Τ	Vancouver, BC
2	October 27, 2011
3	(PROCEEDINGS RECONVENED AT 10:00 A.M.)
4	THE REGISTRAR: Order. The hearing is now resumed.
5	THE COMMISSIONER: Mr. Ward.
6	MR. WARD: Thank you, Mr. Commissioner. In fact, I have two
7	matters before I finish. I need to correct a
8	mistake I made with a date yesterday, and I'll do
9	that with the witness first.
10	EXAMINATION IN CHIEF CONTINUED BY MR. WARD:
11	Q Mr. Crey, yesterday when I showed you and asked
12	you some questions about the lengthy Vancouver Sur
13	article about your sister Dawn's disappearance,
14	which appeared in an exhibit that we marked, I
15	think it was 20
16	THE REGISTRAR: 24.
17	MR. WARD: 24, Mr. Registrar. Thank you.
18	Q I suggested that around that time you had also
19	been quoted in a newspaper article respecting
20	meeting with Dinah Taylor. Do you remember that
21	exchange?
22	A Yes, I do.
23	Q And, Mr. Commissioner, it's been pointed out to me
24	that I actually got the date wrong, and to clarify
25	that, I've been provided with a copy of the other

article. I'll pass that up. I have extra copies 1 2 of this for counsel who may wish them. 3 Sir, I'm showing you a two-page document, the 4 first page of which is a copy of the Province's front page for November 21st, 2002, with the 5 6 headline "Police pamper Pickton witness", and then 7 turning over the page there's a copy of page A3 describing events involving this witness, Ms. 8 9 Dinah Taylor, and some quotations appear that are 10 attributed to you in the column to the extreme 11 right. So just -- do you recall these events and this newspaper article? 12 13 Yes, I do. Α So it was, in fact, after Mr. Pickton's arrest 14 15 that you had the interaction with Ms. Taylor that you described yesterday? 16 17 Yes, that's correct. Α In late 2002? 18 0 19 Α Yes. 20 Thank you. Mr. Commissioner, I propose to MR. WARD: Yes. 21 have this document marked as the next exhibit. 22 THE COMMISSIONER: Yes. 23 THE REGISTRAR: Exhibit number 26. 24 (EXHIBIT 26: Document entitled "Police pamper 25 Pickton witness" news article in the November 21,

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2002 issue of the Province)
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      MR. WARD:
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                   And finally, sir, in addition to the various
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                   public comments you made to print and electronic
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                   media outlets, you were involved in the making of
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                   a feature film on your daughter's case called
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                   "Finding Dawn", correct?
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      THE COMMISSIONER: Sister's.
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                   Sorry, what -- yes, your sister's case, on Dawn's
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                   disappearance and the investigation of it?
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                   And that full-length NFB production described --
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                   it was described as a documentary that was an epic
                   journey into the native women's experience in
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                   Canada, including coverage of the Highway of Tears
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                   issue and disappearances from the Downtown
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      MR. WARD: I just mention that, Mr. Commissioner, at some later
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                   time the commission may wish to view that or have
                   it available --
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      THE COMMISSIONER: All right.
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      MR. WARD: -- to it, but I don't propose to show it now.
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THE COMMISSIONER: All right. 1 2 MR. WARD: It's called "Finding Dawn", and it's from the NFB. 3 And, Mr. Crey, you were filmed and appear in that 4 film? 5 Yes, that's correct. 6 MR. WARD: Thank you. Those are my questions. 7 THE COMMISSIONER: Thank you. Mr. Gratl. 8 CROSS-EXAMINATION BY MR. GRATL: 9 Q Yes, Mr. Crey, just a few questions. I take it 10 you didn't report your sister missing? 11 No, I didn't. Α 12 And when did it come to your attention she was Q 13 missing? It came to my attention from my younger sister, 14 Α 15 Lorraine. She discovered that Dawn had been 16 missing, and she went in search of Dawn in her 17 usual places in the Downtown Eastside and couldn't find her. She looked for her for the better part 18 of two weeks and then she contacted me to tell me 19 20 that it would appear as though Dawn is missing. 21 And with as much precision as possible could you Q 22 tell us when that came to your attention, Lorraine's efforts? 23 24 I think that was in -- in December of 2000,

thereabouts.

1	Q	Okay. Were you able to learn where she was
2		living, Dawn, before her disappearance?
3	A	Yes, I understand that she may have been living at
4		the Roosevelt Hotel. She had a room there.
5	Q	Okay.
6	А	Yes.
7	Q	And did you yourself conduct any investigations or
8		did was it Lorraine primarily?
9	А	It was Lorraine and still a younger sister, Rose
10		Walton.
11	Q	And they were able to speak to individuals at the
12		Roosevelt?
13	А	Yes.
14	Q	Okay. And did they get anywhere with their
15		search? Did they
16	А	No. No, they they didn't.
17	Q	Okay. But did they learn did you learn the
18		name Dinah Taylor through your sister Lorraine
19		before Robert William Pickton was arrested?
20	А	No.
21	Q	And here I want to distinguish between the
22		Vancouver Police Department and the RCMP. What
23		was the first time you had contact with the
24		Vancouver Police Department in respect of your
25		sister's disappearance?

	the founding of the joint task force. They called
	us together, you know, to a hotel near the
	Vancouver International Airport in Richmond to
	brief us, to introduce themselves and to talk
	about the investigation they would be mounting, so
	that's the first time that I recall having contact
	with members of the VPD.
Q	Okay.
А	And I can't recall anyone's name off the top.
Q	When was that meeting; do you recall?
А	I can't recall the month exactly, but I believe it
	was in 2001.
Q	And were you provided assurances at that time that
	the Vancouver Police had already been
	investigating your sister's disappearance?
A	Not specifically. I wasn't provided any
	assurance.
Q	Were you told that your sister was on the list of
	missing women?
A	Yes.
MR. GRATL:	Those are my questions. Thank you.
THE COMMISS	IONER: Thank you.
CROSS-EXAMI	NATION BY MS. GERVAIS:
Q	Good morning, Mr. Crey. Robyn Gervais,
	A Q A Q A A MR. GRATL: THE COMMISS CROSS-EXAMI

independent counsel for aboriginal interests. 1 2 Yesterday you testified that you were employed 3 with the Service Commission of Canada; is that 4 correct? 5 Α Yes. 6 And what was your role with the Service Q 7 Commission? 8 My role with the Service Commission of Canada was Α 9 -- was to recruit aboriginal people in British 10 Columbia/Yukon for federal service jobs and also 11 to do senior -- what they referred to as senior 12 management staffing in the federal public service 13 in this region. And did you hold career fairs to recruit 14 0 15 aboriginal people? 16 Α Yes, I did. I started organizing them in the 17 period '80, '81, '82. I think it was three -three fiscal years in which we -- we staged career 18 fairs for aboriginal university, college, and high 19 20 school kids in different locations in British 21 Columbia. 22 Q Okay. And what kinds of positions were you recruiting for? 23 24 Well, there's a large number of federal Α departments and agencies, and the Public Service 25

Commission, as Mr. Commissioner -- they are the 1 2 central recruiting agency for the federal service 3 and kept inventories of applicants for job vacancies in the service, and so this would range 4 5 from departments like the Department of Fisheries 6 and Oceans to Indian and Northern Affairs Canada, 7 Health Canada, a wide range of federal departments and agencies in the region, active in the region. 8 9 Q And did the Vancouver Police Department ever ask 10 you to have a booth at one of your career fairs? 11 They did indeed. Α Okay. And do you know when this was? 12 Q 13 I think they started with us in '81 or '82. Α 14 0 And so they did have a booth, and do you know what 15 was the result of their recruiting project to recruit aboriginal people to the police force? 16 17 I think their booth was one of the most popular Α 18 booths in our career fairs. I recall they came with us to Victoria, Kamloops. I can't recall off 19 20 the top if they came to Prince Rupert with us. 21 They brought a number of officers, motorcycles. 22 They had pamphlets and brochures and engaging officers, you know, that have an easy way about 23 24 them talking with members of the public. 25 0 And do you know if they were successful in

1 recruiting aboriginal officers?

