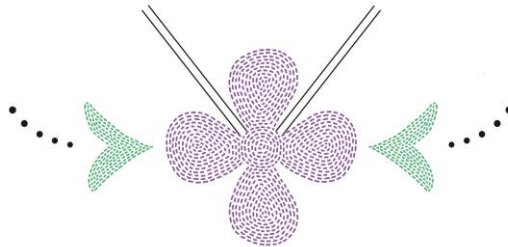


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1 Edmonton, Alberta

2 --- Upon commencing on Monday, November 19, 2018 at 12:44
3 p.m.

4 **MS. MARIE AUDREY GIRARD:** Well, good
5 afternoon. Thank you for being with us this afternoon.
6 Before I start, I would like to know if you agree that we
7 are video-recording and audio-recording this session?

8 **MS. BRENDA GOODSWIMMER:** I give permission.

9 **MS. PATSY CAMPBELL:** Yes.

10 **MS. MARIE AUDREY GIRARD:** Okay. Thank you
11 very much. My name is Marie Audrey. I work with the
12 National Inquiry. We are in Edmonton at -- the time is
13 12:44, and we are Monday, November 19. I would like to ask
14 everybody that is in the room to introduce themselves,
15 please.

16 **MS. BRENDA GOODSWIMMER:** Brenda Goodswimmer
17 from Sturgeon Lake.

18 **MS. MARIE AUDREY GIRARD:** Thank you.

19 **MS. PATSY CAMPBELL:** Patsy Campbell,
20 Sturgeon Lake.

21 **MR. JERRY GOODSWIMMER:** Jerry Goodswimmer.
22 And I also have a Bachelors of Social Work, and I'm also a
23 close relative of this young ladies.

24 **MS. MARIE AUDREY GIRARD:** Okay. Thank you.

25 **MR. GARY MOOSTOOS:** And I'm Gary Moostoos.

1 I'm here as a support, and also related to -- to two young
2 ladies here, and my aunt was the one that they'll be
3 mentioning today.

4 **MS. MARIE AUDREY GIRARD:** Oh, I see.

5 **MR. GARY MOOSTOOS:** And my cousin as well.

6 **MS. MARIE AUDREY GIRARD:** Okay. Thank you
7 for being here. Well, if you're ready, I think I would
8 like to start with my first question, which is for you.
9 What would you like to share with us today?

10 **MS. BRENDA GOODSWIMMER:** My whole life
11 story, I guess. And what I went through when my mother got
12 murdered --

13 **MS. MARIE AUDREY GIRARD:** M'hm.

14 **MS. BRENDA GOODSWIMMER:** -- and my sister
15 got murdered, what I went through. And I'll share a bunch
16 of stuff that I have written here.

17 **MS. MARIE AUDREY GIRARD:** Perfect. What was
18 the name of your mother and your sister?

19 **MS. BRENDA GOODSWIMMER:** Cecile Moostoos,
20 and Philomene Moostoos.

21 **MS. MARIE AUDREY GIRARD:** So would you like
22 to share with us what happened to Cecilia (sic) and
23 Philomene?

24 **MS. BRENDA GOODSWIMMER:** Cecile.

25 **MS. MARIE AUDREY GIRARD:** Cecile. Sorry.

1 **MS. BRENDA GOODSWIMMER:** Yeah.

2 **MS. MARIE AUDREY GIRARD:** Sorry about that.

3 **MS. BRENDA GOODSWIMMER:** Okay. In 1977, she
4 was murdered in Edmonton, but I'll filled a little bit, I
5 guess, where -- she had moved to Edmonton in probably 1976.
6 And there, she had found a job working in an old folks'
7 home. And she had come to visit in -- oh, boy. My
8 daughter was -- my first baby was 14 months old. So that's
9 the last of the photo I had of her when she had come to
10 visit Sturgeon Lake --

11 **MS. MARIE AUDREY GIRARD:** M'hm.

12 **MS. BRENDA GOODSWIMMER:** -- to come visit --
13 visit us. And I already had a home in 1976 'cause my --
14 no, let's see. Yeah, '76. 'Cause my daughter was born
15 March 8th, 1976. She was 14 months old when my mom came to
16 visit.

17 And so when we got that phone call of her
18 being murdered, it was -- the RCMP came to Sturgeon to talk
19 to my step-dad. And, at the time, I already had my first
20 home in a three-bedroom trailer that the band gave me and
21 my husband, but he -- we weren't married then. So I had
22 the trailer. The RCMP paid my step-dad's way to -- on the
23 bus, Greyhound bus, to come identify my mother in Edmonton.
24 How they found out was through a friend from Edmonton,
25 Ronnie (phonetic) Powder was his name, that he was supposed

1 to go identify one of his family members at the morgue.
2 And there, he was the one who recognized my mom and said,
3 "This lady's from Sturgeon Lake." So from what we found
4 out, she was in the morgue for a week, and they didn't know
5 who this body was until that guy came and noticed it was my
6 mom from Sturgeon. So my step-dad came on the bus. Came
7 back the next day on the bus. And then we had the -- the
8 wake and funeral and stuff.

9 I was -- I'm the oldest in the family, I was
10 19 at the time. So I took in my siblings, Patsy, [Brother
11 1], [Brother 2], and Philomene. And I have the notes here.
12 I was 19, the oldest; [Brother 1] was 16 years old; Patsy
13 was 13 years old; [Brother 2] was 7; Philomene was 6. So
14 as the oldest, so I -- it's my job, I guess, you know, to
15 take them in, take care of them. Then my aunt, [Aunt 1]
16 came three times -- finally, three times she came. She
17 kept coming to say, you know, "This is too many for you.
18 I'll take Philomene. I'll take care of her for you." And
19 I didn't want to let her go. But finally, that third time
20 -- 'cause I knew already, like, I was -- it was
21 overwhelming for me to take care of all these siblings,
22 plus, I was just a new mother. So I let her go.

23 And when she got murdered, I got the blame.
24 I shouldn't of let her go. My step-dad blamed me, but I
25 was young. And -- so we kept on with life, you know,

1 taking care of my siblings. And my aunt had promised she'd
2 let us see her, which she didn't. And she never brought
3 her to visit us. She kept her to herself. And so I went
4 on trying -- trying the best I could in that three-bedroom
5 trailer to raise my siblings until, you know, [Brother 1]
6 was old -- older. So he left, went on his own to make his
7 own life.

8 Then Patsy went on his -- her own. Then she
9 -- she got pregnant at a young age. She came to Unwed
10 Mothers Home in Edmonton. And at the time, my grandfather
11 was hospitalized in Edmonton. And I -- I phoned my
12 grandfather in Edmonton Hospital, I said, "Patsy's going to
13 give up the baby," you know, "at -- at the Unwed Mothers
14 Home." Then -- 'cause my grandparents had raised me and
15 Patsy when we were young 'cause my mother was always sick.
16 She had T.B., she was in and out of the hospital. 'Cause
17 growing up, we were always in foster homes. So my
18 grandfather was mad. He said, "No. Go get her." So I
19 came on the bus. I came on the bus with my baby, [R.],
20 then I come and picked up Patsy and [C.]. Then I raised
21 [C.] for a few years with, eventually, my -- my -- yeah, my
22 step-dad was with us at the trailer. How we all fit in
23 that three-bedroom trailer, I don't know, but we managed.
24 And so I took care of [C.]. I have pictures, lots of
25 albums of [C.]. growing up. To this day, she's 39; is it?

1 **MS. PATSY CAMPBELL:** Forty.

2 **MS. BRENDA GOODSWIMMER:** Forty years old.

3 She still calls me mom. She calls me mom, calls her,
4 mommy.

5 And so with my mom dying, I used to have
6 anger 'cause I was just overwhelmed by the responsibility,
7 the work, the caring, the cooking, the cleaning. I used to
8 cry myself to sleep, mad at my mom for dying. I'd go
9 drink. I'd have anger. I'd beat up women. Then I'd go
10 back home, do my responsibilities, you know, taking care of
11 my siblings. And a lot of times, I wanted to kill myself
12 'cause this was too much work for me -- a lot of work
13 raising my siblings. But I tried my best.

14 And, like, [month] 1978, [month and date],
15 was when my daughter was born. And that's the day my mom's
16 death certificate -- 'cause when they finally found out who
17 she was, so on her death certificate, she died [month and
18 date]. But that was a time I -- my -- it so happened a
19 year later my -- my daughter was born, [month and date],
20 right on the day my mom's death certificate. And so my
21 step-dad would babysit when I -- me and my late husband
22 would go drinking. My step-dad never allowed no other
23 babysitters. He was over-protective of my kids, so he'd
24 babysit.

25 And in 1981, me and my late husband decided

1 to get married. Well, we were shacking up for six years.
2 So 1981, August 21st, I got married. My grandfather walked
3 me down the aisle, gave me away. And then he got sick with
4 cancer, so I took care of him in our trailer for two years
5 until his death. He died in 1983. And by then, though, my
6 step-dad was given a home at the old folks' home, so he had
7 his own place. And [Brother 1] stayed at their -- his
8 mom's place, Jerry's mom's. Then he eventually had his own
9 girlfriend, family, and stuff. And [Brother 2], he -- he
10 left the trailer when he was 18.

11 And after my grandfather's death, that was
12 a -- even a big -- I held onto his death for 15 years.
13 Where, with my mom, I didn't really get to know my mom as
14 much as everybody else. Like, you probably know your mom
15 right from birth. Me, I was always in different homes.
16 And we were in foster homes too, and -- off and on reserve.

17 And in 1991, that's when my sister turned
18 18. She -- she left that home, my auntie's place, when she
19 turned 18, went on her own. Went to see my sister, visit
20 her. So we planned that time, October 31st, Halloween's
21 her birthday, we were going to have a big dinner at my
22 place 'cause we were so happy that we got to see her now.
23 That she's 18, she can do what she wants, and my aunt can't
24 hold -- hold her hostage, or whatever. And she didn't show
25 up at my place.

1 'Cause what -- when we had that get
2 together, the plan was you -- we -- you guys come to my
3 house for your birthday, Christmas time, we'll go to
4 Patsy's in Grande Prairie. She lived in Grande Prairie at
5 the time. Christmas came, no Philomene. And she went all
6 over Grande Prairie asking, "Where's Philomene? Has
7 anybody seen her?" She didn't show up. She posted
8 posters, you know, "Has anybody seen her? Phone Patsy."
9 And she eventually did a missing person with the RCMP. And
10 my sister will talk all about the RCMP investigators and
11 all that. She's got all the documents.

12 But, you know, with my mom's death, like, it
13 was -- it -- I feel so angry when I hear these people
14 mistreating their moms, not helping them, and I long to
15 have a mother which I never had. Then the responsibilities
16 that I had to go through. And -- and one day in '91, after
17 my sister's death, I know I needed help somehow. I
18 couldn't live on -- go on living, suicidal, and angry, and
19 still trying to live -- continue living without my mom, and
20 mad at my mom, and mad at the world, mad at everybody. And
21 so I'd go to these workshops, attend community workshops
22 to -- to heal me.

23 Then my mother-in-law was the one that said,
24 "Come to church with me." And then I was mad at God too,
25 like, for taking my mom away, so I never, ever prayed.

1 Then I went to church, and that's what helped me was
2 finding God in my life to help me, to take away the pain,
3 take away the anger, take away -- and the other part that I
4 was so mad at was the justice system. That nothing was
5 ever done. They could have tried harder, but they didn't.

6 And so I went -- kept going to church. Then
7 one day, something said in your -- my heart, "Go to the
8 grave. Go forgive your mom." So I went to the graveyard
9 all by myself. I didn't tell nobody. I went to the grave
10 and forgave her. And I cried, and I talked to her, and as
11 if things has got ripped from my heart, just that
12 heaviness, this -- everything I just wanted to fly in the
13 graveyard there. I just released -- everything got
14 released after that. So went -- went home feeling a little
15 more, you know, go on with my life.

16 And -- and then 2003, 2003 -- hey, I got so
17 much notes here. 2003, I got struck with cancer. I had to
18 have surgery, chemo, radiation. And there too, like, that
19 was the hardest thing to go through chemo for eight rounds.
20 Third -- 33 radiation treatments. I had to come to
21 Edmonton for six weeks, leave my family. My husband stayed
22 and watched the kids 'cause I had -- I have four children.
23 I have four children: three girls, one boy. Today, my
24 children are - [R.] is 40 years old -- no, 42; [L.] is 40;
25 [A.] is 36 and -- no, 30 -- 30 -- 35 I think; and [J.]

1 (phonetic) is 33. Let's see, [J.] and [A.] are three years
2 apart.

3 **MS. PATSY CAMPBELL:** What year was he born?

4 **MS. BRENDA GOODSWIMMER:** '86 and '83.

5 **MS. MARIE AUDREY GIRARD:** Thirty-one, then.

6 **MS. PATSY CAMPBELL:** Yeah.

7 **MS. MARIE AUDREY GIRARD:** For '86.

8 **MS. PATSY CAMPBELL:** Thirty-one.

9 **MS. BRENDA GOODSWIMMER:** Okay. Thirty-one
10 and thirty-three. So [A.] will be 34 this January.

