- the man that set the fire is David Gordon (Ph.). He -- he was living in a -- in a place that had four units, or he just came there with -- with -- a friend invited them there. And he got into an argument with his common-law wife and he spilled alcohol on her. And he threatened to set fire to her and she escaped and she called 911. And that was the first call to the residence.

And but sometime during the -- the evening he decided he -- he decided he was going to set fire to her clothing -- he was angry with her and he was going to set fire to her clothing. And he put accelerant on there and -- or the -- they were trying to -- they said that he used accelerant. And he -- he set fire to her clothing. He put the, like, his lady's clothing in a -- in a pile and he set fire to it. And he didn't bother notifying any them people that lived in the unit, which was four people. And he didn't consider that and he just set fire to it. And apparently he -- he had been drinking along with [inaudible response] at the time that happened.

And Cheryl, my daughter, she was in the unit and -- when the fire started. And that was on April 27th,
2013. She survived for four days and then we had to make a
decision to take the ---

JAMIE HAINES: Life support.

JULIE ANN ANTOINE: --- life support off.

And that was a decision made by myself, and my son Jason,
and my youngest son Earl. The daughters could -- didn't
want to make that decision, or anyone else in the family.
So the three of us had to decide and it was a very hard
decision. And when we made that decision, and they pulled
the life support, it was very hard saying goodbye.

Firefighters had found her. They were there
within minutes and they looked around in the -- in the unit
and they found her. She was already unconscious. Two of
the firefighters took her out from the building, put her on
the ground until the ambulance came. She never -- she was
unconscious until -- until she left. She never regained
conscious.

And the time we were preparing everything
for her burial, we couldn't -- we couldn't do it. We had
to bring her from Kamloops to Vancouver for ---

JAMIE HAINES: An autopsy.

JULIE ANN ANTOINE: --- an autopsy. She had
one in Kamloops but they did another one in Vancouver.

JAMIE HAINES: It took two weeks for -- for
her to come back home from the autopsy.
JULIE ANN ANTOINE: Yeah, two weeks. And we couldn't have a proper burial for her -- proper goodbye because she was already -- we had to put her away right away, couldn't see her.

And then they -- by then they had deemed -- deemed Gordon under arrest in -- in this -- in Kamloops. And at the time of questioning, he -- he said that he set fire to the house -- or to -- yeah, to that house. And he -- he talked to the RCMP and he let them know that he was the one that set the fire.

We brought her back for burial, I didn't remember leaving the house, I didn't remember anything at the cemetery. I didn't know where she was buried. Then a week later, I asked my cousin to drive me there so I could see where she was buried because I couldn't remember. I couldn't remember anything. I went home, I was there for two days, my uncle helped me, my sister came, made sure I had something to eat. But it was weeks, months.

We ended up back in court -- ended up in court for a week in May. And then they put it off again until October. And I was there most of the time by myself at the court, and it was very hard. And it was hard facing him, it was hard seeing him sitting there. And it just was like he didn't have a care in the world, there was no feeling. There was no feeling, no thought, no nothing from
him. It was just -- it was just there.

And then in October it went for a whole month. That was the hardest. It is like watching a movie over, and over, and over for me because some of the statements were repeated often. Then it -- it went on for a whole month. We had the firefighters, responders, ambulance people, people that -- that answered the -- David Gordon's knock on the door for help, "Call 911." They were there. It was hard hearing things, you know. It was hard listening to how she wasn't responding and how hard the firefighters and responders tried the -- giving her CPR. It was very hard listening to it.

The one afternoon I had to leave. I think it was the third week I had to leave in the afternoon because I -- I got really sick, I couldn't -- couldn't take it anymore. And I just left. I couldn't stay for the full day.

Then the whole -- end of October they decided that there was going to be -- that they were going to -- to talk about it at -- in December. December came, it was two years, right?

JAMIE HAINES: Yeah, it was two years.

JULIE ANN ANTOINE: Two years in court. Some parts I've missed in the court but I can't remember, you know. It's kind of hard for me to remember some parts.
I don't know if I just block it off. I -- there are parts that I do remember and it's very hurtful.

She worked for the Sk'elep School in Kamloops, First Nation school. She was a cook there. She also attended the Simon Fraser University. She was just another semester, I think, another full semester and she would have finished her Criminology at Simon Fraser University. I tried to make her go but she didn't want to leave her daughter.

MARIE-AUDREY GIRARD: How old is Cheryl's daughter?