- A Well, this is a question I have of them. I know they've made some efforts at recruiting aboriginal people in the force. I don't know if it's just to their officer -- contingent of officers, their officer program, or if they've made any efforts beyond that to recruit throughout their administration. I'm not sure if they've done that. I've read newspaper articles where it seems as though they were facing challenges doing that.
- Q Okay. And why in your role with the Service

 Commission did you think it was important to have
 the Vancouver Police Department at these career
 fairs?
- A Because the police are very active in the aboriginal community throughout Vancouver. They came into and still do come into frequent contact with aboriginal peoples, particularly in the east side of Vancouver, but not necessarily confined to that part of the city, and I thought it would be wise for them to have aboriginal officers in uniform on -- on the beat, as it were, in their vehicles working -- working inside the aboriginal community, and I thought it might be comparable to what had been known as the special constable

program at the RCMP, a program that was successful 1 2 and had been in place for years. I'm not sure 3 that the special constable program with the RCMP continues. I -- I think they may have shifted 4 5 gears and they just recruit aboriginals into the 6 mainstream, as it were. So that was my hope for 7 the VPD. And I also knew that a lot of aboriginal youth had an interest in the VPD, were interested 8 9 in working there, were quite taken with the career 10 option of being a police officer. I've met many 11 of these young folks. Yesterday and just now you mentioned the special 12 Q 13 constable program that was created by the RCMP. 14 Can you expand a little bit on what that program 15 is or was? 16 Α The RCMP does a lot of policing in aboriginal 17 communities throughout Canada, in what is now 18 known as Nunavut, in the Northwest Territories, 19 the Yukon, and each of the provinces in Canada, so 20 to respond to the policing needs of the aboriginal 21 community, that would include in urban centres 22 across the country, they created a program called 23 the special constable program, and they -- the 24 goal was to place the officers they were

successful in recruiting into areas of the country

and cities across the country where there were 1 2 large numbers of aboriginal people living, and 3 those constables would work -- work with those communities. And I think they -- the program was 4 5 very successful, as I recall it. 6 And when was this program implemented? Q 7 Α I believe it was implemented in the early '70s. It may have survived through to the mid-'80s, 8 9 something of that nature. 10 So, to your knowledge, today this program is not Q 11 in existence? To my knowledge, it doesn't, although they do make 12 Α 13 a concerted effort to attract and recruit aboriginal people to the role of police officer. 14 15 And what kind of efforts have you seen be made? Q Well, I can see it in my community. There are 16 Α 17 senior native officers that police in the Fraser 18 Valley, and they have a good reputation in the 19 communities. When there are disputes in the 20 community with regulatory agencies such as the 21 Department of Fisheries and Oceans, they're 22 usually Johnny on the spot and are very effective 23 at helping resolve disputes. So that's the --24 that's the value I see in this. And they don't 25 hire the shy ones, let's put it that way.

1	Q	Do you think there's still a need for aboriginal
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3	А	Yes.
4	Q	More aboriginal people to be hired within the
5		RCMP?
6	А	I definitely do.
7	Q	And what makes you say that?
8	А	Because I've seen how effective it can be in
9		different in different parts of British
10		Columbia and elsewhere in Canada where I've
11		worked.
12	Q	So have you seen effectiveness in the rural areas
13		of BC?
14	А	Yes.
15	Q	You also mentioned yesterday that you worked with
16		the United Native Nations, correct?
17	А	That's correct.
18	Q	And what is the United Native Nations?
19	А	It's it's the main political organization for
20		aboriginal people who live off reserve in British
21		Columbia, people who live in urban areas, people
22		who continue to have the designation of non-status
23		Indians. So this organization is the main
24		advocacy group for these people. It's a political
25		organization. Although it's an incorporated

1		society with a charitable mandate, it's
2		nonetheless politically active.
3	Q	And does that include Metis people?
4	А	Yes.
5	Q	Okay. And you were the vice-president and then
6		president of the United Native Nations; is that
7		right?
8	А	That's correct.
9	Q	Okay. And you mentioned yesterday that you were
10		involved in cultural sensitivity training programs
11		to train law enforcement officers
12	A	Yes.
13	Q	correct?
14		And approximately when did you provide this
15		training?
16	А	Where the RCMP is concerned it was in the latter
17		'70s in places like Prince George, north central
18		British Columbia, and later on in the early '90s
19		when I was with the sorry, I was with the UNN
20		in the '70s but in a community development officer
21		role, but in the early '90s I was one of the
22		executive members of the UNN Society, and at that
23		stage, in the early '90s, there were cross-
24		cultural workshops, orientation sessions for VPD
25		officers. They were usually staged at the Italian

centre, I believe, out on West 12th, as I recall. 1 2 And did you provide the training yourself? Q 3 I was one of several people from the UNN that were Α 4 involved. 5 Okay. And was it primarily aboriginal people 0 6 providing the training? 7 Α Yes. And why did you think this training was necessary? 8 Q 9 Α Well, at that time Canada was in the midst of a 10 discussion about its constitution, and there was a 11 lot of interest in the interests of the aboriginal people, and the population of aboriginal peoples 12 13 was growing in the Lower Mainland, but particularly in Vancouver, and that would bring 14 15 the aboriginal people in close contact with the VPD, the aboriginal people principally in the 16 17 eastern side of Vancouver, but not exclusively, 18 but primarily in the eastern side of Vancouver, 19 and the police themselves wanted to have these 20 types of sessions. I believe they felt that it 21 would be important for their officers to 22 understand the history of the aboriginal peoples, the laws that may apply to aboriginal peoples. 23 After all, we have a federal statute that's 24 25 exclusively for Indian people, and it's been there

for well over a hundred years, and there's a range 1 2 of policies and programs exclusively for Indian 3 people, native Indian people or status Indians, 4 treaty Indians in the country. And then there 5 were the aspirations of the aboriginal peoples 6 that the police wanted us to talk to their 7 officers about, and then, of course, cultural differences that the officers wanted to know 8 9 about, wanted to explore those issues. I think it 10 was all in the service of them doing a more 11 effective job policing in the aboriginal community. I think that was the thrust of their 12 13 interest. And you referred to federal legislation. Are you 14 15 referring to the *Indian Act*? Yes, that's correct. 16 Α 17 And how long did this training go on for, how many Q 18 years? I recall, I think, attending two sessions over two 19 Α 20 years. The years were back to back, as I recall. 21 Whether it continued after I left the UNN Society 22 I'm not -- I'm not sure. So it didn't stop while you were with the UNN? 23 Q That's -- that's correct. 24 25 0 Okay. And what did the training generally consist

1 of?

2 Giving the officers an overview of the history of Α 3 the aboriginal peoples, differences between and 4 amongst aboriginal societies. There was -- there 5 seemed to be a perception in the latter '60s and 6 '70s that an Indian was an Indian, that they were 7 all the same whether they were from the Yukon or from Nova Scotia, that there was a homogeneous 8 9 aboriginal society, and so we -- we were offering 10 training that advised these people of the 11 differences between and amongst us, not only political, but cultural and linguistic 12 13 differences, and some of the overarching legislation that applied to all of these 14 15 societies, like the Indian Act and any of the 16 regulations and policies and programing pursued by 17 the federal government for aboriginal peoples. 18 And we discussed with them how aboriginal societies are organized, whether matrilineal or 19 20 patriarchal. Just a general overview of these 21 differences and then some advice on how they might 22 best work with aboriginal communities, whether 23 urban or in outlying areas or rural settings. And we tried to give them some idea of the -- of the 24 25 struggle that was going on at the -- at the

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constitutional table over the entrenchment of aboriginal rights, you know, telling them that the constitution had been repatriated in '82 and then the entrenchment of section 35 and then sections of the Charter of Rights and Freedoms that are applicable to aboriginal peoples. The idea there was to respond to a general lack of understanding in the Canadian population and agencies that work with aboriginal people who just didn't understand why aboriginal people occupy a special place in Canadian society, responding to this point of view of aren't we all just the same, why can't we all just be Canadians, why can't we just all be equal. We wanted to address those kinds of issues. And I'm not being sarcastic, by the way, but these are the types of questions that were posed to us, and so I've spent a lot of my life explaining to people that, you know, whether there's an appreciation of it or not or an acceptance or not that in Canadian society aboriginal peoples occupy a special place in the law, live in separate communities, are culturally different, are different between and amongst themselves and different from other groups in society but still sharing a commonality of experiences as Canadians

generally, right. So it was really to encourage 1 2 understanding, a better appreciation of the 3 differences and a search for common ground and 4 improved relationships. 5 0 Were there any common themes amongst the kinds of 6 questions that you would get from students in the 7 training? 8 Yes, and a little -- a little bit of argument, Α 9 which was -- was welcomed. It wasn't our plan to 10 suppress differences of opinion if they were 11 there. But there were questions like, well, what 12 makes your people different, what makes them so 13 special, why are they asking for special things, and why is it that we as a tax payer spend so much 14 money on your people, and aren't the differences 15 what -- aren't the differences in law, is that not 16 17 what is keeping us apart as Canadians, and is this 18 wise, and, you know, typical questions you might get from a -- from your average Canadian person 19 20 who has little appreciation of the history of the 21 country and the place of aboriginal people. 22 Q And how did you respond to some of these questions? 23 24 Well, we took them one at a time and explained why Α 25 there are differences and why we would over time

need to accept some of these differences and how
that would -- how that would improve things for
the aboriginal people and for Canadians generally.