11 So I had cancer, and that was a big trauma
12 in our life. And the whole community, like, I did a lot of
13 volunteering in the community. If there was weddings,
14 funerals, I was always there. And I was the rock of the
15 community, the rock of my whole family. If there was my
16 cousins -- 'cause my mother had a sister and a brother. My
17 aunt had died in '83. The only living relative I have
18 right now is my uncle, he's 82. But everybody used to turn
19 to me for this, for a -- advice, for whatever. I was the
20 rock of the family. And to get struck by cancer and -- but
21 I fought it. I had a fighting spirit. I thought, you
22 know, I went through a lot in my life, so I thought, you
23 know, what? I fought it and -- through prayers, and I
24 pulled through. And I was on stage 4 cancer. And one of
25 the Elders brought me medicine off the land to take. And I

1 honestly know that's what saved me was that medicine. That
2 was in 2003.

3 My late husband was in politics for 16
4 years. He died as a politicianer (phonetic). He passed
5 away in 2010. And that was another devastating thing in
6 our life. I was totally lost without him. I drank for a
7 year and a half when -- 'cause I had quit drinking after
8 finding God and, you know, 'cause without -- I can't say
9 it, spirituality, you're going to be totality lost.

10 **MS. MARIE AUDREY GIRARD:** M'hm.

11 **MS. BRENDA GOODSWIMMER:** So when he passed
12 away, I just let God go. I was mad at God for taking my
13 husband. And I drank for a year and a half, and the
14 community, the Elders, were just worried about me. But I
15 woke up and come out of the alcohol, quit drinking. And
16 then, you -- you know, I had grandchildren to think of, my
17 children. So -- but still, you know, it still hurts. My
18 mom's not here and my sister's not here.

19 And when this Missing Murdered Woman
20 movement come around, me and my sister got invited to come
21 to the one in Edmonton when they brought the vamps. So two
22 of my friends, are friends from the reserve, but they live
23 in Edmonton, one of them was working in that movement,
24 Missing Murdered -- she made vamps for my mom and my
25 sister. We -- we took a -- event. There was so many, I

1 think about 1700 vamps. When we walked in, they were with
2 us. It was so powerful. It was like walking into a -- a
3 wake. Like, we have wakes when somebody dies. It just
4 felt -- it just felt like we were going into a wake with
5 all these dead woman -- missing, murdered -- you know,
6 murdered woman. We went to that. Then we went to another
7 event in Grande Prairie last year, I think. Was it last
8 year? Spring?

9 **MS. PATSY CAMPBELL:** Yeah.

10 **MS. BRENDA GOODSWIMMER:** We went to another
11 one there. And I went to another one here in Valleyview
12 about six weeks ago. There, I talked and shared about my
13 mom and my sister 'cause we have so many in the community
14 that got -- had got murdered 40 years ago, 50 years ago,
15 some still missing that haven't been found to this day. So
16 when Patsy phoned me to see if I'd want to come, at first,
17 I wanted to back away and not re-open my wounds just when
18 I'm healing.

19 Plus, her son just -- we just buried my
20 sister's son from suicide. And our hearts are torn apart
21 right now. It's worse. But I said, "No. I got to go. I
22 got to come support my sister." So hopefully, our
23 story's -- is going to help. So justice system will
24 listen, and try to help these missing, murdered woman.
25 Work harder, get money, funding, whatever, to -- to help to

1 solve all these unsolved mysteries.

2 So hopefully, our story here today is going
3 to help because I would say I've been through hell and
4 back, and I'm a survivor. I would say I'm a warrior. I
5 didn't give up. I just tried to fight as much as I can.
6 Help out people 'cause I've experienced it all. And I
7 don't know what else to say. But it'd be nice if all of us
8 hurting with the missing, murdered, if I could -- we could
9 meet others, give them hugs. Meet others to let them know
10 they're not alone. Have some kind of an event where we
11 could meet other -- other Aboriginals 'cause some
12 Aboriginals aren't as -- as -- some are so shy. And I'd
13 say we're -- in our community, we're -- we got voices and
14 we're strong. And maybe, some way, we could help others,
15 fought for them, advocate for them, or -- you know. I
16 guess, that's all.

17 **MS. MARIE AUDREY GIRARD:** Brenda, I'm just
18 wondering if I can take you back to the start of your
19 statement when you were talking about what happened to your
20 mother -- mother, sorry. Can you give us a little bit more
21 details about what happened to her?

22 **MS. BRENDA GOODSWIMMER:** 'Cause all -- all
23 we were told was she was murdered.

24 **MS. MARIE AUDREY GIRARD:** M'hm.

25 **MS. BRENDA GOODSWIMMER:** Murdered. And it

1 was my auntie -- my auntie was the one who told us that,
2 plus, the RCMP when they come and said it could be your --
3 your mother. All I was told, she was murdered and -- and I
4 regret that. Like, I was young. Why didn't I come to
5 Grande -- Edmonton and do more, you know? But I was young.
6 And today, if it would have happened, I'd be right there,
7 you know, coming to Edmonton and, you know, push the
8 investigators, whoever I have to deal with. I would do
9 anything now. But I was young and --

10 **MS. MARIE AUDREY GIRARD:** I see, yeah.

11 **MS. BRENDA GOODSWIMMER:** Yeah.

12 **MS. MARIE AUDREY GIRARD:** And do you know if
13 anyone was charged with the murder of your mother?

14 **MS. BRENDA GOODSWIMMER:** Yes, he was.

15 **MS. MARIE AUDREY GIRARD:** Yes?

16 **MS. BRENDA GOODSWIMMER:** Yes, he was. She
17 has all the documents.

18 **MS. MARIE AUDREY GIRARD:** Okay. And can you
19 tell us a little bit about Philomene? What -- what
20 happened to her as well, if you have any details?

21 **MS. BRENDA GOODSWIMMER:** With her, when --
22 she went missing for six months. It was through the news
23 and the radio that this couple walking down a walking trail
24 discovered something plastic wrap -- this plastic bag and
25 blankets, it was wrapped --

1 MS. MARIE AUDREY GIRARD: M'hm.

2 MS. BRENDA GOODSWIMMER: -- leaning against
3 this old building. And they went to go check it, and they
4 felt, like, they -- a knee. So that's when they called the
5 RCMP in --

6 MS. MARIE AUDREY GIRARD: M'hm.

7 MS. BRENDA GOODSWIMMER: -- here. Here, it
8 was my sister. And then she -- she did all the phone
9 calls, and -- for that. She'll share all that --

10 MS. MARIE AUDREY GIRARD: Okay.

11 MS. BRENDA GOODSWIMMER: -- about my sister.
12 And we went to -- the hearings of -- my sister's hearing
13 about the -- the guy that got charged.

14 MS. MARIE AUDREY GIRARD: M'hm.

15 MS. BRENDA GOODSWIMMER: And we went there
16 one week listening to all the witnesses on the witness
17 stand. But there wasn't enough evidence to charge that
18 guy. So I had anger with that one too. But then, you
19 know, I wanted to retaliate. I wanted -- then I just --
20 finally, just said to my sister, "No. Let -- let's let it
21 go. Let's forgive him. God will deal with him." Like,
22 that's -- that's how I dealt with her.

23 MS. MARIE AUDREY GIRARD: M'hm.

24 MS. BRENDA GOODSWIMMER: Said, "He'll pay
25 for it at the end." Which he -- he just passed away here

1 in January, eh?

2 MS. PATSY CAMPBELL: Yeah.

3 MS. BRENDA GOODSWIMMER: Last -- last
4 January. And from what the family told us, he died of a
5 drug overdose.

6 MS. MARIE AUDREY GIRARD: M'hm.

7 MS. BRENDA GOODSWIMMER: So it was like a --
8 a sigh of relief. Like, and I thought, "Well, I just left
9 it with God. God will deal with him." And I forgave him.
10 And she -- she'll share -- she'll share all the
11 documents --

12 MS. MARIE AUDREY GIRARD: Okay.

13 MS. BRENDA GOODSWIMMER: -- and re-opening
14 the file. She did all that. So she's more of the
15 paperwork, and I'm the --

16 MS. MARIE AUDREY GIRARD: I see.

17 MS. BRENDA GOODSWIMMER: -- the mother hen.

18 MS. MARIE AUDREY GIRARD: I see.

19 MS. BRENDA GOODSWIMMER: To this day, I'm
20 still the mother, like, for them. So it's hard, but one
21 day I'll see my mom again.

22 MS. MARIE AUDREY GIRARD: And can you tell
23 us a little bit more about your mother. How was she as a
24 person? Any, like, good memories you have of her, or --

25 MS. BRENDA GOODSWIMMER: She -- she loved to

1 clean, she loved to sing while she cleaned. She loved to
2 bake, bake apple pies and homemade bread. And she used to
3 knit. That's what I was saying, "How -- how come mom
4 didn't teach me how to knit?" Then eventually, the Elders
5 told me she would -- she was very in -- like, I used to be
6 a Indian Residential School Health Support Worker --

7 **MS. MARIE AUDREY GIRARD:** M'hm.

8 **MS. BRENDA GOODSWIMMER:** -- 'til I got sick,
9 when that program came in 2007. I worked there for five
10 and a half years with the residential school survivors.
11 From there, I got to know my mom's school mates. They were
12 the ones who shared stuff --

13 **MS. MARIE AUDREY GIRARD:** M'hm.

14 **MS. BRENDA GOODSWIMMER:** -- about my mom.
15 And that my mom was an intelligent, smart woman. She was a
16 honour student. Then, growing up, I guess, she was a nurse
17 at one time. She was a x-ray technician in Edmonton. And
18 she had a good heart. She was comical, liked to laugh.
19 And she sang. And I said, "Well, maybe that's where I got
20 my talent from." 'Cause now I -- I sing and play guitar.
21 Yeah. So there was good memories. But there's bad
22 memories too. Like, we're always in foster homes. She was
23 always in the hospital.

24 **MS. MARIE AUDREY GIRARD:** M'hm.

25 **MS. BRENDA GOODSWIMMER:** So my grandmother

1 and grandfather took us, raised us, and we'd go back and
2 forth. My -- then my step-dad came into our life when I
3 was eight years old. Then they got married in 1967 - July
4 3rd, 1967. And he took us like his own -- his own, like,
5 all the step-children, he -- he took us as his own. Then
6 when my mom got murdered in '77, he stayed with us right to
7 the end. And we just buried my step-dad here --

8 **MS. PATSY CAMPBELL:** August.

9 **MS. BRENDA GOODSWIMMER:** -- he -- he died
10 July 27th --

11 **MS. PATSY CAMPBELL:** Yes.

12 **MS. BRENDA GOODSWIMMER:** Ninety-two -- 93
13 years old. Where we've known in the community, some step-
14 dads, when the wife dies, that step-dad goes lives -- makes
15 another life. But he never. He stayed -- stayed to --
16 stayed with us. And he was grand -- grandfather to my
17 children, and -- and he stayed with us. Like, how awesome
18 is that?

19 **MS. MARIE AUDREY GIRARD:** M'hm.

20 **MS. BRENDA GOODSWIMMER:** Yeah. But him too,
21 he had his -- his own pain. And he was in the long-term
22 care for four years. Like, we could of brought pictures.
23 He always had his wedding picture right by --

24 **MS. MARIE AUDREY GIRARD:** M'hm.

25 **MS. BRENDA GOODSWIMMER:** -- at his bed. And

1 he was lonely, and -- and now, it gives us peace that he's
2 now with my mom. And he just died peacefully. He wasn't
3 sick or nothing. Yeah. So his passing, like, yes, we
4 cried, it hurt. But he did his job here.

5 **MS. MARIE AUDREY GIRARD:** M'hm.

6 **MS. BRENDA GOODSWIMMER:** Not like my nephew,
7 my sister's son, he was my godson. So this Christmas is
8 going to be -- it's going to be hard on us. 'Cause a
9 Native way, her son, her daughter, that's just like my son
10 and my -- like, that's the way we all treat all the
11 brothers and sisters. You take them like your own. And
12 it's going to be hard. And I didn't think I was going to
13 cry. I always was the strong one, but it's -- I've never
14 sat with her to talk --

15 **MS. MARIE AUDREY GIRARD:** M'hm.

16 **MS. BRENDA GOODSWIMMER:** -- what I went
17 through. This is the first time she's hearing it.
18 It'll -- it's going to be my -- probably my first time
19 hearing how she felt too. Because when I started having my
20 kids, she was my babysitter.

21 **MS. MARIE AUDREY GIRARD:** M'hm.

22 **MS. BRENDA GOODSWIMMER:** I have pictures --
23 pictures of her carrying my little kids. Like, she was
24 just like a big sister to my kids. She's got grandkids
25 too, and I have -- I have 15 grandchildren.

1 **MS. MARIE AUDREY GIRARD:** Oh, wow.

2 **MS. BRENDA GOODSWIMMER:** She has 11. So her
3 grandchildren are my grandchildren too, yeah. So every day
4 is precious to me. Especially, being a cancer survivor.
5 So every day I thank God I'm alive. When I wake up --
6 'cause some -- some people with cancer don't make it.

7 **MS. MARIE AUDREY GIRARD:** M'hm.

8 **MS. BRENDA GOODSWIMMER:** So I'm very lucky.
9 So I think that's it.

10 **MS. MARIE AUDREY GIRARD:** Okay. Thank you.
11 So what I suggest is maybe we can go to -- to Patsy. And
12 if you want to --

13 **MS. BRENDA GOODSWIMMER:** I need some
14 Kleenex.