JULIE ANN ANTOINE: Cheryl's daughters?

MARIE-AUDREY GIRARD: Yes.

JULIE ANN ANTOINE: She's 25 now.

MARIE-AUDREY GIRARD: Twenty-five. Okay.

JULIE ANN ANTOINE: The youngest one is 23.

MARIE-AUDREY GIRARD: Twenty-three. Okay, thank you.

JULIE ANN ANTOINE: That was very hard on them because it was so hard watching my children. My two sons, they loved their sister so much and she was a big part of their lives. She -- she was everything, you know, she -- she was a big supporter for them. She was always there for her brothers. Her daughters, she was there -- and it was so hard watching my youngest granddaughter
It was hard watching them both, it was hard watching the whole family suffering. I did my best to be strong but I just -- it hurts and I couldn't -- I didn't have anymore strength left. It was very emotional, very hard on the whole family for a long time.

She was loved by everyone -- everyone. She was so thoughtful, so giving, sharing, she was kind-hearted mother, daughter, sister, best friend, best -- she was the best auntie around to all her nieces and nephews. She adored them.

When she worked for the Kamloops Indian Band, she would cook for some of the children and make sure they all had -- had something to eat. Weekends she made little packages for them to take home. That's how thoughtful she was. She shared extra food that was there, she gave it out. She was so kind to the kids. And the kids there just loved her. They planted a tree in her memory. And the sing for her on her -- on the anniversary, they sing. They drum and sing for her, which is so beautiful.

Like I said, she was loved by all. She has many cousins that she spent time with. And it's hard to forget someone like that, someone that's been a part of your life. I raised her. She was premature, two pounds. She was born at the Ashcroft Hospital; she was there for
five months in the hospital before they let her -- released
her to me. I -- I prayed when she was born that she would
live. I prayed so hard. Someone heard me, I guess, and I
raised her until she graduated and moved on. I raised her
until David Gordon took her life.

I prayed on her -- at her bedside that she
wouldn't suffer and that she would leave -- I prayed that
it was the right thing I done letting her go. The jury was
very -- they -- they seen that I was there all the time and
I got to see some of them and it was hard for some of them
because some of them did cry. It was hard for them too.

But then the last -- on the days that he was
going to be sentenced, I felt that the time he got wasn't
good enough. Especially when you don't consider other
peoples' lives, you don't have feelings for them, which he
didn't. I feel that his sentence wasn't -- wasn't enough
because they -- they included time served. That was what
was ---

**JAMIE HAINES:** Two years already served.

**JULIE ANN ANTOINE:** --- two years already
served.

**JAMIE HAINES:** And he only got seven --
seven years. Seven years plus time already served. That
would be, like, time and a half, like ---

**MARIE-AUDREY GIRARD:** That's, like --
usually it's the ---

   JAMIE HAINES: Yeah, time and a half of the
   sentence.

   MARIE-AUDREY GIRARD: And when was he
   convicted?

   JULIE ANN ANTOINE: December 12th.
   MARIE-AUDREY GIRARD: December 12th.
   JULIE ANN ANTOINE: Twenty ---
   JAMIE HAINES: Twenty ---
   JULIE ANN ANTOINE: It would've been 2015.

December 12th, 2015.

   MARIE-AUDREY GIRARD: So do you know, like,
because it happened April 27, 2013, do you know, like, to
the best of your knowledge what the time -- because I see
there's a two years difference between the -- the moment he
committed this crime and the moment he was convicted.

   JULIE ANN ANTOINE: Uh-huh. It was lawyers.
   MARIE-AUDREY GIRARD: I see.
   JULIE ANN ANTOINE: They -- he had two --
two -- three lawyers. The first two he -- the first one
didn't want to -- didn't want to -- to help him or
whatever.

   JAMIE HAINES: Didn't want to represent him.
   JULIE ANN ANTOINE: They -- the first one
didn't -- didn't want to -- to -- to help him. And the
second one did they same, they didn't want to. And then it
took time because they had to review -- they had to go back
and review ---

MARIE-AUDREY GIRARD: I see.

JULIE ANN ANTOINE: --- everything, like,
you know, the -- his lawyers had to review everything. All
the -- his statements, everything. And then they had to --
they had to -- I can't remember what I was going to say.

MARIE-AUDREY GIRARD: It's okay.