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- Q And you said that you would mention the *Indian*Act. Did you go into any great detail about the effects that the *Indian Act* --
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- Q -- had on aboriginal people?
- Α Yes, the history of the act, and in its early years, Mr. Commissioner would know for sure, it was really an oppressive piece of legislation, but it evolved over time, and it remains a bit of an oppressive piece of legislation in our lives, and we would explore -- explore those differences. For example, people would ask me, "Well, look, Ernie, my people came from Portugal or they came from India or they came from Pakistan or they came from England or they came from Germany. When we got here, we didn't have two nickels to rub together. We didn't speak English very well. jobs we got were driving spikes or digging holes in the ground or digging fence posts, but, you know, we struggled, we made it. My parents still don't speak English very well, but I do, and I have an education and now I fit into Canadian

society. We own businesses. We pay taxes. But 1 2 where did your people miss the boat?" And that 3 was the purpose of explaining the Indian Act. For 4 example, very few Canadians, even though there's 5 been repeated efforts to explain, don't understand 6 that Indian reserves are not held in fee simple. 7 Indians can't go to banks to take out loans to establish a business, for example, and use land as 8 9 collateral. It's federal Crown land. When people 10 understand that, they go, "Oh. Oh, I see. Okay. 11 I understand." Right. A lot of Canadians don't understand. 12 THE COMMISSIONER: Weren't allowed to vote until 1960. 13 And so forth. Weren't allowed to vote. Our kids 14 15 didn't go to public school. They went to residential schools. I can remember when they 16 17 started to close down the residential schools and 18 integrate Indian kids into the public schools there were riots in the streets of British 19 20 Columbia. Some people forget that. The white 21 community didn't want Indian kids in the public 22 schools. And there's a documentary made about that. And you'd have Canadians in the streets 23

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saying, "Well, their children are diseased.

They'll bring lice into the school. They'll

reduce the performance of our children because they're not capable students," and so forth. You know, this is all documented. I don't say this in response to your questions out of bitterness. I'm just saying that's the reality that was there in the '50s and the '60s.

- Q And did you see any kind of paradigm shift for students once they went through this training? And I know you didn't engage with them much after, but in the classroom did you see people -- sort of light bulbs going off in people?
- A Well, I found that -- well, I just -- I called them the knot heads, you know, the hardcore knot heads in the programs. Some of them would actually come up to me later and ask to talk about the issues more deeply and talk about their feelings towards aboriginal peoples, and we would explore that, and I'd go into my social work mode, right, and explore this whole issue of prejudice and stereotypes and the like, and often it turned out that the hardcore knot heads turned out to be the people with the greatest promise. I can remember in a few incidents some of them said, "Until we came to this course I didn't really understand that what accounted for my feelings

about aboriginal people was fear. I can remember 1 2 sitting at a dining room table at home with my 3 parents as I was growing up," they would say, and some of the -- they would listen in on some 4 5 terrible things said about aboriginal peoples, and 6 so what they were basically telling me is they 7 grew up in an environment where there was no -very little, if any, contact with aboriginal 8 9 people but where they were -- overheard and 10 listened to stereotypical opinions about aboriginal people: they're dirty, they're lazy, 11 they're not productive, they're diseased, they're 12 13 amoral, and so forth, right. The things they would hear at the dining room table. And a few of 14 the officers said, "But now I know that's not so. 15 I thought it was so." So we sometimes have a 16 17 tearful parting, let's put it that way. 18 0 Do you think that sensitivity training is still necessary among policing authorities? 19 20 They may -- they may still be doing it. Α 21 quess -- I quess, Mr. Commissioner, they'll be 22 asked these types of things later. They may be 23 doing it, but if they're not, they should. They 24 should make it a regular part -- part and parcel 25 of the training of officers. Mr. Commissioner,

I'm not recommending police officers be made 1 2 junior psychologists or junior anthropologists or 3 social workers, you know, people with heart on 4 their sleeves, but they can learn things that will 5 help them overcome some of their perceptions, 6 perhaps their fears, concerns about aboriginal 7 peoples, and if they do -- I'd rather have an officer, quite frankly, who's overcome his fears 8 9 and misperceptions of aboriginal people on the beat than I would with an officer who hasn't dealt 10 11 with those, let's put it that way. I would see them as being more effective in their roles, and 12 13 I'm all for that. Besides the things that you've already described 14 0 15 in past training that you've done, is there 16 anything else that you think is incredibly 17 important to put in sensitivity training? 18 Α Well, things -- the law is changing where aboriginal folks are concerned, and there's 19 20 broader changes going on in aboriginal society 21 now. More and more federal departments and 22 agencies are delegating responsibilities for programing for aboriginal people directly to the 23 aboriginal community. There are certain hard-won 24 25 rights that are there on the horizon, like the

right of self-government -- governance. Mr. 1 2 Commissioner, this might mean that in 10 years 3 time or 15 years time that we may see the 4 emergence of tribal codes or First Nations codes 5 of law. We may see tribal courts in British 6 Columbia. And we already have tribal policing 7 agencies in British Columbia, so the next logical 8 steps might be the development of tribal codes of 9 law, more tribal policing agencies and tribal 10 courts. And I've invited lots of people just to 11 look 33 miles from here to Lummi, Washington. 12 They have tribal courts and tribal police, tribal 13 game wardens, tribal codes. They handle matters 14 at law short of capital murder, the tribal courts. 15 We may see that emerge in British Columbia. it's important that people understand these 16 17 changes are in the works. Treaties are being 18 negotiated. So it's important that people understand this and that they also understand why 19 20 it is that so many aboriginal people live in 21 Vancouver, you know, why they've come in from the 22 hinterland or other parts of Canada to take up a 23 life in Vancouver. They need to understand why 24 that is so and the challenges these people face 25 making an adjustment to urban life. I think that

would help them, you know, do their jobs more effectively.

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- Q What kinds of positions do you think aboriginal people should occupy within policing agencies?
- Well, when I -- Mr. Commissioner, I do have a few Α speeding tickets, but when I do -- and parking tickets, but when I do come to town, I don't recall ever being stopped by an aboriginal officer. And I'm not saying that, you know, I should get stopped and an aboriginal officer would make it better, but my point is I haven't ever been stopped by an aboriginal officer. I know they may employ a few aboriginal officers, but I'd like to see them employ a larger number of aboriginal officers, particularly at the VPD, and if they can't employ them as regulars but they want to orient young aboriginal people to a career in policing, they could be hired as auxiliaries if they have an auxiliary program. You know, you'll see some of these officers who may not have the full range of skills and knowledge of a regular officer. I think sometimes they have them, like, you know, directing traffic and doing other things. This is a good orientation. I'm talking about something above the level of ride-along.

I'm talking about actually developing a program 1 2 that would gradually introduce increasing numbers 3 of aboriginal people into the VPD. 4 And do you think it's important for aboriginal Q 5 people to occupy other positions within the 6 police? 7 Α I think as time goes on, for example, they could take a look at federal programing. Over the years 8 9 the federal government has developed programs 10 designed to promote aboriginal women and men to 11 the senior ranks of federal departments and 12 agencies, and it's worked. It's worked to good 13 effect. So now you can go to Indian and Northern Affairs Canada and find very senior people who are 14 15 aboriginal. Health and Welfare Canada. What had 16 been called Employment and Immigration. I think 17 it's called Services Canada. Heritage Canada. 18 Any department that has as part of its mandate the delivery of some sort of program to the aboriginal 19 20 community now have senior people within their 21 ranks, and they're every bit as competent as 22 anyone else, so this is not an argument for hiring the unqualified. For me it's never been that. 23 24 What effect do you think this would have on the 0 aboriginal community, if there were more 25

aboriginal people occupying these positions? 1 2 I think the aboriginal community generally would Α 3 be very pleased. If they could look and see a ranking aboriginal officer in the VPD, they would 4 5 be very pleased, and many would be very proud. 6 And if they saw more aboriginal officers, they 7 might feel a greater sense of confidence in the policing services that the VPD does, and wouldn't 8 9 that be a good thing. 10 On that note, historically speaking what is the --Q 11 what has been the general level of trust between aboriginal people and policing authorities? 12 13 Well, it hasn't been good, but it's been changing. Α But you need to understand the roots of the 14 15 relationship between policing agencies, 16 particularly the RCMP, not so much the VPD. 17 with the inception of the aboriginal schools the 18 RCMP often played a role of -- of running down 19 aboriginal children, picking them up, putting them 20 on planes or trains and -- to be trundled off to 21 residential schools, so there's a deep-seated fear 22 in the aboriginal community of -- of police officers, and it's rooted in our history. And I 23 24 say this not to make people feel guilty. It's just -- it's just part of our history, and so the 25