15 **MS. MARIE AUDREY GIRARD:** Do we still have
16 more boxes? I can go get some more.

17 **MS. PATSY CAMPBELL:** Will we have a break?
18 Can we have a break?

19 **MS. MARIE AUDREY GIRARD:** Yeah, definitely
20 we can have a break.

21 **MR. GARY MOOSTOOS:** (Indiscernible).

22 **MS. PATSY CAMPBELL:** Yeah.

23 **MR. JERRY GOODSWIMMER:** (Indiscernible).

24 **MS. MARIE AUDREY GIRARD:** It's 1:20 p.m.,
25 and we're having a break.

1 --- Upon recessing at 1:20 p.m.

2 --- Upon resuming at 1:36 p.m.

3 **MS. MARIE AUDREY GIRARD:** So the time is
4 1:36, and we are back. And Brenda would like to add
5 something --

6 **MS. BRENDA GOODSWIMMER:** Okay. There's --

7 **MS. MARIE AUDREY GIRARD:** -- to her
8 statement.

9 **MS. BRENDA GOODSWIMMER:** I just wanted to
10 add on the statement my two brothers, [Brother 1], he's 57
11 years old, [Brother 2] is 46, I think, eh, 46, 47. Like,
12 through my mom's death and my sister, they've turned to
13 alcohol. Like, you know, when they were young, yeah,
14 everybody tests drinking, right? Alcohol. But then
15 they're alcoholics. They have to drink all the time.
16 They've never attended no workshops, healing workshops, to
17 heal them. Now, both have been diagnosed with cirrhosis of
18 the liver. That, you know, they're supposed to quit
19 drinking, which they haven't. So they're living through a
20 lot of pain. And this -- I'm pretty sure it's because of
21 my mom and sister's death. And that's everything, I guess.
22 And -- and my sister will share the rest.

23 **MS. MARIE AUDREY GIRARD:** Okay. Thank you
24 very much.

25 **MS. BRENDA GOODSWIMMER:** Thank you.

1 **MS. MARIE AUDREY GIRARD:** Patsy, if you are
2 ready, I will turn to you. What would you like to share
3 with us today, with the National Inquiry?

4 **MS. PATSY CAMPBELL:** I'm the fourth child of
5 Cecile's. We had a other sister in between Brenda and
6 [Brother 1], I believe. Her name was [Sister 1].

7 **MS. BRENDA GOODSWIMMER:** [Sister 1].

8 **MS. PATSY CAMPBELL:** But I didn't get to
9 know her or know of her. So it's like I'm the third child.
10 And I was only 13 when mom passed. And I was raised by my
11 grandparents, and a lot of it was due to my mom having T.B.
12 in the lungs and spending a lot of time in the hospital,
13 which is where she gained the education and experience to
14 become a x-ray technician and a care-aid. And so I spent a
15 lot of my younger years in foster care through the
16 provincial child welfare system, in and out, in and out,
17 and right up until mom passed away in '77. And then at
18 that time, Brenda took us all in when mom passed away in
19 '77 and raised us to the best of her abilities at the time.
20 And my brother-in-law Walter provided for us, made sure our
21 needs were met, and was always there for us.

22 I was too young to understand and deal with
23 systems at 13 years old, and to try and deal with my mom's
24 death at the time. All I knew was that my mom was
25 murdered, and life went on. And I became pregnant at a

1 early age, 15. Had my daughter. Brenda raised her the
2 first couple years while I was still living with her, so I
3 was with my daughter all the time there.

4 And then I started working for our First
5 Nation and started -- my first job was working in a daycare
6 within our Nation. And got into the health sector and
7 became a community health representative and went to school
8 for that. And lost my grandfather in '83. And I was
9 pregnant with my second child in '83. And had three
10 profound losses during my pregnancy, which was my -- my
11 best friend, my biological father, and my grandfather. And
12 after I had my son, I only had him maybe a few months, six,
13 seven months, and my life just spiraled into a living hell.

14 And Gary's mother took my son, raised him
15 for three years. And in my younger years, I drank a lot to
16 bury the pain and escape the pain, and just so I didn't
17 have to face reality or face the fact that I didn't have
18 parents, no mom, no dad, no grandparents. I only had an
19 auntie at the time, my [Auntie 2] and my Uncle [Uncle 1],
20 who is the only survivor to this day on my mom's side. I
21 had no connection to my dad's side.

22 I did a lot of drinking and was very
23 suicidal after '83. Attempted suicide 23 times. And I
24 never, ever wanted to die on any of those attempts. It was
25 just a scream for help, that I needed help, and just didn't

1 know how to go about it. Didn't know where to turn, what
2 to do. And then on my last attempt, the doctor sent me to
3 5 South, which is a psych ward in Grande Prairie. And I
4 got an assessment done, and everything was -- came to
5 surface. My life came to surface. And the psychiatrist
6 knew that I didn't want to die. It was just I needed help
7 in finding some --

8 **MS. MARIE AUDREY GIRARD:** M'hm.

9 **MS. PATSY CAMPBELL:** -- some safety
10 mechanisms to keep myself alive, and I wanted to stay
11 alive, and I wanted to raise my children.

12 And -- and I had my third child. And it
13 started to hit me a lot more about trying to be a better
14 mother to my children. Try to be better than what I got.
15 So I started slowly going to psychiatrists and
16 psychologists and going to self-help groups, and talking
17 about my hurts and pains. And moved away to Grande
18 Prairie.

19 And I was living in -- in Valleyview, and I
20 just had had my third son, my third child, and I had a -- a
21 flashback of one of my sexual assaults that was imposed on
22 me. And I didn't know what was going on, and I thought I
23 was crazy. And I ran to the hospital with my son in a
24 stroller and went and seen the doctor. And that's when the
25 doctor told me I was having a flashback of a sexual

1 assault. And I just -- I just decided I got to get out of
2 here. Like, I'm going to end up dying somehow, or
3 something serious is going to happen. I need to help
4 myself, and I knew Grande Prairie had a lot of support
5 services and a lot of agencies that could help me, and a
6 lot more mental health services that could help me. So I
7 just -- that day, I just said, "I'm moving." And I had
8 two, three weeks to pack up and move and find a place.

9 And I went to Grande Prairie and there was a
10 hairdressing school, and I just went and enrolled in
11 hairdressing. And went back to my reserve and went and
12 seen the education counsellor, and she paid for my move and
13 everything. And that's how I got into Grande Prairie and
14 started going to see psychologists and dealing with my
15 pain, my mom's loss, and feeling abandoned as a child, and
16 rejection, not really feeling like I belonged anywhere.
17 Just trying to maneuver my life in the best way I could.

18 Having a lot of anger to my mom, like Brenda
19 did. And I used to go to her grave. Angry at her for her
20 rejecting me. And telling her she was where she deserved
21 to be because I wouldn't have went through all the hurt and
22 trauma that I did, if she would have been a mother to me.
23 It wasn't until the whole residential school process come
24 to be that I learned about my mom's hurt and pain, and why
25 she couldn't be a parent to me. And come to reconcile that

1 at least she loved me enough that she put us in care and
2 took us off the reserve, so we weren't exposed to more hurt
3 and pain. 'Cause a lot of my cousins lived a life worse
4 than we did.

5 So after I started going on my healing
6 journey and dealing with everything, I was stronger and
7 able to deal with life. It was manageable. And I was
8 still drinking and -- but not for the same reason anymore.
9 I wasn't drinking for -- to run away or to cover hurt --
10 cover my hurt and pain. It was just being with company and
11 enjoying myself.

12 And then in '91, I was still living in
13 Grande Prairie, was when I lost -- we lost our sister. And
14 then I was old enough to understand the systems by then.
15 And I became very active in losing my sister and
16 challenging the RCMP and challenging everybody and anybody
17 I could, writing letters and getting information, seeking
18 documentation. And I have my -- I have my mother's autopsy
19 and my sister's autopsy and numerous letters here, and
20 responses that I got from different federal departments in
21 the justice system.

22 And -- so then when I started dealing with
23 my sister Philomene's, I remember going home one weekend
24 and talking to Brenda. And I told her that I was going to
25 open my mom's file or see if I can -- if we could start

1 getting documents about my mom because we were so young,
2 and I said, "I want to know, like, what happened to Mom,
3 and I want to know the truth. I want to know." So as I
4 was dealing with my sister's, I was simultaneously dealing
5 with my mother's as well and getting all the documents and
6 everything. And -- and I don't think I even shared, or
7 I'm -- I'm not sure because of my son's loss, just recently
8 I have a -- a real bad memory void now. I noticed I
9 have -- I can't remember things, like even good things, I
10 can't -- I've got a block, a memory block.

11 And so this morning, I was reading my
12 mother's autopsy to my sister because I wasn't sure I --
13 she had read it or understood it. And I've got a health
14 background. I'm a First Nations health director, and I've
15 been in administration for 30 years. And so I was reading
16 the autopsy to her and explaining the different medical
17 terminology on parts of the body and everything. It wasn't
18 until this morning that we really understood the extent of
19 the beating my mom took. And all I could say after was, "I
20 hope she wasn't sober when she took that beating." Because
21 it was severe. Her whole brain was -- she died of brain
22 hemorrhage. And the man that beat her up was a man by the
23 name of William Gilmour, and he was charged with murder,
24 but nothing became of it. It was just a stay of
25 proceedings done on it.

1 And I remember the day I called the RCMP in
2 Edmonton to start researching and working on my mother's
3 file. And the RCMP told me, "Where did she die?" And I
4 said, "I think Edmonton, the City of Edmonton." He said,
5 "Well, it'll be the EPS you have to work with." And he
6 gave me the number, and I called EPS. And it was just
7 amazing. Like, God works in mysterious ways. The -- the
8 cop that answered the phone, or fielded my call, was the
9 cop that picked my mom up off the street that day. And he
10 remembered my mom, and he remembered the case and
11 everything, and he was really helpful for me.

12 And he asked me, you know, what it was I was
13 trying to achieve. And I said, "I want to know if he's
14 alive, and I want him to pay for my mom's death." And, you
15 know, and she left her children behind. And we lived very
16 rough lives and a lot of pain, a lot of turmoil, a lot of
17 trauma throughout our lives. And so he said, "I'll call
18 you back." He said, "Just give me a few minutes. I'll
19 check with Alberta Registries and Vital Statistics to see
20 if he's still alive or maybe he's not living." I said,
21 "Okay." And it wasn't even very long, not even half an
22 hour, less -- maybe ten, fifteen minutes, he called me
23 right back to tell me that William Gilmour had passed away.
24 And then I felt like -- more anger, more -- it was like we
25 didn't get a chance to be her voice, to speak on her

1 behalf, or I felt like I didn't have a chance. And that
2 nobody had paid for her life, not realizing the extent of
3 the beating that she took the day that she passed away.

4 It was quite severe because, as I was
5 reading the autopsy report this morning, she was found at
6 9:20 in the morning, and she died at -- by 6 that same day.
7 And she was a Jane Doe in -- in the morgue for a week, like
8 my sister said. It -- had it been for one of my mom and my
9 step-dad's friends that went to go identify another
10 individual, he accidentally -- they pulled the wrong drawer.
11 And it was my mom in that drawer, and he identified her.
12 That's how that come to be.

13 But life has been really, really hard. I'm
14 53 now and it's probably only the last maybe five, six
15 years that life has been good for me. Prior to that, it
16 was just a lot of self-destruction and self-destruction due
17 to pain and agony. And having to go back, you know, to my
18 mom's grave and telling her I'm sorry for saying what I did
19 'cause I didn't understand her life and the pain she went
20 through in residential school, and that's why she left us.
21 She had a lot of pain and a lot of trauma and didn't know
22 how to deal with it. And she escaped through alcohol.
23 That's why she left the reserve and come to live in
24 Edmonton and died at the hands of some monster that took
25 our mom away from us.

1 She never got to see any of my kids. And
2 that even hurts my kids 'cause they all -- at different
3 times, they'll say, you know, they wish they had a grandma.
4 And now, my children have children. And it just seems like
5 it just ends at us, our generation. We don't have -- I
6 look at people that have three, four, five generations, and
7 we don't have that. We've never had an opportunity to have
8 that.

9 So I talk to my kids a lot about my pain.
10 They know my story, my life story. I keep telling them,
11 "We got to break the cycle and not depend on alcohol and
12 drugs to deal with our pain." More so lately, since I lost
13 my son. I lost my son September 4th to suicide. And after
14 I lost my son, I started researching intergenerational
15 trauma in our DNA. And when I stopped to realize how much
16 trauma my mom went through in residential school and how
17 the trauma I went through, even carrying that son that
18 committed suicide, and the mental health that he had or was
19 battling, it's like he didn't even have a chance. He was
20 only 35.

21 It just feels like my life has been full of
22 pain all the time. One thing after another, I just seem to
23 find a means and a way to heal from something, and then,
24 bang, I'm hit with something again. Just when I'm getting
25 up, I'm knocked down. I feel like -- and through all that

1 pain, I always long to have my mom, just to hold me,
2 comfort me. That's something I could never have.

3 And I remember hearing stories, and I don't
4 even know where they're from, as a young girl as to how my
5 mom died. I had heard something about the -- she was just
6 disposed under the High Level Bridge or Low Level Bridge,
7 one of the bridges one time. And so those things always
8 rang in my head as a child, you know, just wondering what
9 happened to my mom. And so it -- it gave me some peace
10 when I finally started working on her case and trying to
11 understand what really happened to her, and then at least I
12 got the truth and -- on paper.