JULIE ANN ANTOINE: The lawyer -- the
lawyers, they had to review all the statements and then
they had to call the people -- the people that were
supposed to come in, the witnesses and his witnesses and --
and all the firemen, everyone. They had to -- they had to
call them up. So that took time -- took time for ---

MARIE-AUDREY GIRARD: I see.

JULIE ANN ANTOINE: -- for -- for them to --
to get all the people that was supposed to come in -- the
witnesses. And that's what took time.

MARIE-AUDREY GIRARD: I see.

JULIE ANN ANTOINE: Everything -- and -- and
then my lawyer -- or the prosecutor, he -- he did
everything he could, you know, he -- he worked so hard at --
-- and I really appreciate all the hard work that he done.

All the questions, everything, you know. It was very hard
and he knew it was hard for me at times. And then they'd
call for -- for a recess or some -- but for me, I -- I --
I'm still angry at him. It hurts a lot to see, you know, what happened. He's probably going to be out shortly, you
know, he'll -- he'd be out around there. My daughter won't
be -- won't be here to enjoy the family, friends.

My son was very angry. My youngest son earl was very angry that the time that David Gordon got. He
felt it wasn't fair.

**MARIE-AUDREY GIRARD:** Wasn't fair.

**JULIE ANN ANTOINE:** Yeah, wasn't fair.

There were things that we couldn't do in the court was --
one of them was I -- we couldn't wear the t-shirt,
otherwise they'd put us -- they'd arrest us so we had to
cover it up, we couldn't wear it in the court.

**MARIE-AUDREY GIRARD:** And do you remember
who told you you couldn't wear the t-shirt in court?

**JULIE ANN ANTOINE:** His -- his lawyer.

**JAMIE HAINES:** Yeah, it was ---

**JULIE ANN ANTOINE:** Tessovitch -- the late
Tessovitch.

**MARIE-AUDREY GIRARD:** Yeah. Do you know if
the judge ever said this -- like, ever ordered that? Or it
was just a different ---

**JULIE ANN ANTOINE:** What did the judge say?
JAMIE HAINES: Judge just agreed with him.

MARIE-AUDREY GIRARD: Okay, I see.

JAMIE HAINES: Yeah.

JULIE ANN ANTOINE: They had three different -- two different -- or three different judges the whole time. It's kind of hard for -- make -- make some things and I try -- try to remember some things but it's blocked -- it's at the very back. It's just -- just one thing I want to say is if he ever does anything wrong, he will go back for the ten years and then I will be happy for at least that. But even ten years aren't long enough. I totally disagree with time served, I disagree with that. I don't think that they should -- anyone should get that time served when it -- when they deserve to pay for the consequences of whatever they done. [Speaking in Indigenous Language]

JAMIE HAINES: I'm just listening to you.

JULIE ANN ANTOINE: Is there anything you want to ask me?

MARIE-AUDREY GIRARD: Yes. You've been talking a little bit about Cheryl, how she was, how such a nice person, such a loved person she was. And us at the National Inquiry, we want to know more about -- about Cheryl. Do you have any good memories of her you would like to share? Or a happy moment you had with her.
**JULIE ANN ANTOINE:** Oh, my happy times was
meeting her for lunch on Wednesdays and Fridays.

**MARIE-AUDREY GIRARD:** Oh.

**JULIE ANN ANTOINE:** Spending that time with
her. And I'd give her money, go to the casino and she'd
win money. She'd come back and she'd share. We had a lot
-- we had -- shared a lot of good -- good times. We'd plan
things together. Sometimes she'd ask me to help her plan a
Christmas dinner or family dinner and she'd ask me what we
should have. You know, she was just all -- always worried
about, you know, having things right there for everybody
when they came for dinner.

And she had so many friends. You know, she
had friends, she -- she never looked down on anyone.
Everyone she'd talk to and respected regardless of, you
know, who they were, what they were. She -- she was just
that kind-hearted. She was with her -- with all the
family, like, her cousins and she made sure that her little
nephew, she made sure she called them, Facebooked then,
just -- just to say, "Good morning," or just to see what
they're doing during the day. She was always like that.
If there was something wrong in the family somewhere, she'd
be right there to help them.