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deep-seated fears go back to that era, and it's not so long ago. You know, there was a time when the Indian agents from DIA, particularly in the Prairie regions and for sure in the Lower Mainland of British Columbia, the police officers, the RCMP would round up aboriginal children, and they were put in cattle cars and sent off to residential school. And I recall this -- it's a well-known incident, it was in Manitoba, of the RCMP doing the Indian kid roundup, as they referred to it. It was the roundup, the fall roundup. So the Indian agents would bring the RCMP with them, go out onto reserves, and where there were recalcitrant parents, people that didn't want their kids to go to the school, the RCMP would break down doors and grab the kids, put them in a horse buggy, wagon, you know, like a hay wagon, and take them down to the nearby railway tracks, and the kids would be loaded into cattle cars to be taken to a residential school in Manitoba. And as I recall the historic description, the officers and the Indian agents in one instance looked off in the horizon, and they saw this dust rising in the distance, and the RCMP called for the train to stop, that this might be some additional kids

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coming. Well, it wasn't. What it was was -- it was the grandparents, the moms and dads, right. Yeah, running to catch up to the RCMP officers and the Indian agents. And when the grandparents and parents got there, in order to stop the train what they did was they'd climb up the sides of the cattle cars grasping the hands of their kids and their grandchildren, and then the Indian agent would order the RCMP to crawl up on the side, using their truncheons break the hands of the moms and grandmothers. You see? So if you have your -- if you're someone of my age and you have your grandmother telling you this incident when she had her hands broken by the RCMP and you're listening to this story and you're six and seven years old, you're going to be afraid and angry and suspicious, right. And that kind of relationship that existed there permeated this relationship between the aboriginal peoples and the Indians. And by the way, this applied to the Metis children as well. Those schools were not just for Indian kids. They were for Metis children. And, in fact, the residential school at Mission wasn't called an Indian residential school, actually, when it opened. It was called a school for

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- Q We heard evidence last week from Dr. Kate Shannon, who is a UBC professor of medicine, that women often do not report violence against them to police because they feel that there's a sense of apathy amongst the police and that they simply don't care. Do you think that having more aboriginal people in policing authorities and providing sensitivity training would help?
- Yes. Often the officers are called to difficult Α family situations where social workers are about to apprehend kids. They're often called out to sort of keep everyone calm. Imagine. You can't really keep people calm in that -- but to keep the peace would be the best way to describe it. And so the parents, you know, they become afraid, right. They become -- they become afraid. And this relationship is coloured by those types of things in our community and in the community here in Vancouver. Often the police are called into difficult family situations that involve child welfare authorities, often called into situations where there are domestic disputes. Right. they had a better knowledge of the aboriginal community, they may learn how to better handle

some of these disputes, maybe even help resolve 1 2 them, and that's important, and so I think the 3 training for the non-aboriginal officers and more 4 aboriginal officers in the service would go a 5 long, long way to making a great difference in the 6 community here in Vancouver. 7 Do you think there are any other steps that 0 policing authorities could take to increase the 8 9 level of trust between aboriginal people and the 10 policing authority? 11 Well, I wouldn't know what the demands are on the Α VPD. I imagine they're great. But -- and they 12 13 may do this already, but they may want to expand this kind of activity, but taking part in cultural 14 15 events in the aboriginal community, getting themselves invited to cultural events in the 16 17 aboriginal community. Being there. Be seen. 18 That would -- that would go a long -- a long way to help improve trust in the working relationship 19 20 between themselves and the aboriginal community. 21 They need to do more of that. There's a program 22 that they may already take part in. There's these 23 canoe journeys that take place. We have federal 24 fishery officers and RCMP officers, other policing

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agencies that go on these canoe journeys with

aboriginal youth, for example, down the Fraser 1 2 River or along the coast. That would help a lot. 3 They may be already doing this, but that kind of 4 activity needs to be expanded. 5 0 I now want to turn the focus to the book that you 6 spoke about yesterday, Stolen From Our Embrace, 7 and talk a little bit about that book and the child welfare system. You testified yesterday 8 9 that you co-authored the book with Ms. Susan 10 Fournier Stolen From Our Embrace, and that was 11 published in 1997, correct? Correct. 12 Α 13 Okay. And the book is about the effects of the 0 14 residential and child welfare system? 15 That's correct. Α 16 Okay. And why did you think it was important to Q 17 write a book about that? 18 Α Because I know, Mr. Commissioner, that across the province there are schools of -- programs for 19 20 social workers, schools of social work, for 21 example, at places like UBC and UVic. Social 22 workers, like police officers, play a big role in the lives of aboriginal people. One day it's 23 24 either a police officer or the next day it's a 25 social worker, correct. So they play a big role

in our lives, and guite often the social workers 1 2 that work in the aboriginal community, you know, 3 show their faces in the aboriginal community 4 aren't red faces, unless they're embarrassed, but 5 they're not aboriginal faces, and I've always been 6 one to think that social workers -- there should 7 be far greater numbers of aboriginal social workers, and the only way to do that is to have 8 9 them enroll in these programs such as UVic and UBC 10 and the University of the Fraser Valley and 11 Thompson Rivers University. It's important that that happen. So what happened after -- one of our 12 13 goals was we thought that once our book was 14 published that it would become sort of standard 15 fare in social work programs across the country, 16 and as it turns out, that's so. Our book is used 17 at UBC and UVic and just about every academic 18 institution that has an -- sorry, a social work 19 program. And we thought the book would be 20 different than perhaps any other textbook a social 21 worker might read. We thought that the stories 22 that were told in there - it's just not Susan Fournier and Ernie Crey, you know, pontificating. 23 24 We actually wrote a book that allowed for the 25 voices of aboriginal youth and families speak

through, come through, and that it would be a good 1 2 thing for these social workers in training to read 3 a book like that. And our assumption turned out 4 to be correct, that wherever I go in Canada I've 5 encountered people that have read the book and 6 have remarked that it's helped them a lot in 7 their -- in their work. And it's also intended for the general readership, you know, in Canadian 8 9 society. They don't want to read a textbook. 10 Canadians don't want to read a textbook. 11 Canadians aren't students. Students are students. And so the general readership out there that have 12 13 picked up the book have -- find it a good read, a 14 moving read, a read that's touched them, and people have come forward to me, cabinet ministers 15 16 in the provincial government who have read it and 17 federal cabinet ministers and others, people from 18 academic institutions, even some lawyers, for God 19 sake, have said, "I've read your book, and I took 20 a lot away from it, and I just wanted to, you 21 know, say that it was -- it was a really good read 22 and I learned a lot. It's helped me understand better what -- understand -- develop a deeper 23 24 appreciation of aboriginal peoples and society." 25 0 Do you think that your book has any place in

training the VPD or RCMP? 1 2 Yes. Yes, I do. Α 3 Do you think it would foster an understanding Q 4 amongst --5 Α Yes. 6 You had extensive involvement with the child Q 7 welfare system, correct? 8 That's correct. Α 9 Q And can you outline your involvement? 10 In the mid-'70s I was hired by the Union of BC Α 11 Indian Chiefs to work in the province's first 12 aboriginal child welfare program. It was a 13 collaborative program, Mr. Commissioner, between what is now called the Ministry of Child and 14 15 Family Development and the Union of BC Indian 16 Chiefs. My colleague and I were stationed in 17 Kamloops, and another two social workers were 18 stationed in Campbell River. The reason for 19 those -- for those two areas being the place where 20 this new program would be introduced is because 21 those two areas had the highest incidence of apprehensions of aboriginal children or Indian 22 23 children by provincial social workers. So the 24 name of the -- the goal of the program was for us 25 to recruit aboriginal adoptive and foster homes,

of aboriginal kids into foster and adoptive care in the non-aboriginal community in the province, in the country and into the United States and even abroad. Back in the '60s and '70s after the residential schools were being closed down the federal government created a policy and a program called Adopt Indian Metis, is what it was called, and unlike the residential school it was -- school system -- it was an unabashed program designed to deliberately take aboriginal kids, whether they were Indian or Metis, and arrange for their adoption by non-aboriginal Canadians and Americans and people from overseas. And it had two purposes. As one lawyer said, it was to make -it was to make white people out of red kids. But the other -- the other purpose was to reduce federal expenditures on aboriginal peoples. Now, we're not talking about a couple of hundred kids. We're talking about tens of thousands of kids that were taken, placed in first foster care and then adopted by -- principally by Americans, but over the years I've found these adoptees in places, Mr. Commissioner, like New Zealand and Scotland and Germany and Holland and elsewhere around the

world. Once these children were adopted away they 1 2 were now the responsibility of the adoptive 3 parents, and the federal government can go -- each 4 kid represented over time a line item in a budget 5 of X thousands of dollars, right. Well, somebody 6 else would now be responsible for Indians, and 7 that would be adoptive parents. And so it was really a program that had two faces. One was to 8 9 reduce federal expenditures in the long term on 10 Indians because, in effect, they were no longer 11 Indians, and the other one was to transform these children from being Indians, being culturally in 12 13 possession of themselves, to being really 14 non-Indians. That was the purpose of the program, 15 and the federal government made no bones about that, and then they quickly coordinated their 16 17 efforts with provincial governments, who enjoyed 18 the jurisdiction in child protection matters. 19 Since you began working in the child welfare Q 20 system you've seen it evolve over time, correct? 21 Correct. Α 22 0 And what kind of changes have you seen be 23 implemented? 24 Well, it's moved from a place where provincial Α 25 child protection officers working for the Province