13 And my sister -- my sister Philomene,
14 there's no cause of death. I don't know what Albert
15 (phonetic) Lamouche did to her. I believe in my heart it
16 was Albert Lamouche. If he moved her body, he had a reason
17 to dispose her body. And I believe it was him that took
18 her life. I haven't forgiven him. I'm not ready to
19 forgive him. And I'm probably glad that he's gone too.

20 I turn to my Native spirituality for -- for
21 my peace of mind, my guidance. I pray to my grandfather a
22 lot, my grandmother. That's what gets me through. And
23 lately, I just talk to my son a lot when I'm driving, just
24 to take care of me and his siblings, and lighten my load.

25 One thing that really bothers me is both --

1 for both cases, I -- I don't remember any agency or federal
2 agency coming to talk to us after both losses. More so my
3 sister's because it was in '91, right? So it's like, with
4 the times where there was nobody there to come and try and
5 see us through the court system. You know, I had to
6 manoeuvre that myself on behalf of our own family. And had
7 I not taken the initiative to -- to be involved, you know,
8 it would have been -- what would have been the outcome of
9 same -- probably the same as my mom. Like, I just feel
10 like my mom was treated like just another dead Indian.
11 Literally, that's how I feel. Like, her life didn't
12 matter. Her -- her life had no worth. She wasn't worth
13 the paper the autopsy's written on.

14 You know, no -- any type of support service
15 that the Attorney General's Office could offer our First
16 Nation people, 'cause we're so vulnerable. We're a
17 vulnerable population. And I just, like, I don't know. I
18 just -- it angers me how the system treats Aboriginal
19 people collectively on all different sectors. And still to
20 this day, you know, if the movement of missing and murdered
21 women didn't exist, how would we be treated? We would be
22 treated the same. That's how I feel.

23 **MS. MARIE AUDREY GIRARD:** M'hm.

24 **MS. PATSY CAMPBELL:** I feel like it would be
25 just another -- yeah, we're just passed on to be just

1 another -- I just don't like the way my people are treated.
2 We're just like an animal, right? Like as -- no worth, no
3 life, no -- no meaning, and that really bothers me.

4 So when we started getting involved with
5 Missing and Murdered Women, the ceremonies me and my sister
6 attended, I knew this existed, the National Inquiry. And I
7 think it was in Grande Prairie where I filled out the form,
8 and somehow it got lost, and couldn't connect, and finally
9 made a connection. And I'm glad that I could be here to
10 speak on my mom today, and my sister, and try and represent
11 them the best way that both my sister and I can. And just
12 so that they know they are worthy to be heard.

13 We didn't even get to know our baby sister.
14 We were just going to start to have a relationship with
15 her. And she was just ripped away from us. Just a lot of
16 hurt and pain.

17 **MS. MARIE AUDREY GIRARD:** Maybe, just to
18 clarification, you said that your mother had an autopsy,
19 but at the beginning, she didn't. So it is like following
20 your -- the procedures that you started that your mother
21 had an autopsy? Or she already had it before?

22 **MS. PATSY CAMPBELL:** She had it.

23 **MS. MARIE AUDREY GIRARD:** She had it, okay.

24 **MS. PATSY CAMPBELL:** Yeah. The autopsy was
25 done right after she passed away.

1 MS. MARIE AUDREY GIRARD: M'hm.

2 MS. PATSY CAMPBELL: But we didn't have
3 access --

4 MS. MARIE AUDREY GIRARD: I see.

5 MS. PATSY CAMPBELL: -- or it was not shared
6 with us until I initiated opening up the file and --

7 MS. MARIE AUDREY GIRARD: M'hm.

8 MS. BRENDA GOODSWIMMER: It's how -- how
9 thick, eh?

10 MS. PATSY CAMPBELL: Yeah. It's --

11 MS. BRENDA GOODSWIMMER: It's thick.

12 MS. PATSY CAMPBELL: It's -- it's in a very
13 extensive -- and I'm willing to share both --

14 MS. MARIE AUDREY GIRARD: Okay.

15 MS. PATSY CAMPBELL: -- you know, to -- to
16 show how my words and feelings of, you know, they were
17 nothing. Like, when you look at the autopsy of my
18 mother's, like, it's -- it's very thick and -- like, she
19 was just beaten right to a pulp. It's, like, pages and
20 pages of -- oh.

21 MS. MARIE AUDREY GIRARD: And you said that
22 this William Gilmour was never charged and never convicted?

23 MS. PATSY CAMPBELL: Thirteen pages it
24 describes of how her body was just literally beaten to a
25 pulp. Like, hemorrhaging, basically right from her brain,

1 her neck, all the way down --

2 MS. BRENDA GOODSWIMMER: M'hm.

3 MS. PATSY CAMPBELL: -- to her upper thighs.
4 Internal injuries of all kinds, and no drugs, no alcohol.
5 The only drugs that were in her were just a little bit of
6 Sudafed. But she used to always drink --

7 MS. BRENDA GOODSWIMMER: Yeah.

8 MS. PATSY CAMPBELL: -- cough syrup.

9 MS. BRENDA GOODSWIMMER: 'Cause of her
10 lungs.

11 MS. PATSY CAMPBELL: And -- and that's all.
12 That there's no alcohol, and that's all I could say to
13 Brenda after I read the autopsy to her this morning was, "I
14 hope mom wasn't in a sober state when she took that beating
15 because --" You know, it's -- it's very -- it's a very
16 severe beating she took. It's not just, you know, getting
17 knocked around in the head.

18 MS. MARIE AUDREY GIRARD: M'hm.

19 MS. PATSY CAMPBELL: It's her whole body.

20 MS. BRENDA GOODSWIMMER: Well, even at the
21 wake, when we had the wake, I remember the bruises.

22 MS. PATSY CAMPBELL: M'hm.

23 MS. BRENDA GOODSWIMMER: There was blue
24 marks on her face.

25 MS. MARIE AUDREY GIRARD: Oh. And -- and do

1 you know if, like, this William Gilmour was ever charged or
2 convicted of any crimes?

3 **MS. PATSY CAMPBELL:** He was charged.

4 **MS. BRENDA GOODSWIMMER:** Yeah. There's
5 records here.

6 **MS. MARIE AUDREY GIRARD:** M'hm.

7 **MS. BRENDA GOODSWIMMER:** Yeah.

8 **MS. MARIE AUDREY GIRARD:** Do you know if he
9 was ever convicted?

10 **MS. PATSY CAMPBELL:** No. We just said there
11 was a stay of proceedings is all.

12 **MS. MARIE AUDREY GIRARD:** Okay. Yeah. And
13 what about this Albert Lamouche?

14 **MS. PATSY CAMPBELL:** All he was charged was
15 for interference with human remains.

16 **MS. MARIE AUDREY GIRARD:** I see. Because he
17 moved the body?

18 **MS. PATSY CAMPBELL:** Yeah. He admitted to
19 moving the body --

20 **MS. MARIE AUDREY GIRARD:** M'hm.

21 **MS. PATSY CAMPBELL:** -- from his mom's house
22 to --

23 **MS. BRENDA GOODSWIMMER:** That building.
24 That old house.

25 **MS. PATSY CAMPBELL:** No. Just -- it was a

1 fence. There was a fence, and her body was just propped up
2 against the fence and covered in -- it was a back alley is
3 where her body was. And -- so when they would grade, thank
4 God, you know, her body didn't go with the grading.
5 That there was a snow bank.

6 **MS. MARIE AUDREY GIRARD:** M'hm.

7 **MS. PATSY CAMPBELL:** There was already -- so
8 the snow preserved her body for -- from what -- like, I
9 don't know what day this happened, right? And it was never
10 stated. I don't remember in the court proceedings on what
11 day he had moved her, to even have an idea if it was
12 November or December.

13 **MS. MARIE AUDREY GIRARD:** M'hm.

14 **MS. PATSY CAMPBELL:** I don't have that. So
15 he was charged with murder under Section 20 -- 218 of the
16 Criminal Code.

17 **MS. MARIE AUDREY GIRARD:** M'hm.

18 **MS. PATSY CAMPBELL:** And: (as read)

19 On September 2nd, 1977, in the
20 Provincial Court of Alberta a stayed of
21 proceedings was entered by the Crown.
22 It would appear that no further
23 prosecution of the charges undertaken
24 by the Crown. Should you require
25 confirmation, enquiries on interim

1 remand dates and the final disposition
2 may be directed to the Court Clerk.

3 And I didn't proceed after that because then
4 I -- I found out that he was deceased. And what more
5 information was going to help, it wasn't going to. Yeah, I
6 just -- but I have a response from the Royal art -- Royal
7 Canadian Mounted Police, Edmonton Police Service, and the
8 Medical Examiner's Office, which has the autopsy report.
9 And her cause of death was subarachnoid hemorrhage, trauma
10 to the head. She died at the U of A Hospital.

11 It was funny because I've had these,
12 obviously, since '91, right? All -- all this information.
13 And I was trying to prepare to come to do this, and I was
14 looking for this blue book all over.

15 **MS. MARIE AUDREY GIRARD:** M'hm.

16 **MS. PATSY CAMPBELL:** And I couldn't find it,
17 couldn't find it. And I had done my shed a couple months
18 ago, and I found it. And I said, "Here's the book."
19 'Cause I always remember this blue book. I have notes of
20 the proceedings, court. When we went to court, I detailed
21 what --

22 **MS. BRENDA GOODSWIMMER:** The --

23 **MS. PATSY CAMPBELL:** -- the people said on
24 the stand.

25 **MS. BRENDA GOODSWIMMER:** The witness stand.

1 That one-week hearing.

2 MS. PATSY CAMPBELL: Yeah. I have all the
3 hearing statements that -- that went on. And --

4 MS. BRENDA GOODSWIMMER: All the different
5 people that --

6 MS. MARIE AUDREY GIRARD: M'hm.

7 MS. PATSY CAMPBELL: Went to court and took
8 the stand.

9 MS. BRENDA GOODSWIMMER: Yeah.

10 MS. PATSY CAMPBELL: And then I lost it
11 again, and I was looking for it on the weekend and I was
12 just, like, "Where is it? Like, what did I do with it?" I
13 just -- because of my memory block. I knew I had come
14 across it --

15 MS. MARIE AUDREY GIRARD: M'hm.

16 MS. PATSY CAMPBELL: -- and I just couldn't
17 find it. And then all a sudden, yesterday morning, it was
18 right with my son's leather jacket. I just said, "Thank
19 you, son." I have all the newspaper clippings when we lost
20 our sister. Right from the start.

21 MS. BRENDA GOODSWIMMER: When they found the
22 body.

23 MS. PATSY CAMPBELL: Like, even still to
24 this day, like, she's -- her life --

25 MS. BRENDA GOODSWIMMER: Here's her funeral

1 card.

2 **MS. PATSY CAMPBELL:** There's --

3 **MS. BRENDA GOODSWIMMER:** And this is her.

4 **MS. MARIE AUDREY GIRARD:** You have a picture
5 of her.

6 **MS. BRENDA GOODSWIMMER:** Yeah. She looked
7 like our mom. I -- I'd -- I was going to bring our picture
8 of my mom, me, and my baby.

9 **MS. MARIE AUDREY GIRARD:** M'hm.

10 **MS. BRENDA GOODSWIMMER:** I have a picture --
11 oh, and she was there too.

12 **MS. MARIE AUDREY GIRARD:** She was there too.

13 **MS. BRENDA GOODSWIMMER:** But she was, what?
14 Seven years old, I think.

15 **MS. PATSY CAMPBELL:** Yeah. Six.

16 **MS. MARIE AUDREY GIRARD:** M'hm.

17 **MS. BRENDA GOODSWIMMER:** Or five years old.

18 I have -- and I couldn't find that picture. I thought I
19 had it in my phone, but I think it's in my memory stick
20 from my other pictures from before. I think it's there.

21 **MS. PATSY CAMPBELL:** And there's the -- when
22 I was working on my sister Philomene's case, there was a
23 constable that was very, very helpful. Constable Payne
24 (phonetic) his last name was. That was probably the only
25 guy that I felt cared. Like, he would actually just pop in

1 to my home, knock on the door, and come and check, you
2 know, make sure. And we were ready to do a re-enactment in
3 Grande Prairie at one time --

4 **MS. MARIE AUDREY GIRARD:** M'hm.

5 **MS. PATSY CAMPBELL:** -- and the guy that
6 agreed to do the re-enactment backed out on us less than
7 six hours to the re-enactment. We had the crew in Grande
8 Prairie and everything all ready.

9 There's people that knew -- that know, but
10 of course they won't talk, right? No matter how many times
11 they got questioned or were in the cells with a private --
12 private-eye. Like, they went through a lot of -- for my
13 sister, they did. They went through a lot. But still to
14 this day, nobody's paid the price for her, right? And I
15 haven't heard from anybody. I moved back to Sturgeon in
16 '94. So since '94, nobody's reached out to us to give us
17 an update, to tell us the case has remained opened. Like,
18 there's nothing. There's no follow-up to -- with
19 families --

20 **MS. MARIE AUDREY GIRARD:** M'hm.