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

**JULIE ANN ANTOINE:** And my proudest moment
was when she graduated an SFU and her Bachelor's. And
that's -- she was studying for her Criminology. And she
did her -- her -- do you call that, your exams. She did --
she went online and she found a First Nations person in the
United States and she wanted to know what it's like in
their prison, what their system -- what it is like for
First Nations people. And how many, you know, were there,
you know, and, you know, she had -- she just had a list of
questions. And she -- she did her -- she did her exam on
that. It was through an inmate in the States, just -- just
a First Nations to find out what it's like for -- for them
now -- for First Nations down in the States. She
interviewed him by -- on the phone. And there was only, I
think, 15 or 20 minutes she was allowed. She interviewed
him and he wrote a letter to her and explained other things
to her.

So she really enjoyed her -- her work. She
enjoyed going to university. And most of all, she loved
her -- giving her brothers a rough time. And she was the
boss for them. They'd get out of line or do something
wrong, she'd be there to correct them. She was their
little boss.

She was a wonderful mother, beautiful
daughter. Her oldest daughter graduated, her youngest
graduated and her daughter got a job at Tim Hortons. And
she was -- she worked there -- two years there and she was a manager. Then she moved on. Now she's a manager for [Employer] and they're training her for something else. So she did a very wonderful job of raising her daughters. It's wonder -- it's wonderful to see my granddaughters, you know, but when I go there, I just feel emptiness, like, yeah. I visit my granddaughters; I love them so much. I let them know all the time.

Everything that she did, she always did for others. Some of her friends come to her for advice, she'd give them advice, whether it's about education, work, or she was just so thoughtful for other people. I miss her as right now, like, I know she'd be helping me. She -- she used to always just -- she'd buy my clothes for me. She'd buy me my clothes; she would help me go to the doctor. It was, like, ah, just whatever I needed, she'd help me. And if she needed help, she'd call me. Middle of the night she'd call me, phone me up, talk to me. I miss those phone calls. Sometimes when the phone rings at night, I expect it -- her to be calling me. A little break?

**MARIE-AUDREY GIRARD:** Of course. Of course. It's 10:09 and we're taking a small break.

--- Upon recessing at 10:09 a.m.

--- Upon resuming at 10:28 a.m.

**MARIE-AUDREY GIRARD:** So we are back. It's
-- it's 10:28 and I am with Julie Ann and Jamie, myself Marie-Audrey. And we are coming back from the break we just took. So Julie Ann, you've been talking about the court process, about -- about what happened in the fire that was started by Mr. David Gordon. Can you tell us a little bit about the process, from your perspective -- the court process and how it went? Could you understand what was going on? Did you have any support from the court? Can you give -- give us information about that?

JULIE ANN ANTOINE: I had support from -- from Neil Flanagan, the prosecutor.

MARIE-AUDREY GIRARD: Okay.

JULIE ANN ANTOINE: And from Kim (Ph.). And two police officers, a lady and a male police officer. The prosecutor, Neil, he informed me everything that was happening and I -- and he gave me a phone number that I could reach him if I had questions at any time. And if he wasn't there then Kim filled in for him. He -- after each court, he'd come over and he'd explain things to me like I -- I had any questions he'd explain the process of what the -- what their -- what the other lawyer was going through with -- with Mr. Gordon.

MARIE-AUDREY GIRARD: M'hmm.

JULIE ANN ANTOINE: And that was after -- that was after every -- every -- every court, after.
Sometimes we went until 5:00, started at nine and we went until nine -- or 5:00. And there were many days like that, long hours. And they were very supportive and the RCMP, the -- the female constable, she'd call me at home to check up on me to make sure I was okay. They both did.

There was -- there were times that we'd have to take breaks and that, and seeing a lot of people that came for support -- both from the Kamloops Indian Band, the Skeetchestn councillors, Chief -- and Chief, and from Boneaparte (Ph.). All three communities, they'd come together for support.

There was one incident that one day that we were going into court and there were ladies marching outside the courthouse. And I don't know how they got a hold of Cheryl's picture but they had her picture and they were marching outside the courthouse. And Earl had asked someone to -- to -- to take her picture off there because it affected the court ---

MARIE-AUDREY GIRARD: M'hmm.

JULIE ANN ANTOINE: --- where the court was going because we couldn't wear our t-shirts so we thought we -- they had her picture on there and that would affect the process. But that didn't help, he didn't -- he still didn't get the -- a full sentence, what he should have gotten because he only -- he had manslaughter and he had
two other incidents. That's what he was charged with manslaughter. And the two other ---

JAMIE HAINES: He had a long history of criminal charges.

JULIE ANN ANTOINE: Yeah. He's well known in Vancouver.