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of British Columbia, and in an earlier era the commissioner will remember some private societies like the Catholic Children's Aid Society and so forth would do this type of work, but over time there's been a gradual delegation of some of the responsibilities for Indian child protection and Metis child protection to societies that have established programs. Some of those societies are -- delegated the child protection responsibility. Not all of them, but some of them. So those programs would be responsible for the protection of children, that is, the removal of children, and also for recruiting adoptive and child placements, homes for aboriginal kids. So we've moved from it being exclusively a provincial matter managed by a particular provincial agency now to the point where we're seeing these aboriginal agencies, for example, in Vancouver the VACFSS, of which I'm the founder of that society, and the Xyolhemeylh agency in the Fraser Valley, and USMA in Port Alberni. I'm not responsible for founding those other societies, but for sure VACFSS here in Greater Vancouver. They've taken over some of those responsibilities under delegated authority from the Province of British Columbia to provide

child protection and to provide a range of 1 2 services to families and kids with the goal of 3 trying to keep aboriginal families intact. 4 Do you know approximately how many fully delegated Q 5 agencies there are in BC? 6 I'm not sure at this time. I think there's Α 7 probably 40 or more agencies, and I don't think 8 that half of them are delegated, I don't believe. 9 My knowledge there is a little bit dated. But a 10 goodly number of them are delegated agencies. 11 And now that there are these delegated agencies in Q 12 place where aboriginal people are, I guess, in 13 charge of removing aboriginal children, do you think things have changed or are things any 14 15 better? 16 Α No. 17 Q Why? 18 Α Sadly, I don't. And people disagree with me, but, sadly, I don't. It's not so much -- well, I was 19 20 one of the earliest advocates for these agencies. 21 That's a historical fact. I had a different 22 vision for these agencies than the agencies that 23 have adapted. But what do I mean they're not successful? Well, you just have to look at the 24 statistics. There's been a demographic change in 25

the aboriginal community. Mr. Commissioner, our 1 families tend to be younger, on average, than the 2 3 general population, young parents, and they're 4 having children, and some of them are living on --5 on the edge, as it were, lacking employment, a lot 6 of educational skills and the like, so they often 7 find themselves in a position where they can't protect and provide for their children. Often 8 9 they are far from their home communities, whether 10 a Metis settlement or an Indian reservation 11 somewhere in British Columbia. They're in Vancouver, for example. It isn't long before they 12 13 come to the attention of child protection workers, 14 whether from the ministry or a society like 15 VACFSS, for instance, and it's not long before those social workers are in their homes, and then 16 17 we quickly have a child pro -- we're quickly 18 facing a child protection situation. So what, in fact, we're seeing is a greater number of 19 20 aboriginal kids being apprehended at any time 21 since the early 1960s. In fact, there are more 22 aboriginal kids in care than ever attended residential schools in Canada. That's where we're 23 24 at right now. And the numbers of kids being taken 25 into care, protection is growing because the

population is growing. Really we have a crisis in 1 2 Indian family life and the lives of aboriginal 3 children, and people don't have to take my word 4 for it, they just need to read stories in the 5 Vancouver Sun or Province in which the child 6 advocate for British Columbia, Mary Ellen 7 Turpel-Lafond, as Mr. Commissioner will know, has already said this is the case. She has said this 8 9 is the case. There's too many kids coming into 10 care, too many kids suffering whilst they're in 11 care, too many kids being injured or being killed in the kith and kin program that some of these 12 13 agencies run. And it's not confined to British Columbia. It's taking place all across the 14 15 country. MS. GERVAIS: Mr. Commissioner, is now a good time for the 16 17 break? 18 THE COMMISSIONER: Yes. Thank you. THE REGISTRAR: The hearing will now recess for 15 minutes. 19 20 (PROCEEDINGS ADJOURNED AT 11:00 A.M.) 21 (PROCEEDINGS RECONVENED AT 11:17 A.M.) THE REGISTRAR: Order. The hearing is now resumed. 22 MR. WARD: Mr. Commissioner, Cameron Ward, counsel --23 24 THE COMMISSIONER: Yes. MR. WARD: -- for the families. I've had discussions with my 25

- friends, and they've agreed subject to your
- 2 permission that Mr. Crey may be joined at the --
- on the stand by his sister Lorraine --
- 4 THE COMMISSIONER: Yes.
- 5 MR. WARD: -- for the remainder of the questioning, and I've
- invited my friends that if they have any questions
- about the family's efforts to find out what
- 8 happened to Dawn, which are chronicled largely in
- 9 that newspaper article that was --
- 10 THE COMMISSIONER: Yes.
- 11 MR. WARD: -- tendered as an exhibit, that Lorraine Crey might
- be best suited to respond to those.
- 13 THE COMMISSIONER: All right. Okay.
- 14 MR. WARD: And everybody, I understand, is agreeable to that,
- 15 and if --
- 16 THE COMMISSIONER: Yes, that's fine.
- MR. WARD: Thank you. So, Ms. Crey, you can come on up then.
- 18 Thank you.
- 19 THE REGISTRAR: Mr. Commissioner, as I understand, she is going
- to be a witness later. I will also affirm her.
- 21 MR. WARD: That's correct, yes.
- 22 THE COMMISSIONER: Yes.
- 23 MR. WARD: She'll be affirmed.
- 24 THE COMMISSIONER: We have so many tables it's like a maze
- 25 finding your way through there, I guess.

- 1 MR. WARD: And I'm sorry to interrupt my friend.
- 2 THE REGISTRAR: Good morning. I will affirm you.
- 3 LORRAINE CREY: Affirmed
- 4 THE REGISTRAR: Would you state your name, please.
- 5 A Lorraine Crey.
- 6 THE REGISTRAR: Thank you. Counsel.
- 7 THE COMMISSIONER: Yes.
- 8 MS. GERVAIS:
- 9 Q Robyn Gervais, counsel for aboriginal interests.
- 10 Mr. Crey, I just have a couple questions left for
- 11 you with respect to the child welfare system.
- Just for a moment pretend that we didn't have a
- 13 child welfare system. How would aboriginal
- 14 communities deal with families in need?
- A Aboriginal communities, what we call customary law
- in our communities. In the absence of a child
- 17 welfare system customary law would prevail.
- 18 Customary law is already recognized by the courts
- 19 in Canada insofar as customary adoptions are
- 20 concerned in the aboriginal community and
- 21 marriages, and this has been so for decades. So
- it's already there. It's recognized by -- it's
- 23 been dealt with by the courts. It's recognized at
- law. And where child welfare is concerned, that's
- 25 what would apply in our communities, but customary

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law in child protection in our communities has been supplanted by provincial statute law, regulations and policies, and they differ -- they differ from one province to the next and one territory to the next, so we have this sort of patchwork quilt of laws and policies that relate to child protection from one end of this country to the other. That's what we have. When people say, "There you go again talking like some damn social worker. What do you mean exactly," I give an example of -- of my grandmother Mamie. When my parents went through a difficult spell when they were quite young, they were -- they were coping with alcohol, and up until I turned about age 6. My grandmother walked -- she had a cane. She walked across the Hope bridge down into -- down into town, where we lived. She came to our house, and she was -- she was treated reverentially by my father -- this was his mother -- and by my mother. She was quite a lady. What she told my parents is, "Look, you know, if you don't look after your kids and stop drinking, I'm going to send your kids to their relatives in Musqueam, the Sparrow family, and you won't see your kids again. So what is it? What are you going to do?" She

looked at her son, my father. And he looked at 1 her and said, "I choose to stop drinking," and my 2 3 mother followed suit. That's an example of 4 customary law and practice in our communities. 5 Today if, Mr. Commissioner, if -- if a young 6 aboriginal couple were to be told the same thing 7 by their grandparents, they would say, "You don't have any rights where my kids are concerned. I 8 9 don't care what you say. We're going to live like 10 we want to live." I don't mean that in every 11 case, but generally speaking. And it's true, the grandparents don't have any rights in those -- in 12 13 those cases. But that's an example of customary 14 law and its importance in our community. Well, 15 that's -- those arrangements have been supplanted 16 by provincial laws and policies as they -- as they 17 pertain to aboriginal child protection. That's 18 what's been replaced. Now we have really what are proxy agencies for the Ministry of Child and 19 20 Family Development in British Columbia. They're 21 really -- contractors is what they really are, and 22 what some of us are on about in the province is -and it's in the title of our book, the book that I 23 24 co-authored with Suzanne Fournier. When we say 25 the restoration of the aboriginal community,