21 **MS. PATSY CAMPBELL:** -- at all, you know.
22 There's no -- there's no connection, no nothing. It
23 just -- a forgotten dead person, it's almost like.

24 **MS. MARIE AUDREY GIRARD:** Patsy, you've been
25 talking about intergenerational trauma. And -- and my

1 question will be for both of you. How do we break the
2 cycle of intergenerational trauma? How we break the cycle
3 that we have seen? What the steps further? What are the
4 steps we need to take to break the cycle?

5 **MS. PATSY CAMPBELL:** I think some -- one
6 thing for sure is definitely reaching out to people who are
7 affected with severe trauma, such as us, right? So you
8 look at how young we were at -- at the time of losing our
9 mom and had nothing.

10 **MS. MARIE AUDREY GIRARD:** M'hm.

11 **MS. PATSY CAMPBELL:** Like, nobody came to
12 us. Nobody offered services to help my sister with us. To
13 help her financially to raise us, to -- you know.
14 Absolutely nothing. And we're victims, right?

15 **MS. MARIE AUDREY GIRARD:** M'hm.

16 **MS. PATSY CAMPBELL:** And, you know, not --

17 **MS. BRENDA GOODSWIMMER:** I don't even
18 remember --

19 **MS. PATSY CAMPBELL:** Not that any --

20 **MS. BRENDA GOODSWIMMER:** -- Social Services.
21 Nobody -- they never -- I never had welfare for them.

22 **MS. MARIE AUDREY GIRARD:** M'hm.

23 **MS. BRENDA GOODSWIMMER:** My husband worked,
24 and we just clothed them and fed them. Or there was no
25 such thing as Victim Services at -- back then, I don't

1 think. Yeah.

2 **MS. PATSY CAMPBELL:** Like even today, you
3 know, I -- I know no amount of money will bring my mom
4 back, but I'd love to see a headstone on her grave. And
5 it's something we can't afford, but I'd love to see that
6 she was somebody. She was somebody's mother. She was my
7 mom, and my sister's. I'd love to see a headstone on her
8 grave too that I did -- like, she was somebody. You know,
9 this is years and years after now.

10 **MS. BRENDA GOODSWIMMER:** We go -- we go cut
11 the grass. We go put -- plant flowers. But we can't
12 afford a headstone.

13 **MS. PATSY CAMPBELL:** You know,
14 intergenerational trauma, there's -- there has to be --
15 it's got to be more than just a word to society. I don't
16 know, you know, if you guys have a travelling Elder that
17 you guys work with where, you know, that person would make
18 connections with communities, right? Like for us in
19 Sturgeon Lake. What -- what has the Inquiry or what -- I'd
20 like to inquire as one of the recommendations is when these
21 tragedies happen, that there's somebody reaching out to
22 families to try and help them through the process. And it
23 has to be a First Nation person that does that on our
24 behalf. Because, as First Nation people, we've went
25 through a lot of trauma, and we've been victimized in a lot

1 of ways, and we have a hard time trusting; therefore, it
2 has to be somebody that has brown skin, looks Native, and
3 knows how to build a relationship with me to build a trust
4 with them. And to see those families through this process,
5 to help them get the autopsy reports, to help them through
6 the court process.

7 **MS. MARIE AUDREY GIRARD:** M'hm.

8 **MS. PATSY CAMPBELL:** To help them understand
9 what the court proceedings look like, you know. I think of
10 our isolated communities in northern Alberta, you know.
11 It's pipeline country. We were just talking about it
12 outside with Gary. And a lot of our women get victimized
13 out there, right?

14 **MS. MARIE AUDREY GIRARD:** M'hm.

15 **MS. PATSY CAMPBELL:** Fort McMurray, oil
16 country. And God knows how many women are out there, you
17 know, still not found and haven't been -- had a proper
18 burial. So there needs to be some kind of a facilitated
19 process for families to assist them to -- to see these
20 processes through. 'Cause it's a lot, you know,
21 emotionally and mentally you're going through a lot as it
22 is, let alone to think of this. And if you don't know
23 nothing about it, what do you do? You sit back, right?

24 **MS. MARIE AUDREY GIRARD:** M'hm.

25 **MS. PATSY CAMPBELL:** Just like we did for

1 the number of years in relation to -- to my mother. Until
2 we lost our sister, then it -- you know, like, this is
3 enough. I need to do something and --

4 **MS. MARIE AUDREY GIRARD:** M'hm.

5 **MS. PATSY CAMPBELL:** -- you know. Took
6 and -- take -- take -- took the initiative to find out what
7 was going on with my sister and making sure that I did
8 everything possible I could on her behalf. And then, you
9 know, trying to get information on my mom so that we knew
10 what happened to my mom. My brothers haven't even -- they
11 probably don't even know I have this autopsy.

12 **MS. MARIE AUDREY GIRARD:** M'hm.

13 **MS. PATSY CAMPBELL:** Nor would they ever
14 read it, if I ever gave them the opportunity. You know,
15 it's just not -- my older brother, he's very emotional.
16 He's, you know, just -- just to see us, his eyes well up in
17 tears, you know. And lately, he's always telling us he
18 loves us. So, you know --

19 **MS. BRENDA GOODSWIMMER:** Just like last
20 night, first time I've heard my brother [Brother 1] say, "I
21 love you," on the phone.

22 **MS. PATSY CAMPBELL:** So you know, like, more
23 and more -- 'cause, I know [*one line redacted - private*
24 *information*]. And, you know, in the back of my mind I
25 start to think, [*three lines redacted - private*

1 *information*], he's in pain, and he's -- he's emotionally
2 really sensitive.

3 **MS. MARIE AUDREY GIRARD:** M'hm.

4 **MS. PATSY CAMPBELL:** And that's from, you
5 know, our losses, our pains. Nobody -- to assist him, to
6 understand what happened here, and navigate in his mind
7 what happened to my mom and my sister. And, you know, what
8 was done on their behalf, if anything.

9 So there has to be a lot more family
10 supports for families that are -- and not just through that
11 time, right? Like, I don't know, two years after, five
12 years after, every year after, just connecting, you know.
13 Just making sure that whatever the family wants, whether
14 it's religion, therapy, ceremony, whatever it is, you know.
15 That families are allowed to have those to see them through
16 their -- their journey towards healing, so that they're not
17 carrying on that trauma, right? To next --

18 **MS. MARIE AUDREY GIRARD:** M'hm.

19 **MS. PATSY CAMPBELL:** 'Cause, for us, you
20 know, it was with my mom, and then me and my son and, you
21 know, my grandchildren. He left four kids behind. So
22 already, we're four generations into trauma myself.

23 **MS. MARIE AUDREY GIRARD:** M'hm.

24 **MS. PATSY CAMPBELL:** Just my -- myself. And
25 it really messes a person up. So, you know, you come into

1 this world messed up without even a chance.

2 **MS. MARIE AUDREY GIRARD:** M'hm.

3 **MS. PATSY CAMPBELL:** You know, it's just --
4 and researching all of that stuff and trying to understand
5 my son's mental health, and his state of everything, right?
6 Like -- like I said, you know, I -- I miss my son, but I'm
7 just glad he's not suffering here no more. [*Private*
8 *information - four lines redacted*]. And, you know, that's
9 generation after generation after generation. And, of
10 course, just like anything else, as time goes on, it also
11 gets deeper, harder, right? So the mental -- the mental
12 state of our people is worsening. [*Private information -*
13 *one line redacted*]. It's much more than, you know, light
14 terminology that's out there in society. It's trauma.

15 **MS. MARIE AUDREY GIRARD:** M'hm.

16 **MS. PATSY CAMPBELL:** It's trauma. How do
17 you put a word into trauma, right? It's in our DNA. And
18 we struggle every day just to survive the day. So
19 definitely, you know, a lot of supports need to be put into
20 place. And follow-up for families, so that they're not
21 forgotten, and somebody does care about their loved one,
22 you know. That's critical.

23 And seeing them through the court processes,
24 if there are court processes, right? Make them understand
25 what -- what's going to happen. What are they going to

1 experience? What are they going to hear? So that they're
2 prepared. 'Cause when they walk out with all that hurt and
3 pain, probably 90 percent of our people go and do a drug --

4 MS. MARIE AUDREY GIRARD: M'hm.

5 MS. PATSY CAMPBELL: -- go and do alcohol to
6 bury that pain again.

7 MS. MARIE AUDREY GIRARD: M'hm.

8 MS. BRENDA GOODSWIMMER: Just like this
9 here. When I took that -- when I went to those inter --
10 the residential school hearings, this -- this is precious,
11 these tears.

12 MS. PATSY CAMPBELL: Yeah.

13 MS. MARIE AUDREY GIRARD: M'hm.

14 MS. PATSY CAMPBELL: M'hm.

15 MS. BRENDA GOODSWIMMER: I'm going to ask
16 Gary to --

17 MS. PATSY CAMPBELL: Take them home.

18 MS. BRENDA GOODSWIMMER: -- take them
19 home --

20 MS. MARIE AUDREY GIRARD: M'hm.

21 MS. BRENDA GOODSWIMMER: -- and burn them.

22 MS. MARIE AUDREY GIRARD: Burn them.

23 MS. PATSY CAMPBELL: Yeah. I was already
24 thinking of that, too.

25 MS. BRENDA GOODSWIMMER: When I --

1 **MS. PATSY CAMPBELL:** 'Cause I had a couple
2 pieces here from when she was talking. And I was going to
3 throw them, and I said, "No. These are (Indiscernible)".

4 **MS. BRENDA GOODSWIMMER:** So maybe, you
5 know --

6 **MS. MARIE AUDREY GIRARD:** We usually have
7 tears of -- bags of tears, but I think there have been some
8 problem with the logistic, and we -- unfortunately, usually
9 we have them, and we burn them, and we have a ceremony in
10 the end.

11 **MS. BRENDA GOODSWIMMER:** Yeah.

12 **MS. MARIE AUDREY GIRARD:** So I'm really
13 glad, if you can do it on yourself because they --

14 **MS. BRENDA GOODSWIMMER:** Yeah. I was going
15 to ask Gary --

16 **MS. MARIE AUDREY GIRARD:** Yeah.

17 **MS. BRENDA GOODSWIMMER:** -- to take these.

18 **MS. MARIE AUDREY GIRARD:** That will be
19 really great.

20 **MR. GARY MOOSTOOS:** M'hm.

21 **MS. MARIE AUDREY GIRARD:** Yeah.

22 **MS. PATSY CAMPBELL:** Yeah.

23 **MS. MARIE AUDREY GIRARD:** 'Cause we have --
24 usually during hearings, many people that share their
25 stories, right?

1 MS. BRENDA GOODSWIMMER: Right.

2 MS. MARIE AUDREY GIRARD: And their truth,
3 so lots of pain and, you know. And usually what we do is
4 at the end, we burn the tissues.

5 MS. BRENDA GOODSWIMMER: Yeah.

6 MS. MARIE AUDREY GIRARD: But everybody's
7 together, right?

8 MS. PATSY CAMPBELL: M'hm.

9 MS. MARIE AUDREY GIRARD: So the pain goes
10 away all together, right?

11 MS. BRENDA GOODSWIMMER: Yeah.

12 MS. MARIE AUDREY GIRARD: But
13 unfortunately -- so I'm glad if it -- there is another
14 option here 'cause we unfortunately had some --

15 MS. BRENDA GOODSWIMMER: M'hm.

16 MS. MARIE AUDREY GIRARD: -- problems.
17 Yeah. And -- oops, sorry. Go ahead.

18 MS. PATSY CAMPBELL: Is there always going
19 to be an office from the Inquiry in Edmonton that families
20 can reach to -- like, after everything is said and done,
21 right?

22 MS. MARIE AUDREY GIRARD: Yes.

23 MS. PATSY CAMPBELL: Like, the government
24 has mandated this process to happen.

25 MS. MARIE AUDREY GIRARD: M'hm.

1 **MS. PATSY CAMPBELL:** So after this is all
2 said and done, and reports are -- reports are
3 made, recommendations are made and implemented, like, who
4 speak -- who speaks on behalf of the families as a whole
5 collective?

6 **MS. MARIE AUDREY GIRARD:** After that, I
7 think there will be, like, when it comes to, like, after-
8 care, it will be taken over by Health Canada. So it's
9 really like this ministry that will be, like, taking over.

10 **MS. PATSY CAMPBELL:** Just like residential
11 school.

12 **MS. MARIE AUDREY GIRARD:** Exactly. 'Cause
13 after, as you said, the mandate is done, we don't have
14 jurisdiction.

15 **MS. PATSY CAMPBELL:** M'hm.

16 **MS. MARIE AUDREY GIRARD:** There's nothing
17 necessarily we can do as the National Inquiry, but already
18 Health Canada has been taking over.

19 **MS. PATSY CAMPBELL:** M'hm.

20 **MS. MARIE AUDREY GIRARD:** And will be taking
21 over to be sure that we have a continuity. And -- and
22 not -- when the National Inquiry is done, then everything
23 is done. That would be terrible.

24 **MS. PATSY CAMPBELL:** Yeah.

25 **MS. MARIE AUDREY GIRARD:** So that's to be

1 sure that --

2 **MS. PATSY CAMPBELL:** So I'm one of those
3 Tribal Councils.

4 **MS. MARIE AUDREY GIRARD:** M'm.