MARIE-AUDREY GIRARD: And you said on the night of April 27th that there were three other people in the unit. Was anyone else injured?

JULIE ANN ANTOINE: No.

MARIE-AUDREY GIRARD: No.

JULIE ANN ANTOINE: Everybody made it out okay.

MARIE-AUDREY GIRARD: I see. I see.

JULIE ANN ANTOINE: The smoke in the house was right down -- right down to -- what, to the floor. Some of the had to crawl out of their units because there was four units and four ---

MARIE-AUDREY GIRARD: M'hmm.

JULIE ANN ANTOINE: --- different people live there, five with Mr. Gordon. But he was a guest in that place though.

MARIE-AUDREY GIRARD: I see.

JULIE ANN ANTOINE: The gentleman that owned the unit invited him because he didn't have a place to
stay. So he invited him there to stay until he could get a place of his own. He ended up doing -- burning that building.

On the last day in court, December 12th, we had to wait until -- what time was it?

JAMIE HAINES: Until just about 4:00.

JULIE ANN ANTOINE: No, after four. It was five or something.

JAMIE HAINES: It was six.

JULIE ANN ANTOINE: Yeah, six.

JAMIE HAINES: M'hmm.

JULIE ANN ANTOINE: We had to wait until they announced his -- the time he was getting, the time he deserved. But the one incident was with his -- with his common-law wife for beating -- beating her up and ---

MARIE-AUDREY GIRARD: Hm.

JULIE ANN ANTOINE: --- and they didn't charge him for -- I don't think it was included in there where he was trying to murder her. And the other charge, I don't know if it was -- there was a couple charges that he was charged with besides manslaughter. And the dirty rat will be out next month on the 12th.

I tried calling the -- his -- at the -- what do you call those guys? Probation officer.

MARIE-AUDREY GIRARD: Uh-huh.
JULIE ANN ANTOINE: But I didn't get a call back. So I'm going to try again on Monday.

MARIE-AUDREY GIRARD: And were you given the opportunity to make final submission? Like, a -- like to have, like, a conclusion remarks in court?

JULIE ANN ANTOINE: Yes.

MARIE-AUDREY GIRARD: Yeah.

JULIE ANN ANTOINE: I had a statement and the prosecutor took it and he just took parts of it.

MARIE-AUDREY GIRARD: Okay.

JULIE ANN ANTOINE: He didn't read the whole thing, he just took certain parts in there. And the parts he took was -- I can't remember what parts he took in there.

JAMIE HAINES: I can't remember either. It's been so long.

MARIE-AUDREY GIRARD: It's okay. It's okay. But just to know that you had the opportunity.

JULIE ANN ANTOINE: Yeah.

MARIE-AUDREY GIRARD: Okay. That's good.

JULIE ANN ANTOINE: The -- one of the -- one of the things that I brought up was, you know, that life he took from me was very hard because she would be here with me yet. She'd be helping me, taking care of me, helping me. And just being together as mother and daughter. The
connection between us was very special.

Her brother Earl, and her and Cheryl, they could communicate without talking. They -- they could have had ---

**MARIE-AUDREY GIRARD:** Think alike.

**JULIE ANN ANTOINE:** Yeah, think alike. And they -- they'd know a question the other's going to ask before they asked it. So that's the kind -- kind of communication they had together. They're very close. And we shared a lot of things and we -- we even shared dreams. Our dreams were, like -- that's how close we were.

When we waited for the sentence, that was a long day. It felt longer than the whole month that they sat in court. It -- I -- it's like I was in a place where it was empty. That's what it felt like when I was waiting. Then when they came down with the sentence, that hurt even more than all the time I sat in the court. It was like my daughter's life wasn't worth anything. I don't know why he didn't get sentenced longer.

It was brought up in court -- his lawyer brought it up that he would -- he joined a religious group while he was in there -- joined a religious group to change his life around, he said. But I don't think it was fair. For the time he got, it wasn't fair. But he made me think about how the system is that -- because they think that a
First Nations woman's life isn't worth anything. That's how I felt about the judge. The jury did their -- did their best. They really did their best. For them, I'm very thankful for the work they spent. Two years in that court is a long time.

The whole family was there. And the girls -- my two granddaughters came. My youngest [inaudible response] Cheryl's youngest, I think, sat outside. She [inaudible response] to come in.

JAMIE HAINES: She came in.