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that's what we mean. We mean the restoration of
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                   traditional means of governance in our
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                   communities, because if you adopt another system
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                   that's failed you all along, I don't know why you
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                   expect things are going to improve. This may
                   sound idealistic. I don't think it is. I know it
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                   works, and it will take some time to work, but the
                   system we have now I -- and it's not just me, it's
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                   all sorts of observers that know a lot about child
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                   protection and the law say it's not working.
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      MS. GERVAIS: Thank you, Mr. Crey. Those are all the questions
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                   I have for you. If we were to ask you to come
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                   back at the recommendation phase of this inquiry,
                   would you be willing to do that?
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                   Yes. Yes, I would.
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      MS. GERVAIS: And I don't have any questions for you, Ms. Crey.
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      THE COMMISSIONER: Thank you. Any further questions?
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      MR. HERN: I think commission counsel was going to ask a few
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                   questions of Ms. Crey. Is that no longer the
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                   case?
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      MR. VERTLIEB: No, I was just waiting. I knew Mr. Ward had
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                   thought there might be some concern about some of
                   the evidence that apparently --
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      THE COMMISSIONER: All right.
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      MR. VERTLIEB: -- Mr. Crey's sister had more knowledge about,
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but I'm comfortable with everything that's 1 2 transpired. I think we've developed a very good 3 record. But if there's any concerns to any 4 participants, I think it's helpful she's here for 5 any questions. Mr. Ward, obviously if there's 6 something that you wish to cover as well, feel 7 free to do so. MR. GRATL: Mr. Commissioner, I wonder if we could possibly 8 stand down for five minutes. 9 10 THE COMMISSIONER: Sorry? 11 MR. GRATL: If we could possibly stand down for five minutes. 12 THE COMMISSIONER: Yes. 13 MR. GRATL: I'd be grateful for an opportunity --THE COMMISSIONER: All right. 14 15 THE REGISTRAR: The hearing will now recess for five minutes. (PROCEEDINGS ADJOURNED AT 11:25 A.M.) 16 17 (PROCEEDINGS RECONVENED AT 11:37 A.M.) 18 THE REGISTRAR: Order. The hearing is now resumed. THE COMMISSIONER: Yes, Mr. Gratl. 19 20 MR. GRATL: Yes. Mr. Commissioner, I hadn't expected to be 21 examining this witness in chief, but I've spoken 22 to her briefly in the short intermission, and I do 23 have a few questions for her.

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MR. GRATL: It might be of assistance. I'll try to fumble

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THE COMMISSIONER: Yes.

1 through as best as I can with short notice. 2 THE COMMISSIONER: Okay. 3 EXAMINATION IN CHIEF BY MR. GRATL: 4 Ms. Crey, my name is Jason Gratl. I'm the lawyer 5 representing the perspectives and interests of 6 affected individuals and organizations on the 7 Downtown Eastside, so principally sex workers and 8 drug users. You've been sworn in, have you, as a 9 witness? 10 Α Yes. 11 Okay. And you had a pretty close relationship Q 12 with your sister Dawn? Yes, I did. 13 Α 14 You were working as a property manager for Lu'ma 0 15 Native Housing? 16 Α Yes. 17 In Vancouver? Q 18 Α Yes. 19 And how long were you working in that capacity? Q 20 19 years. Α 21 Okay. And so that would include the period from Q 1997 to 2002? 22 23 Α Yes. 24 And you lived in Vancouver as well as working in Q 25 Vancouver?

1	А	Yes.
2	Q	And your sister Dawn lived in Vancouver as well,
3		did she?
4	А	Yes, she did.
5	Q	You and she visited on a weekly basis?
6	А	Yes, we did.
7	Q	Okay. And so, of course, you, as sisters do,
8		traded confidences? She told you what was going
9		on in her life, and you told her what was going on
10		in yours?
11	А	As sisters do, we did.
12	Q	Okay. So when she went when she went missing,
13		do you remember the time period when she went
14		missing? That was in just at the latter end of
15		the year 2000, wasn't it?
16	A	It was no, it was just it was almost 2000.
17		It would have been the end of '99.
18	Q	Okay. And at that time she had been living at the
19		Roosevelt Hotel?
20	A	Yes, she lived there.
21	Q	In a number of different rooms? She had moved
22		from room to room?
23	A	She did. She lived in three rooms before the
24		Roosevelt.
25	Q	Okay. But even within the Roosevelt Hotel? She

1		had moved around a little bit within the hotel?
2	А	Once she did. She lived in one room and then she
3		moved into the last room that I visited her in.
4	Q	Okay. The last time you spoke to your sister she
5		mentioned being afraid of someone at the Roosevelt
6		Hotel; isn't that correct?
7	А	Yes.
8	Q	Okay. And did she say whether it was a man or a
9		woman she was afraid of?
10	А	A man.
11	Q	Okay. And when you last went looking or when
12		you first went looking for your sister and weren't
13		able to find her, the place you went was the
14		Roosevelt Hotel; isn't that right?
15	А	Yes.
16	Q	And when you got there the doorman or the
17		concierge or the front-desk clerk at the hotel,
18		what was his name?
19	А	I do not know his name, just his nickname, which
20		was Boss. People called him Boss.
21	Q	They called him Boss?
22	А	Yes.
23	Q	And when you went up to this Boss and asked him
24		where your sister was, he told you that his
25		sister that your sister had moved across the

1		street to the Balmoral Hotel?
2	A	Yes, he did.
3	Q	Did you go looking for her there?
4	A	I went directly there right after he told me.
5	Q	And what did you find?
6	А	Nothing. She wasn't there. There was no answer
7		on the door.
8	Q	If I could have a minute.
9		How long did you look for your sister before
10		approaching the Vancouver Police Department? I
11		just mean approximately. I know it's been many,
12		many years.
13	A	Three weeks. I know I reported it two weeks
14		before Christmas, so for four weeks it would be
15		that I was searching the streets.
16	Q	Okay. So you searched up and down the street
17		speaking to
18	A	The streets and the establishments around there
19		and questioned the people on the streets.
20	Q	You knew where she
21	A	Frequented.
22	Q	Where she frequented, the places she hung out in?
23	А	Yes.
24	Q	And some of the people she knew either as friends
25		or acquaintances?

1	А	Yes, I knew her associates, the people that she
2		spoke with, her regular her friends, the closer
3		people that she knew.
4	Q	And I take it, of course, that none of them had
5		seen her either?
6	А	No.
7	Q	When you went to the Balmoral, who did you speak
8		to at the Balmoral; do you remember?
9	А	I do not know his name, but the desk man is the
10		one I spoke with.
11	Q	Okay. And did you tell the Vancouver Police
12		Department when you reported your sister missing,
13		did you tell them about going to the Roosevelt and
14		hearing that she had moved to the Balmoral and
15		about going to the Balmoral and hearing that she
16		hadn't moved in?
17	А	When I actually reported it at the VPD?
18	Q	Yes, when you first reported it.
19	А	I just reported her missing, but they didn't
20		question me about missing from where. I just gave
21		them her name, and that's all they asked.
22	Q	They didn't ask about whether there were any
23		whether, for example, there was anybody that she
24		was afraid of?
25	A	That did not come up at all. They never asked me

that. That came later on. 1 2 All right. And it came later on. There must have Q 3 been -- there was a gap of some period between the 4 time when you reported your sister missing to the 5 Vancouver Police Department and the time that you 6 were approached by investigating police officers; 7 is that right? 8 There was a large gap, yes. Α 9 Q Can you estimate the size of that gap, how many 10 months or --11 Approximately a year. Α 12 All right. And after that one-year gap when the Q 13 police started investigating did they ask you about your sister's last place of residence? 14 15 Yes. Α 16 Q And you told them what you've told the 17 commissioner today? 18 Α Yes. Thank you. 19 MR. GRATL: 20 THE COMMISSIONER: Anything arising out of that? 21 MR. GRATL: Oh, actually, I'm sorry, Mr. Commissioner, I have 22 one more question. 23 THE COMMISSIONER: Yes, go ahead. MR. GRATL: 24