5 **MS. PATSY CAMPBELL:** So I got 30,000.
6 That's not even, you know -- that doesn't even begin to
7 touch the surface of what my community needs --

8 **MS. MARIE AUDREY GIRARD:** M'hm.

9 **MS. PATSY CAMPBELL:** -- on healing. And we
10 have a lot of murdered and missing women from Sturgeon
11 Lake. We have lots. Remember that time, that very first
12 one [S.W.] moved back to the reserve, and we had that one
13 at the school? And just Elsie, (phonetic), Murray
14 (phonetic) -- Elsie, Joe (phonetic), Susan (phonetic),
15 Gloria (phonetic), you, and me.

16 **MS. BRENDA GOODSWIMMER:** Oh, yeah. We
17 had --

18 **MS. PATSY CAMPBELL:** And we come up with how
19 many? Thirty some names?

20 **MS. BRENDA GOODSWIMMER:** Yeah.

21 **MS. PATSY CAMPBELL:** Just from six --

22 **MS. BRENDA GOODSWIMMER:** From -- from the
23 reserve.

24 **MS. PATSY CAMPBELL:** -- six people. So I
25 look at that 30,000, like, really, what can I do

1 substantially? I don't want to be like the federal
2 government and open these wounds, and I can't offer them
3 anything. It's got to be bigger and more than, you know.
4 Our people, we're -- we feast a lot.

5 **MS. MARIE AUDREY GIRARD:** M'hm.

6 **MS. PATSY CAMPBELL:** So even for me to bring
7 somebody into my community and do a -- a workshop on
8 trauma --

9 **MS. MARIE AUDREY GIRARD:** M'hm.

10 **MS. PATSY CAMPBELL:** -- to explain --
11 explain what trauma is, how can you deal with trauma? You
12 know, I have to rent a hall, I have to provide
13 transportation for those that really need to be there,
14 families affected, provide a meal. So 30,000 is not going
15 to take me very far.

16 **MS. BRENDA GOODSWIMMER:** Plus, probably have
17 therapists there too, on hand --

18 **MS. PATSY CAMPBELL:** Yeah. And --

19 **MS. BRENDA GOODSWIMMER:** -- at the time.

20 **MS. PATSY CAMPBELL:** -- so, you know, it was
21 almost like a -- a slap in the face for me. I was quite
22 offended when I got the contribution agreement for 30,000.

23 **MS. MARIE AUDREY GIRARD:** M'hm.

24 **MS. PATSY CAMPBELL:** And I have two workers.
25 I have an emotional worker, and I have a cultural. So I

1 just split it, you each get 15,000, you know. What can
2 they really do?

3 **MS. MARIE AUDREY GIRARD:** M'hm.

4 **MS. PATSY CAMPBELL:** So the government needs
5 to really look at that as well, right?

6 **MS. MARIE AUDREY GIRARD:** M'hm.

7 **MS. PATSY CAMPBELL:** Like, it's one thing to
8 give the mandate of Murdered and Missing Women to Health
9 Canada, but fund it properly, sufficiently, so that it
10 has -- it makes a difference --

11 **MS. MARIE AUDREY GIRARD:** M'hm.

12 **MS. PATSY CAMPBELL:** -- to the people that
13 need it, right? That it has to be -- you know. And what
14 I've been trying to implement is almost like sharing
15 circles, doing a craft. Because I've noticed even with
16 myself, I'm a lot stronger today to talk now, but five
17 years ago, I would have to be busy. I wouldn't be able to
18 look at you.

19 **MS. MARIE AUDREY GIRARD:** M'hm.

20 **MS. PATSY CAMPBELL:** I wouldn't be able to
21 give eye contact. And our people are like that. And,
22 especially, if you're crying. There's no way you're going
23 to get eye contact. So it's -- when we're doing circles, I
24 find it easier to do a craft that you're busy, and you
25 could just talk away.

1 MS. MARIE AUDREY GIRARD: M'hm.

2 MS. PATSY CAMPBELL: And it's working in
3 Sturgeon with the women's group.

4 MS. BRENDA GOODSWIMMER: I do a women's
5 group --

6 MS. MARIE AUDREY GIRARD: M'hm.

7 MS. BRENDA GOODSWIMMER: -- every two weeks.
8 And the circle is getting bigger. I do crafts.

9 MS. MARIE AUDREY GIRARD: M'hm.

10 MS. BRENDA GOODSWIMMER: Teach them crafts.

11 MS. MARIE AUDREY GIRARD: And on your side,
12 Brenda, do you have any recommendations on how -- I -- I
13 know, Patsy, you shared, like, really interesting
14 recommendation, but do you have yourself things that you
15 would like to see changing? Or any recommendations on how
16 to change things?

17 MS. BRENDA GOODSWIMMER: I think she said it
18 all.

19 MS. MARIE AUDREY GIRARD: Okay. That's
20 good.

21 MS. BRENDA GOODSWIMMER: Like, because I
22 work -- I had the experience of working with the Indian
23 residential school --

24 MS. MARIE AUDREY GIRARD: M'hm.

25 MS. BRENDA GOODSWIMMER: -- survivors, and

1 through the healing foundation money, we -- like, we had
2 workshops, all different kinds of workshops. And say
3 the -- like, the sexual abuse, the parenting -- there
4 was -- we had so many topics: parenting, sexual abuse, drug
5 and alcohol, grief and loss -- what's that one? My mind
6 went black. Anyways, we had a lot of healing workshops.
7 And it started off small 'cause you can't force them to
8 come to the workshop, right? They have to want --

9 **MS. MARIE AUDREY GIRARD:** M'hm.

10 **MS. BRENDA GOODSWIMMER:** -- want. But --
11 but then the circle started getting bigger 'cause this one
12 shared it with that one it was good. And then the circle
13 started getting bigger. They started sharing. And I seen
14 a big difference in those Indian residential school
15 survivors. They started -- 'cause at first, they were like
16 this. Then six months later, they'd -- they -- they were
17 able to talk.

18 **MS. MARIE AUDREY GIRARD:** M'hm.

19 **MS. BRENDA GOODSWIMMER:** And that -- that
20 really helped. Like she said, nobody come to see me.
21 Nobody come to see us after my mom's death.

22 **MS. MARIE AUDREY GIRARD:** M'hm.

23 **MS. BRENDA GOODSWIMMER:** And, yeah. So that
24 inter -- intergenerational, it still happens 'cause it just
25 keeps going 'cause nobody there to -- how would I say it?

1 Like the -- my mom, the intergenerational, what she went
2 through, they never had workshops --

3 **MS. MARIE AUDREY GIRARD:** M'hm.

4 **MS. BRENDA GOODSWIMMER:** -- or anything for
5 her after she left the -- the residential school. So it --
6 like she said, we -- it's got to be broken.

7 **MS. MARIE AUDREY GIRARD:** M'hm.

8 **MS. BRENDA GOODSWIMMER:** And that's what I
9 told my kids, my daughters. Like, you got to -- you got to
10 hug your daughters, your kids. Tell them you love them.
11 Protect them. Like, there's so much in this world now with
12 the drugs, alcohol, and so much happening. Like, we have
13 to break the cycle.

14 **MS. MARIE AUDREY GIRARD:** M'hm.

15 **MS. BRENDA GOODSWIMMER:** And watch who
16 babysits your kids and, you know. And make -- like, with
17 my -- my son, when he -- they'd drink, I went and took the
18 little granddaughter out of that house --

19 **MS. MARIE AUDREY GIRARD:** M'hm.

20 **MS. BRENDA GOODSWIMMER:** -- to protect her.
21 But now, I'm living with my son in my house where I raised
22 my kids, after I lost my husband. I've been with my son
23 and his -- 'cause he's a single parent --

24 **MS. MARIE AUDREY GIRARD:** M'hm.

25 **MS. BRENDA GOODSWIMMER:** -- of the six-year-

1 old girl. So I live with -- with him, just the three of
2 us.

3 **MS. MARIE AUDREY GIRARD:** M'hm.

4 **MS. PATSY CAMPBELL:** And when we lost our
5 sister, I figure we lost her about mid -- early November
6 was the last time -- within a week of her last sighting, I
7 was able to track down, between her friend. I reported her
8 missing three times before an actual missing persons file
9 was opened in January. And it's confirmed in the news --
10 newspaper clippings here: (as read)

11 Although she was reported missing in
12 January, police believe she may have
13 been missing since as early as
14 November. He didn't say -- said RCMP
15 spokesman Constable Ian Sanderson.

16 He didn't say why she wasn't reported
17 missing until January. Although, I challenged them right
18 away. I was here on this date, I spoke to this constable,
19 I was here on that date.

20 **MS. MARIE AUDREY GIRARD:** M'hm.

21 **MS. PATSY CAMPBELL:** But they didn't open
22 the file 'til January. So, again, there we were -- where I
23 feel like even though they helped me a lot after her body
24 was found, leading up to that --

25 **MS. MARIE AUDREY GIRARD:** M'hm.

1 **MS. PATSY CAMPBELL:** -- I didn't get the
2 help, you know, that I needed and was searching for. I
3 made my own posters and went plastered them around Grande
4 Prairie, me and my friends.

5 **MS. MARIE AUDREY GIRARD:** So do you remember
6 the answer you receive when you actually went to the RCMP
7 and told your sister was missing?

8 **MS. PATSY CAMPBELL:** Well, the first time,
9 he took the name and number -- my name --

10 **MS. MARIE AUDREY GIRARD:** Okay.

11 **MS. PATSY CAMPBELL:** -- my number contact.
12 And I assumed there would be a file opened, right?

13 **MS. MARIE AUDREY GIRARD:** M'hm.

14 **MS. PATSY CAMPBELL:** Based on the
15 information the information they took from me. And I
16 hadn't heard, hadn't heard, so I phoned again. Like, I
17 waited a month or so, then I phoned again. And then that
18 was taken over the phone. And then, I think, then January
19 was then -- I said, "I want a file number."

20 **MS. MARIE AUDREY GIRARD:** M'hm.

21 **MS. PATSY CAMPBELL:** Like, I want to walk
22 away with a number I can reference. And that was when they
23 opened a file.

24 **MS. MARIE AUDREY GIRARD:** I see.

25 **MS. PATSY CAMPBELL:** So Christmas had come

1 and gone, she wasn't at the supper table with us. And we
2 knew something, you know. Her -- her -- she had just got
3 an apartment with her friends. She hadn't been home. You
4 know, there was just absolutely no sign of her.

5 **MS. BRENDA GOODSWIMMER:** And the -- the
6 unknown. Like, going to bed wondering, where is she?
7 Waking up.

8 **MS. PATSY CAMPBELL:** (Indiscernible).

9 **MS. BRENDA GOODSWIMMER:** For six months, it
10 was a living hell for us --

11 **MS. MARIE AUDREY GIRARD:** M'hm.

12 **MS. BRENDA GOODSWIMMER:** -- trying to sleep
13 and wake up. And now, just to think of these ones that are
14 missing. Like --

15 **MS. MARIE AUDREY GIRARD:** M'hm. M'hm.

16 **MS. BRENDA GOODSWIMMER:** -- some of them,
17 like in Valleyview, the -- my friend there, her daughter's
18 been gone ten years. I just can't imagine. No wonder why
19 she's into drugs.

20 **MS. PATSY CAMPBELL:** M'hm.

21 **MS. BRENDA GOODSWIMMER:** And, you know,
22 'cause they still haven't found her.

23 **MS. MARIE AUDREY GIRARD:** M'hm.

24 **MS. BRENDA GOODSWIMMER:** She doesn't know
25 where she -- you know, where this daughter is. You know

1 [Friend 1]? Her daughter. And us, ours was only six
2 months. It was -- it was so hard, eh?

3 **MS. PATSY CAMPBELL:** Yeah.

4 **MS. BRENDA GOODSWIMMER:** Waking up, where is
5 she? Going to bed, you know. We went through a lot of
6 stress worried about her, wondering where to -- that
7 happened to us. For -- to wait ten years 'til -- I don't
8 know.

9 **MS. MARIE AUDREY GIRARD:** M'hm.

10 **MS. BRENDA GOODSWIMMER:** Just -- yeah, I
11 just feel for those families.

12 **MS. PATSY CAMPBELL:** And the other part is
13 the justice system itself. If you have -- you know, if the
14 justice system has proof so-and-so killed, like, it's
15 really painful to know that person can just walk in, grab a
16 piece of paper, and walk back out. That's really hurtful.
17 If there's obvious proof this person is guilty --

18 **MS. MARIE AUDREY GIRARD:** M'hm.

19 **MS. PATSY CAMPBELL:** -- of a murder, like,
20 why do they let him out? You know, it's disregard for the
21 human's life in my mind. And the justice system -- justice
22 of Canada, not just Alberta. Canada. The Criminal Code of
23 Canada --

24 **MS. MARIE AUDREY GIRARD:** M'hm.

25 **MS. PATSY CAMPBELL:** -- needs to change in

1 such a way that when there is very obvious guilt, that
2 these people should not be allowed out again.

3 **MS. MARIE AUDREY GIRARD:** M'hm.

4 **MS. PATSY CAMPBELL:** And the -- the
5 sentences have to be worthy of a person's life. Not two
6 years and plea bargain with the Crown. That really bothers
7 me, how one's life could be plea bargained. You know, it's
8 just like a friend -- it's just like a handshake, you know,
9 that person isn't worth nothing. Let's shake and agree to
10 their life is only worth two years, six months.