JULIE ANN ANTOINE: They were at court the -- on the day they were going to sentence him. And they had -- they also had their statements. That's always my thoughts is First Nations man and woman isn't -- don't even respect the -- even charge whoever is guilty for their crimes to -- to our First Nations women. It's not fair. They think that every First Nations woman is a drunk, prostitute. A lot of the ladies I see there, they were workers, hard workers. Some of them that I seen when I was in Prince George for the Murdered and Missing Women -- my greatest wish is that they change their thinking about First Nations, the court system, and think of us as human beings. And just -- just someone out there. Is there anything else you want to ask?

MARIE-AUDREY GIRARD: I think I'm good. I
just had one last question. I just want to point it out
that you brought the picture --

    JULIE ANN ANTOINE: Oh, yes.

    MARIE-AUDREY GIRARD: --- of your daughter.

Can you -- can you tell about this picture a little bit?

    JULIE ANN ANTOINE: This picture was taken
at her -- at her place.

    MARIE-AUDREY GIRARD: Uh-huh.

    JULIE ANN ANTOINE: She was having fun that
day.

    MARIE-AUDREY GIRARD: Yeah. It's a
beautiful picture.

    JULIE ANN ANTOINE: Yes. She had a
beautiful smile.

    MARIE-AUDREY GIRARD: M'hmm.

    JULIE ANN ANTOINE: And her eyes used to
have a twinkle in them when she was up to mischief. She
was about 18 days away from her forty-fifth birthday when
this picture was taken I think. About -- just about --
just a -- a little over a year before she was ---

    She was her daddy's girl. When she was as a
baby, she was beautiful. She was so tiny and I was so
scared to handle her because she was four -- not quite four
pounds or something when she came out. And she was so
tiny, she made -- we made homemade diapers for her. We
made the clothes, doll clothes actually.

Then my son Earl made up those t-shirts. And made -- that we were going to use them in the court but they wouldn't allow us to use it. They were going to throw us in jail if we -- if we wore it in court. They said it was -- affected -- Mr. Gordon's trial. But I wore mine in there but it was under my jacket. And the lawyer Tessovitch, he used to give me that look like he knew I had it on underneath. But there was nothing he could do about it. That really upset all my -- my sons and all of our family that was in court when we couldn't wear those t-shirts.

But I -- I really don't want him -- when he -- when he's released from jail, I don't want him back around Kamloops. Just looking at him just totally upsets me. I can't -- to me, he's just nothing. He's just an animal with -- without a thought. Even animals can think but not him. How could someone sit in the middle of the floor and decide to burn something with other people in there? There's no thought there. There's no feeling. No feeling for anybody in unit but himself. He took off out of the building without trying to help other people. He said he would leave for help.

Is there any other question you want ---

MARIE-AUDREY GIRARD: No, I think for today
I'm -- I'm -- like, all the questions I had for -- I've asked you. But I want to thank you for coming and sharing Cheryl's story and introduce ---

JULIE ANN ANTOINE: Yeah.

MARIE-AUDREY GIRARD: --- Cheryl to us.

JULIE ANN ANTOINE: Yeah.

MARIE-AUDREY GIRARD: I think it was -- for us, it's really important to receive your story and your truth.

JULIE ANN ANTOINE: Yes.

MARIE-AUDREY GIRARD: So thank you very much for trusting in us enough to come ---

JULIE ANN ANTOINE: Yeah.

MARIE-AUDREY GIRARD: --- and to tell us about it.

JULIE ANN ANTOINE: I just hope that, you know, that what I say here today about the court system, and about time being served for good behaviour or for however long they're in there should never count in their sentencing. That's my -- my thought.

MARIE-AUDREY GIRARD: Yeah.

JULIE ANN ANTOINE: One greatest wish it won't happen again to anyone or anybody. It's a hard thing to go through to sit there and watch somebody get sentenced for my daughter's life. And to me that's not justice.
MARIE-AUDREY GIRARD: Well, thank you very much. Before I turn on -- turn off the camera, is there anything -- anything else that you would like to add?

JULIE ANN ANTOINE: I can't think of anything. Do you?

MARIE-AUDREY GIRARD: That's okay.

JAMIE HAINES: No, I can't think of anything either.

MARIE-AUDREY GIRARD: That's okay.

JAMIE HAINES: I think we've said all we needed to say.

MARIE-AUDREY GIRARD: Okay. That's good. So then I'll be turning off the camera. The time right now is 10:50 and we are turning off the camera and audio recorder.

--- Upon adjourning at 10:50 a.m.
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