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Did Deputy Chief Evans of the Peel Regional Police

ever try to speak with you about your sister's 1 2 disappearance? I mean in the last year or two. Debbie? 3 Α 4 Did Deputy Chief Jennifer Evans of the Peel 0 Regional Police ever try to speak with you --5 6 I don't --Α 7 0 -- in the last --8 -- remember speaking with any female officer or Α 9 chief, no. I --10 I mean in the last year or two. Q 11 Α The last -- I know I spoke with a couple of 12 officers. I don't remember their names, but I did 13 speak with -- probably my brother would know that better than me. I forget their names. 14 15 MR. GRATL: Okay. Thank you very much. 16 Α Yes. 17 MS. GERVAIS: Nothing arising. 18 THE COMMISSIONER: All right. Thank you. Mr. Hern. CROSS-EXAMINATION BY MR. HERN: 19 20 Ms. Crey, my name is Sean Hern. I'm counsel for Q 21 the Vancouver Police Department and the Vancouver 22 Police Board, and I just have a couple of 23 questions with respect to the evidence you were just providing to Mr. Gratl, and you had mentioned 24 that the date that you last saw your sister was in 25

1999, and I'm wondering if -- if -- it's obviously 1 a long time ago now, and I'm wondering if that 2 3 could be -- you could just be mistaken by a year 4 on that because the note that we have in the file 5 is that the last seen date was November 8, 2000, 6 for your sister. Is it possible that you're a 7 year off in your recollection? Do you have any markers that would help you establish the year 8 9 that you can remember her going missing? 10 We were planning her birthday October. November. Α 11 We were planning her birthday. That would have been in '99, two weeks before her birthday. That 12 13 was the last I seen her, was in '99, and then it 14 went on into the new year, right. 15 So did other -- did her other friends or were you Q 16 aware of other people who had seen her in the year 17 2000? 18 Α In the year 2000? Actually, I just spoke with a woman just a couple of days ago that was just with 19 20 her two days before, and, yes, I spoke with 21 somebody. I do not remember the name. But that 22 is when I found out that she was on Powell Street, 23 but by that time when I went searching on Powell 24 Street she was already gone. And Powell, I couldn't find her there. 25

1	Q	Okay. So was there a large gap between the time
2		you last saw her two weeks before her birthday, as
3		you say, and when you found out that other people
4		had said that she went missing, or would you see
5		her regularly?
6	A	I seen her two weeks before her birthday. I seen
7		her regularly for years. I always knew where she
8		was, where I could find her, where she lived, and
9		she was never far. It didn't take me long at all
10		when I'd go downtown looking for her. If she
11		wasn't at home, I would just walk maybe up and
12		down the block a couple of times and I'd hear her
13		call my name.
14	Q	All right.
15	A	If she wasn't at home.
16	Q	So there's a note do you recall the first
17		meeting you had with a member of the Vancouver
18		Police Department about your sister? Can you
19		remember that in your mind, or is that vague and
20		blurry?
21	А	This is when after I reported her missing?
22	Q	Yes, after you learned after she had gone
23		missing.
24	А	There is a large gap too, about a year, but, no, I
25		do not know the exact date, time.

1	Q	Do you remember the person you were dealing with
2		at all, whether it was a woman or a man?
3	A	There was two. There was I didn't keep their
4		card. I believe there was a male and female there
5		in my home.
6	Q	All right. And I have in the file notes that
7		there were telephone discussions between you and
8		the Vancouver Police Department in February 2 of
9		2001 and February 5 of 2001. Do you have any
10		recollection of those occurring?
11	A	Telephone discussions? We may have. The date and
12		time I don't know.
13	Q	Okay. And you don't have you don't personally
14		have any notes about your dealings with the police
15		department in reporting your sister missing or
16		discussing those things with them?
17	A	My personal notes? I never kept any. I never
18		thought I would have to. I would assume that the
19		VPD would have all of that.
20	Q	Sure. I understand.
21	A	As civilians, I don't think we do that.
22	MR. HERN: I	wasn't expecting that you had them. I was just
23		asking whether you did. So those are all my
24		questions in relation to your evidence with Mr.
25		Gratl, but I do want to say on behalf of the VPD

and the board that -- how sorry we are about your 1 2 loss, and I hope that through this proceeding we 3 can provide you with some answers as we go along. 4 And, Mr. Crey, we've heard and appreciated your 5 thoughts and perspectives and opinions and 6 experiences, and I want to thank you for that. 7 I've noted many of them down, and I do hope, as Ms. Gervais suggested, that you can come back so 8 9 we can discuss further how things can be improved, 10 and over the course of this proceeding we'll have 11 an opportunity to -- to explain the changes that have been made to make things better and to learn 12 13 how things can be further improved. So thank you 14 for that. 15 MS. CREY: Sorry, it will take me time to forgive the VPD because I don't think "sorry" cuts it for me at 16 17 this time. 18 MR. HERN: I understand. 19 MS. CREY: Thank you. 20 THE COMMISSIONER: Any further questions by any counsel? Ms. 21 Livingston, do you have --22 CROSS-EXAMINATION BY MS. LIVINGSTON: 23 Hi, I'm Ann Livingston for VANDU. I was listening 24 to Ernie Crey this morning and felt I needed to 25 ask a few questions about the suggestions that you

were making about involving more aboriginal 1 2 recruits in recruiting for both the Vancouver 3 Police Department and the RCMP and some of the changes, and I wasn't sure, I just wanted to ask a 4 5 question. Do you think that aboriginal police 6 officers would not follow orders or enforce --7 enforce unjust laws? I just wanted to clarify whether -- you know, I don't know if you get what 8 9 I'm getting at about whether being aboriginal 10 makes you a better police officer than not in that 11 if you're ordered to carry out the Criminal Code of Canada and if it includes an unjust law, 12 13 whether you think on that level it would help. I think I understand some of the subtleties of 14 15 having an inclusive policy of recruitment. THE COMMISSIONER: I didn't understand the question. Maybe Mr. 16 17 Crey did. 18 MS. LIVINGSTON: 19 Okay. If the prostitution laws are unjust, the Q 20 drug laws are unjust or something like potlatch 21 laws are unjust, would aboriginal police officers 22 be forced, if they were sworn to, you know, serve in the police department, have to enforce those 23 24 laws? 25 THE COMMISSIONER: Your question is if there are laws that are

perceived to be unjust would aboriginal police 1 officers enforce those laws? Is that what you're 2 3 saying? 4 MS. LIVINGSTON: Yeah, just in terms of your recommendations about 5 6 recruitment, which I don't disagree with, by the 7 way, but I'm just -- I just wanted to be clear about this. 8 9 Α It may be the case that police officers of all 10 backgrounds may feel that some of what they're 11 doing perhaps is unjust, but their job is to enforce the laws as they stand. 12 13 Q Okay. And as to changes in the laws, well, we know what 14 Α 15 the process is in Canada, right. The last time I 16 checked, it's a democratic country, and groups 17 with interests in changes in the law, that's their 18 job to advocate for those changes. Yeah, and -- well, there could be more comments 19 Q 20 about how slow that is, but I won't get into that. 21 Yes. Α 22 0 And whether aboriginal people have been very successful. I was involved with preventing the 23 24 apprehension of what I call a VANDU baby a number 25 of years ago, and many of the members of the

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Vancouver Area Network of Drug Users are aboriginal people. She was Plains Cree. I observed that the aboriginal services, such as foster care and support workers, were equally eager to place this baby in care and were biased against the woman because of her drug use. Do you have a comment or explanation? And I heard some of your comments that you're disappointed that the rates of apprehension are higher than ever.

Well, this goes to my concern about the current state of affairs in child protection in BC, but specifically where aboriginal families are concerned is that the aboriginal social workers who work for these delegated agencies are really contract workers for the ministry. They're accountable to the ministry and the arrangements they've made with the ministry to enforce child protection laws and policies as they currently stand. The child protection policies and approaches to child protection and support for families do not emerge from the communities, the aboriginal peoples. They're enforcing child protection laws of British Columbia. So where I'm at at this stage in my career is advocating a restoration, the restoration of customary laws and 1 practices in the aboriginal community.