11 **MS. MARIE AUDREY GIRARD:** M'hm. So, if I
12 may ask, I don't know if you've heard about the Gladue
13 report.

14 **MS. PATSY CAMPBELL:** Yeah. I'm aware --

15 **MS. MARIE AUDREY GIRARD:** Yeah.

16 **MS. PATSY CAMPBELL:** -- of the Gladue
17 report.

18 **MS. MARIE AUDREY GIRARD:** So what will be
19 your opinion. Like, why -- because the Gladue report,
20 basically, what it does is that, for instance, if we have a
21 person that is from -- from a First Nation community, and
22 he's an offender, when it comes to sentencing, like, the
23 judge will be taking consideration, for instance, the
24 trauma he has been, like, through. Like his historic
25 trauma, intergenerational trauma.

1 **MS. PATSY CAMPBELL:** M'hm.

2 **MS. MARIE AUDREY GIRARD:** And sometime the
3 sentencing is not as much as another person, so that makes
4 that sometimes for, like, a crime for a murder or something
5 like this, the person will receive a lesser sentence.

6 **MS. PATSY CAMPBELL:** M'hm.

7 **MS. MARIE AUDREY GIRARD:** But considering
8 the trauma the person have been through. So I would be --
9 and that's -- we've been hearing that a lot in the hearing.
10 That, for instance, some people don't receive punishment --
11 the right punishment, but at the same time, when we are
12 thinking about the Gladue report, it's to -- in fact, to
13 counter -- like, to be able to say that we recognize that
14 this person had a trauma. And that this trauma probably
15 led him to do this things. So how -- what will be your
16 opinion on that? Should we be recognizing those thing? Is
17 this, like, part -- is our system, justice system, works
18 properly in your opinion?

19 **MS. PATSY CAMPBELL:** No. I understand the
20 Gladue report. And I understand the trauma in, you know,
21 if I went and committed murder based on what I carry
22 today --

23 **MS. MARIE AUDREY GIRARD:** M'hm.

24 **MS. PATSY CAMPBELL:** -- you know, without
25 taking, you know, a lot of time thinking it through to give

1 you an answer, there should be a minimum --

2 **MS. MARIE AUDREY GIRARD:** M'hm.

3 **MS. PATSY CAMPBELL:** -- at minimum.

4 **MS. MARIE AUDREY GIRARD:** M'hm.

5 **MS. PATSY CAMPBELL:** Across the board.

6 **MS. MARIE AUDREY GIRARD:** Yeah.

7 **MS. PATSY CAMPBELL:** You kill somebody, you
8 know, I don't know if it -- the number should be five
9 years, but there should be a minimum.

10 **MS. MARIE AUDREY GIRARD:** M'hm.

11 **MS. PATSY CAMPBELL:** You just took
12 somebody's life.

13 **MS. MARIE AUDREY GIRARD:** M'hm.

14 **MS. PATSY CAMPBELL:** And I understand we all
15 have trauma. You know, there's probably no First Nation
16 person walking around here that does not have trauma.

17 **MS. MARIE AUDREY GIRARD:** M'hm. M'hm.

18 **MS. PATSY CAMPBELL:** I understand that, but
19 that should not supersede somebody's life.

20 **MS. MARIE AUDREY GIRARD:** M'hm.

21 **MS. PATSY CAMPBELL:** That life is life.

22 **MS. MARIE AUDREY GIRARD:** M'hm.

23 **MS. PATSY CAMPBELL:** They can't come back.

24 This person can sit in jail for, you know, if it was a
25 minimum of five years, they can heal. They can work on

1 their trauma. This person that's six feet under the
2 ground, has no opportunity.

3 **MS. MARIE AUDREY GIRARD:** M'hm.

4 **MS. PATSY CAMPBELL:** So a fast, quick
5 answer, that would be my answer.

6 **MS. MARIE AUDREY GIRARD:** That's --

7 **MS. PATSY CAMPBELL:** That if there --

8 **MS. MARIE AUDREY GIRARD:** Thank --

9 **MS. PATSY CAMPBELL:** -- has to be a minimum,
10 you know. Taking into consideration that they, you know,
11 have been traumatized --

12 **MS. MARIE AUDREY GIRARD:** M'hm.

13 **MS. PATSY CAMPBELL:** -- sexually abused,
14 beaten up, but -- you name it, right?

15 **MS. MARIE AUDREY GIRARD:** M'hm.

16 **MS. PATSY CAMPBELL:** All of it. There still
17 should be a minimum --

18 **MS. MARIE AUDREY GIRARD:** Minimum.

19 **MS. PATSY CAMPBELL:** -- that has --

20 **MS. MARIE AUDREY GIRARD:** M'hm.

21 **MS. PATSY CAMPBELL:** -- to be served
22 globally because a life is a life. And that person is six
23 feet under the ground. They don't have the opportunity to
24 heal from trauma as that person sitting in jail does, if
25 they even go to jail. Depends how good the writer is.

1 **MS. PATSY CAMPBELL:** So that's probably the
2 quickest way I could answer --

3 **MS. MARIE AUDREY GIRARD:** That's good.
4 Thank you.

5 **MS. PATSY CAMPBELL:** -- Gladue report.

6 **MS. MARIE AUDREY GIRARD:** Well, thank you.
7 That's it because we had, like, many people, like, telling
8 us, like, the same thing you're -- you're telling us today.
9 And I'm just wondering what's the, like, the feeling about
10 it.

11 **MS. PATSY CAMPBELL:** M'hm.

12 **MS. MARIE AUDREY GIRARD:** Right? With in --
13 most of the people answered exactly what you just said.
14 That it has to be still fair. Like --

15 **MS. PATSY CAMPBELL:** Yeah. It still has to
16 be fair.

17 **MS. MARIE AUDREY GIRARD:** Yeah, exactly.

18 **MS. PATSY CAMPBELL:** That person doesn't
19 have an opportunity to come back --

20 **MS. MARIE AUDREY GIRARD:** M'hm.

21 **MS. PATSY CAMPBELL:** -- and go sit in jail
22 and have three meals a day, and a warm bed, and an Elder
23 doing ceremony for them. They don't have that opportunity,
24 so --

25 **MS. MARIE AUDREY GIRARD:** M'hm.

1 **MS. PATSY CAMPBELL:** -- you still have to
2 pay for your actions.

3 **MS. MARIE AUDREY GIRARD:** M'hm.

4 **MS. PATSY CAMPBELL:** You know.

5 **MS. MARIE AUDREY GIRARD:** Absolutely.

6 **MS. PATSY CAMPBELL:** You can't go around
7 hurting people intentionally, possibly, without paying the
8 price.

9 **MS. MARIE AUDREY GIRARD:** M'hm.

10 **MS. PATSY CAMPBELL:** And some people do,
11 right? Some people -- and if you're not making an effort
12 to find healing, that's even worse because then you're just
13 using a system, such as Gladue report, to get you off.

14 **MS. MARIE AUDREY GIRARD:** M'hm.

15 **MS. PATSY CAMPBELL:** But you continue to
16 drink, you continue to drug, you continue to, you know,
17 self-destruct without trying to heal yourself. So that's
18 the way I probably could best answer that.

19 **MS. MARIE AUDREY GIRARD:** Thank you. Thank
20 you. Well, you, basically -- like, all the question that I
21 wanted to ask, have been asked, but I was wondering if you
22 would like to add something else about what you shared with
23 us today, this afternoon?

24 **MS. BRENDA GOODSWIMMER:** Not real -- I think
25 I'm done, but I just thought maybe our support here, Jerry

1 and Gary --

2 MS. MARIE AUDREY GIRARD: M'hm.

3 MS. BRENDA GOODSWIMMER: -- if they want to
4 share something. How they feel about the missing, murdered
5 woman.

6 MS. MARIE AUDREY GIRARD: M'hm.

7 MS. BRENDA GOODSWIMMER: Maybe -- would you
8 guys want to share a little bit?

9 MR. GARY MOOSTOOS: I could, yeah.

10 MS. BRENDA GOODSWIMMER: How you feel and --

11 MR. GARY MOOSTOOS: Yeah.

12 MS. PATSY CAMPBELL: 'Cause they've been our
13 support --

14 MS. MARIE AUDREY GIRARD: Will -- will
15 you --

16 MS. BRENDA GOODSWIMMER: -- through a number
17 of sessions.

18 MS. MARIE AUDREY GIRARD: Will you be
19 comfortable then -- just have -- you will have, like, we'll
20 need to get your consent --

21 MR. GARY MOOSTOOS: Yeah.

22 MS. MARIE AUDREY GIRARD: -- that we will
23 put you in the camera. So if it's okay, I'll be asking as
24 well, are you comfortable if I turn the camera to you --

25 MR. JERRY GOODSWIMMER: Yeah.

1 MR. GARY MOOSTOOS: Yeah.

2 MS. MARIE AUDREY GIRARD: And then we're
3 recording --

4 MR. JERRY GOODSWIMMER: He is.

5 MR. GARY MOOSTOOS: I am.

6 MS. MARIE AUDREY GIRARD: -- and that we're
7 recording --

8 MR. JERRY GOODSWIMMER: He likes the camera.

9 MR. GARY MOOSTOOS: I'm camera friendly.

10 MS. MARIE AUDREY GIRARD: Okay. So then
11 you'll hear record as well.

12 MR. GARY MOOSTOOS: Okay. Yeah.

13 MS. MARIE AUDREY GIRARD: And I will have to
14 get your consent as well afterwards.

15 MR. GARY MOOSTOOS: Okay.

16 MS. MARIE AUDREY GIRARD: Okay?

17 MR. GARY MOOSTOOS: Close up.

18 MR. JERRY GOODSWIMMER: (Indiscernible).

19 MS. BRENDA GOODSWIMMER: You don't want to
20 be there, Jerry?

21 MR. JERRY GOODSWIMMER: I'll -- I'll speak
22 after.

23 MS. MARIE AUDREY GIRARD: I'll just --

24 MS. BRENDA GOODSWIMMER: Okay.

25 MS. MARIE AUDREY GIRARD: Yes, after. I'll

1 move it after.

2 MR. JERRY GOODSWIMMER: Right.

3 MS. BRENDA GOODSWIMMER: Okay.

4 MS. MARIE AUDREY GIRARD: 'Cause if not --
5 we'll be (Indiscernible), yes.

6 MR. JERRY GOODSWIMMER: Yeah.

7 MR. GARY MOOSTOOS: Okay. Are you ready?

8 MS. MARIE AUDREY GIRARD: I'm ready, if you
9 are.

10 MR. GARY MOOSTOOS: Yeah, okay. Well, yeah,
11 I -- I have been on the journey with my cousins here. I
12 remember those days quite clearly when the news came. What
13 really hurt me the most was watching them hurt, and the way
14 that the -- the justice system treated them. And
15 remembering when my uncle was being investigated for even
16 committing the crime of murder against his own daughter,
17 and how that really in -- really impacted the family a lot.

18 MS. MARIE AUDREY GIRARD: M'hm.

19 MR. GARY MOOSTOOS: And how they
20 investigated him. And -- and how the -- even the Grande
21 Prairie paper had to retract, and -- and apologize for the
22 way that they -- that they portrayed Philomene in the
23 paper, and kind of smeared her in a way. Kind of a real
24 sly way.

25 MS. MARIE AUDREY GIRARD: M'hm.

1 **MR. GARY MOOSTOOS:** And -- in saying that
2 the family didn't care that nothing was done, and why now.
3 After her body was found, that all of a sudden now she's
4 missing. So they had to retract that. And that -- that
5 was some of the things that really stood out for me. And
6 that so -- but always there's things missing.

7 Like, even with this Inquiry and this --
8 this hearing, like the cultural peace, the medicines and
9 that. And I question where is that? And then they'll say,
10 "Well, there's something happened." Or this or that, but
11 really, you know, it -- that should be the -- in the
12 forefront --

13 **MS. MARIE AUDREY GIRARD:** M'hm.

14 **MR. GARY MOOSTOOS:** -- because looking after
15 my two cousins here is -- is the -- is priority. And to
16 open up their wounds and to send them off, there are
17 certain ceremonies that could be done that could help them
18 in a way to leave what they need to leave here today with.
19 And that's not in place.

20 And my -- my recommendation, I have a
21 couple, would be that -- that Elders take a big role and
22 actually a lead role in when a -- a missing or murdered
23 woman is found, that they be the ones that accompany the
24 RCMP or the police to -- to relay the -- the news to the
25 family. And play a big role in supporting the family from

1 that journey, from that day on, to see them through 'til
2 the very end, and to be -- be able to be their support
3 person, their person to go to -- for ceremony, or when they
4 need healing, or that, so that they're -- that's -- that's
5 looking -- looked after. 'Cause you -- you have to really
6 look at the -- the four realms. That -- that we need to
7 look after people when they're healing is the physical,
8 mental, emotional, and spiritual.

9 **MS. MARIE AUDREY GIRARD:** M'hm.

10 **MR. GARY MOOSTOOS:** The spiritual component
11 is always left out, which was federal Canada -- the federal
12 government doesn't really value that piece. When really,
13 it's the piece that will really heal our people.

14 And even in the justice system, the -- the
15 warehousing of -- of -- we have a -- a high population of
16 Aboriginal people, both brothers and sisters, in -- in the
17 jail system. And most of those people are -- are innocent,
18 but yet they're money makers. We're money makers. And as
19 long as the -- the federal government can continue saying
20 we have such a great -- a great employment rate in Alberta
21 or in Canada, so again most of those people are being
22 employed to look after us, or to dictate to us how to live.
23 When to wake up, when to take a crap, and -- being guards,
24 right down to janitors.

25 In the health care system, I see a lot of

1 Aboriginal people in -- in hospitals. They don't need to.
2 It's because of the trauma that they're experiencing. And
3 suicide attempts, all that. Like, I see in the ICU on a
4 daily basis there's brothers and sisters that come into the
5 ICU that -- that are unnamed, unknown. And then when
6 they're -- no -- when they found out they've been beaten to
7 death or that, they don't even make the news. So, you
8 know, these people have a life. As my cousin Patsy was
9 saying, they're -- they -- they have a mother, they have a
10 father, they're somebody's brother, somebody's dad,
11 somebody's you know?

12 But, you know, it would be -- and then this
13 Gladue report, and I -- and I totally agree with Patsy,
14 that dues have to be paid. You know, we all have -- I --
15 I've had a very rough -- rough childhood. But I -- I stood
16 up and broke the cycle. And that was my -- my focus. And
17 when we do this, and we -- we award these people of, oh,
18 you had a -- you know, you were strapped when you were
19 young, or -- so we'll give you five years less, right,
20 because of that. That's B.S. Because if -- if they're
21 saying that they have all this trauma, and they carry all
22 this trauma, they should -- I would give them more time
23 in -- in jail to be able to think about what you've done,
24 and to heal yourself in jail. So in five years time, when
25 you present yourself to the Parole Board, and you're still

1 damaged, you still haven't dealt with your -- with your
2 trauma, then, okay, we're going to add another five years.
3 Until you can deal with your trauma, we will release you
4 back out to community as a healed person. You took a life,
5 what is to say that you can't -- you won't take another
6 life --

7 **MS. PATSY CAMPBELL:** M'hm.

8 **MR. GARY MOOSTOOS:** -- if we release you,
9 you know, without -- with you still being very damaged. So
10 this Gladue report, is -- is really just a scapegoat to --
11 to allow people to go out and commit more crime, to fill
12 those beds in the -- in the jail system.

13 Those jails shouldn't even be there. If a
14 person were to commit this crime and that, and kill
15 someone, they should be -- like I said, be -- be given more
16 time. But not having the non-Aboriginal people look after
17 them or to -- to create jobs for non-Aboriginal people.
18 But to be able to provide services and programs, and all
19 that, in the jail system where they can heal these people.
20 Because our brothers or sisters, they're adults now,
21 they're still being -- they're still being raised by the
22 federal government, being told when to go to bed, when to
23 go to -- you know, to the bathroom.

24 And then you see this whole Inquiry, right.
25 And I have yet to see an Aboriginal person represent this

1 Inquiry. It's all non-Aboriginal people that are being
2 paid to -- to do this work. Where's our people? They're
3 not here, right? So that's what my -- my recommendation
4 is, start looking at the people. It's our people that is
5 going to be healing --

6 **MS. MARIE AUDREY GIRARD:** M'hm.

7 **MR. GARY MOOSTOOS:** -- our people, not the
8 other way around. We're sick and tired of being told how
9 to do things or when to do things, or that. So anyways,
10 sorry if I -- if I -- if I over --

11 **MS. BRENDA GOODSWIMMER:** Stayed.

12 **MR. GARY MOOSTOOS:** -- if I stepped on
13 anybody's toes, but those are only toes out of life.

14 **MS. MARIE AUDREY GIRARD:** Thank you.

15 **MS. BRENDA GOODSWIMMER:** M'hm.

16 **MR. GARY MOOSTOOS:** So, I mean, people need
17 to learn and listen. The truth hurts sometimes, but
18 really, I want to see more people -- more Indigenous people
19 healing our people. And once that happens, then we're
20 going just spiral really fast to be able to do that. And I
21 see that -- I seen that happen. So anyways, that's it for
22 me.

23 **MS. MARIE AUDREY GIRARD:** Okay. Thank --
24 thank you very much.

25 **MR. GARY MOOSTOOS:** Yeah.

1 **MS. MARIE AUDREY GIRARD:** Would you like to
2 add something? I'll put --

3 **MR. JERRY GOODSWIMMER:** No. Go ahead.

4 **MS. MARIE AUDREY GIRARD:** Yes? Okay.

5 **MR. JERRY GOODSWIMMER:** Yeah, sure.

6 **MS. MARIE AUDREY GIRARD:** Here we go.

7 **MR. JERRY GOODSWIMMER:** (Speaking Indigenous
8 language). My name is Jerry Goodswimmer. And I've been
9 quite active in -- here in Edmonton regarding the social
10 issues that we experience, and from activism, like in
11 Sisters in Spirit --

12 **MS. MARIE AUDREY GIRARD:** M'hm.

13 **MR. JERRY GOODSWIMMER:** -- the big
14 organization that Brenda mentioned about, was something
15 that was really -- opened our eyes in that sense. We
16 always knew the -- that we treat our woman as second-class
17 citizens in our communities, and that men rule. It's a
18 patriarchal system. But I think one of the things too that
19 we have to look at not only the residential school, but the
20 religion aspect of that -- the religion done to us. But
21 also, the Indian Act. Because from there, when the
22 oppression started coming, it was there where we start
23 looking at our woman.

24 We never wrote the Indian Act. It's -- it's
25 basically a white supremacist document, one of the biggest

1 in -- out there in the world. And what entails in there is
2 a lot. And it really stresses the male roles in our
3 community.

4 **MS. MARIE AUDREY GIRARD:** M'hm.

5 **MR. JERRY GOODSWIMMER:** It doesn't talk
6 about our woman, nor does it talk about the two-spirit
7 people, so those two organization -- those two groups are
8 pushed out. And so, in that sense, we start treating our
9 woman as second-class citizens. And out of that comes --
10 we start filling in the prison system. Because a lot of
11 those brothers who are in jail, are basically charged for
12 domestic violence. And so it continues. It continues and
13 continues to where we are now. We treat our woman as
14 second-class citizens in our communities.

15 And I think one of the things that too, that
16 we can look at the government and whatnot, but in today, we
17 as community members, male community members, have to step
18 up to the plate and say, "Hey. There's something wrong
19 here. There's something definitely wrong." We have to
20 look at ourselves, our roles as men, and --

21 **MS. MARIE AUDREY GIRARD:** M'hm.

22 **MR. JERRY GOODSWIMMER:** -- support. And I
23 think that's something that we have to do too, is support
24 the woman now. I think the woman are the ones who are
25 going to be healing our communities.

1 We've been active in, I don't know, more --
2 me and Gary here -- brother Gary, here in Edmonton. We've
3 been a lot. And a lot of that has to focus on the two-
4 spirit, being supportive with the woman. And the woman
5 really should -- Turtle Island, Canada, regarding the Idle
6 No More Movement. And I think that's where something that
7 the -- we really, really generate our energies towards.
8 And the Murdered and Missing Indigenous Woman is one of the
9 organization that we became involve in.

10 **MS. MARIE AUDREY GIRARD:** M'hm.

11 **MR. JERRY GOODSWIMMER:** And we experienced
12 that. We experienced that. And we walked with our sisters
13 here regarding their mother and their sister.

14 I grew up with their mother. And I remember
15 seeing her mother and their -- that time, it was
16 fashionable thing to do was that she had these cat glasses,
17 and I remember that and her curly hair. But she was a
18 loveable woman. She was really loved. And I think when
19 she found her mate, Uncle Nat, Napoleonian Moostoos
20 (phonetic), I think she -- it was made. And they were such
21 a calming couple, and they were in love. And the kids were
22 there and et cetera, you know.

23 And so I always have this peace that I
24 connect with with them because their grandmother Rose --
25 Rosalie (phonetic), was one of my -- when I was born, I was

1 born in Sturgeon Lake, in the bush over there, and she
2 happened to be there with Grannie Capple (phonetic), and
3 they were the traditional midwives. So one of the things
4 that she did when I was born was gave me a -- a traditional
5 name, and that was (Speaking Indigenous language), meaning
6 that a person who's cooking out in the open campfire, that
7 was my thing. And that's what Gary was saying and the --
8 and sister Patsy was saying was, bring back that culture.
9 The culture of what we were -- what we -- the original
10 people in this country.

11 And when I look -- I have a social work
12 background, and when I look at regarding trauma and
13 therapeutic -- Indigenous therapeutic processes, I look at
14 the trauma -- the trauma, the cultural trauma that we
15 experience. We have been stereotyped regarding alcohol and
16 drugs, particularly alcohol. That we're real drunks and et
17 cetera. But the problem is not the drunks. The problem is
18 the trauma of oppression, colonization. Once we start
19 dealing with that, and addressing that issue, we'd start
20 looking parenting, and et cetera, and whatnot, and building
21 up from there.

22 And -- because I myself, you know, I -- I
23 went through the -- I'm the residential school survivor.
24 And so I went through the whole thing about the drug thing.
25 And when I look at my -- when I look at my -- my life, my

1 personal life and whatnot, and what the trauma has done to
2 me, I -- I really look at where do I fit in my community?
3 What's my role? Well, it wasn't 'til not -- a few years
4 that I started looking at, and really looking at analyzing
5 my life as a person who is two-spirited. Where do I fit in
6 my community because the oppression of the church -- 'cause
7 first of all, gay homosexuality was classified as a mental
8 illness. And on top of that, the rules even said we were
9 sinners. And so there was two things coming at us. But we
10 never acknowledge.

11 In my community, there's a lot of -- I think
12 it's one of the most gayest communities in northern
13 Alberta, or the swingiest, but everything is under
14 surfaced, eh? Everything is surfaced because they don't
15 want to talk about the gay. They don't want to talk about
16 their bisexuality and et cetera. So it's gone into a -- an
17 underground. So I think that's something too that we're
18 just really grasping.

19 But there is also a lot of that. We need to
20 address -- the Canadian government needs to address the
21 missing and -- missing and murdered two-spirited people
22 because there's nothing, absolutely nothing right now. And
23 that's one of the things that we're going to be -- start
24 pushing for.

25 **MS. MARIE AUDREY GIRARD:** M'hm.

1 **MR. JERRY GOODSWIMMER:** And I think that is
2 important, important. But we are here for the sisters that
3 we've lost. We've also lost, as they -- they expressed,
4 there are men out there. Men out -- Indigenous men out
5 there who are missing.

6 **MS. MARIE AUDREY GIRARD:** (Indiscernible).

7 **MR. JERRY GOODSWIMMER:** One of them is Rufus
8 Spyway (phonetic). He's been missing for 19 years back
9 home. And we still don't know what happened. And one of
10 the -- the young people was Bella McLean, who fell off some
11 third plus stories in a Toronto apartment building.

12 **MS. BRENDA GOODSWIMMER:** Balcony, yeah.

13 **MR. JERRY GOODSWIMMER:** And those are things
14 that, you know, as a community -- as a community, we don't
15 focus on the individual aspect in many circumstances. We
16 think about the collectively. And the collectively is that
17 we -- we are traumatized regarding -- once we start talking
18 about missing and murdered Indigenous woman, et cetera. We
19 experience all the pain. We sit with our sisters. We know
20 when we're singing prayers and et cetera. And so we -- we
21 feel the pain. And we feel -- and because there -- there's
22 an emptiness in there.

23 **MS. MARIE AUDREY GIRARD:** M'hm.

24 **MR. JERRY GOODSWIMMER:** And there's an
25 emptiness in our heart. And -- and how do we help each

1 other? And I think that's something too, that needs to be
2 important is, as a group, as a community, I think that's
3 where we should go channel our -- the -- the funding
4 resources, et cetera. Because if we start looking at
5 one -- one individual, usually, when you go into a one --
6 to a psychologist therapies, fine, they're sending us to
7 therapies, but only one session is usually -- or one, two
8 session, and that's it, and then we quit that. But when we
9 start dealing with collectively, it does wonders. It does
10 wonders about -- regarding the residential -- she was
11 excellent in -- by the way, in her residential school
12 program. And she addressed it holistically, collectively.
13 And so -- and that's -- I guess, that's -- that's the main
14 thing that we need to focus on.

15 And I think there needs to be a database for
16 murdered and missing Indigenous women out there. But I
17 think we also need -- Mr. Trudeau, we need more funding for
18 our communities and whatnot. And so we can start
19 addressing the wrongs of the Canadian government because
20 it's part of one of the -- Canada's darkest histories. And
21 we need to address that (Indiscernible).

22 **MS. MARIE AUDREY GIRARD:** Okay.

23 **MR. GARY MOOSTOOS:** That way.

24 **MS. MARIE AUDREY GIRARD:** Yes.

25 **MS. BRENDA GOODSWIMMER:** (Indiscernible).

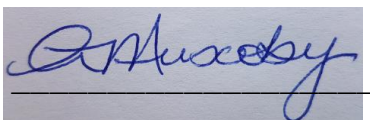
1 **MS. MARIE AUDREY GIRARD:** So with that, I
2 think I will be turning off the camera. The time is 3:05,
3 and I'm turning off.

4 **MS. BRENDA GOODSWIMMER:** I think we're done,
5 eh?

6 --- Upon adjourning at 3:05 p.m.

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