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The -- my experience with that family and other Q aboriginal families when -- when the rest of the family -- for instance, this new baby that had arrived in the world that is actually under the care of the mother, it took a pushy white woman like me to take custody and bring her into my home and give her enough time to jump through a bunch of hoops, and she kept her child and has her child to this day. In her family, both of her brothers are in jail for life for murders they committed in jail after being in jail for quite petty charges, and I believe -- so do you have a comment about the -- when you go back to the family and look for the traditional family supports and find that the family's broken up with them being in care plus jail, do you have a comment about envisioning what it will take to go back to traditional family values and have --

A Yes, it takes resolve from the community.

Aboriginal peoples, Mr. Commissioner, perhaps like some other ethnic communities in British Columbia, are communal, communal people, and cling to traditions and cling to their values, so in an instance like that it's not so much the family in

and of itself a nuclear family, it's really the 1 community needs to wrestle with these issues 2 before there can be a restoration of these 3 4 customary practices and traditions in our 5 community. 6 The -- in my 18 years of advocating for effective Q 7 treatment for people who use drugs who are extremely marginalized, and by these I mean 8 9 legalized heroin and cocaine prescription 10 prescribed legally, injection sites for people who 11 inject drugs outside and in dangerous circumstances inside hotel rooms, I observed that 12 13 aboriginal treatment centres can sometimes be the 14 slowest to adopt these considered radical initiatives. Do you have a comment? 15 16 Α Well, I'm on record as supporting Insite, and I'm 17 on record -- I've written letters to the 18 aboriginal groups in British Columbia like the Union of BC Indian Chiefs and the First Nations 19 20 Summit asking them to stand up for Insite, and now 21 it appears as though this matter may be resolved. 22 There's been a Supreme Court decision. So I'm --23 personally I'm an advocate for those things, and 24 it may be that some aboriginal treatment centres 25 and groups that are offering services are maybe

slow to keep pace with developments in the larger 1 2 community, but those things change. 3 And the -- I just want to make the comment that Q 4 plenty of non-aboriginal treatment centres are 5 also very rigid in these policies. I'm bringing 6 this up because many of these women approached 7 treatment and were the most likely to fail within the closest periods of time for, and I don't know 8 9 about your sister, very strict requirements of the 10 way they behave while they're in treatment and 11 very rigid rules about being kicked out very quickly. Do you have a comment about that effect 12 13 on your sister? 14 Α I'm aware of treatment centres for aboriginal 15 people around the province, and I know that they operate differently, they have different policies 16 17 and approaches, and many of the treatment centres are -- make a sincere effort to root their 18 19 approach to treatment in aboriginal traditions and 20 values. 21 I think my comment is more directed about detox, Q 22 which is something you need to jump through before you can get to the treatment centres you're 23 24 mentioning. 25 Α Well, I can remember taking my sister Dawn to a

detox centre here in Vancouver, and let's put it 1 2 this way, it wasn't a very welcoming environment. 3 Not a reflection on the staff, it was just how the facility was run. I think it was called Great 4 5 Northern Way. 6 Right. Q 7 Α And I thought, I don't think my sister's going to stay here. Of course I was right. 8 9 MS. LIVINGSTON: We have a great deal of work to do. 10 Yes, I agree. Α 11 MS. LIVINGSTON: Thank you. 12 Thanks. Α 13 THE COMMISSIONER: Anything further? I just want to thank both of you for coming 14 15 here today. Mr. Crey, we're most grateful not 16 only for you coming here to talk about your 17 personal tragedy and how it affected you and your 18 family, but I'm particularly grateful for the other evidence that you gave regarding the plight 19 20 of aboriginal people in Canada. We could talk 21 about this topic for days, and the many things 22 that you've said about the residential schools and their legacy, the Indian Act and its legacy, and 23 24 the relationship of aboriginal people to the 25 criminal justice system are comments that need to

be said, and so I'm -- I think I speak on behalf 1 2 of everyone here to thank you for sharing your 3 views, because they count a lot, and so I want to 4 thank you for commenting on those -- on those 5 issues that were put to you. It's reassuring to 6 know that you don't shrink from tough questions, 7 and you've long been an advocate for aboriginal interests, and you need to be commended for that. 8 9 So I thank you sincerely for coming, and I will 10 ask that you come back in the future when we --11 when we begin to prepare our recommendations. Thank you, both of you. 12 13 MR. CREY: Thank you. 14 (WITNESSES EXCUSED) 15 THE COMMISSIONER: Yes. MR. CHANTLER: Mr. Commissioner, Neil Chantler, counsel for the 16 17 families. Our next witness only has a few things to say and intends to read a brief statement. I 18 think we could probably accomplish that before the 19 20 lunch break. Is that --21 THE COMMISSIONER: Sure. All right. 22 MR. CHANTLER: Calling Miss Angel Wolfe. With your permission, 23 Mr. Commissioner, would she be able to be joined 24 by her stepmother --25 THE COMMISSIONER: Yes.

1 MR. CHANTLER: -- Bridget Perrier? 2 THE COMMISSIONER: Yes. 3 THE REGISTRAR: I'll just affirm the witness. 4 ANGEL WOLFE: Affirmed THE REGISTRAR: Would you state your name, please. 5 Angel Wolfe. 6 Α 7 THE REGISTRAR: Thank you. Counsel. 8 THE COMMISSIONER: Sorry, your first name is? 9 Α Angel. 10 THE COMMISSIONER: Angel. 11 EXAMINATION IN CHIEF BY MR. CHANTLER: 12 Thank you, Miss Wolfe. You are the daughter of Brenda Wolfe; is that correct? 13 14 Α Yes. 15 And Brenda was last seen on -- in February 1999 Q while living in Vancouver's Downtown Eastside; is 16 17 that right? 18 Α Yeah. You were only six years old then, and you're 18 19 Q 20 years old now? 21 Yes. Α 22 0 On December 17th, 2007, Robert William Pickton was 23 convicted for second degree murder in the death of 24 your mother; is that correct?

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Yeah.

1	Q	You now live in Toronto?
2	А	Yes.
3	Q	And you've travelled here with your stepmother
4		from Toronto to participate in these proceedings?
5	А	Yeah.
6	Q	You're a student. You've taken time off school to
7		be here today?
8	А	Yes.
9	Q	I'm going to hand up some photos that have been
10		provided. You've seen those photos before?
11	А	Yeah.
12	Q	And these are photos of your mother?
13	А	Yes.
14	MR. CHANTLER	: If those could be marked as the next exhibit,
15		Mr. Commissioner.
16	THE COMMISSI	ONER: Yes.
17	THE REGISTRA	R: That will be marked as Exhibit number 27.
18		(EXHIBIT 27: Document entitled - Photocopy of a
19		memorial photograph of Brenda WOLFE)
20	MR. CHANTLER	:
21	Q	Now, I understand, Miss Wolfe, that you've
22		prepared a statement to be read today?
23	А	Yes.
24	Q	Do you have anything you'd like to say to the
25		commissioner before you read your statement?

No. I think it's all in my statement. 1 Α 2 Okay. Why don't you go ahead and read that. 0 3 Okay. Thank you. Ani. Hello. My name is Angel Α 4 Wolfe. My Indian name is Woman of Sacred Dreams. 5 I am 18 years old. I am presently a student in 6 Toronto. I love photography and poetry. I'm also 7 a survivor. I grew up as a Crown ward in the care of CAS but recently was able to find my youngest 8 9 half sister and now have a family who I reside 10 with. I've been through a lot due to my mother's 11 passing. My mom's name was Brenda Ann Wolfe. 12 13 murdered by Robert Pickton in Vancouver, BC, and I was eight years old when I found out about her 14 15 death. I grew up with her name all over the press and heard many grotesque details of those murdered 16 17 in the Downtown Eastside. I have heard many 18 untrue stories about my mother. 19 I remember my mother. She was a very happy 20 person, loved music and always dancing -- was 21 always dancing and singing. I grew up -- I grew 22 up with my mother and my abusive father. She 23 tried to leave my dad many times, but it never 24 worked out. I can remember happy memories with my

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mother, though, because my parents had lived in

separate places at this time. I had an interesting childhood.

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Finally my mom fell hard into her addiction, and I fell -- I was in my dad's care and was moving to Toronto due to his mother being sick. My mom kept in contact by telephone. We were in Toronto living with my grandma. My dad's girlfriend at that time was introduced into my life. She took care of us. She is a great woman, and I always remember her always giving me the phone to talk to my mother in BC because my father didn't necessarily promote me and my birth mom's relationship. I would talk to my mom regularly and then finally the calls stopped. My father wanted to be oblivious to the fact that my birth mother had stopped calling her children. Bridget wasn't. She knew if my mother was in jail or the hospital or something someone or -- someone or she would have called Bridget or her children to let us know that she was fine. Bridget knew something was wrong. She had gotten concerned about my mom and talked to her sister, who was out west here, to look out for her here. Bridget got the news from her sister that my mom hasn't been seen. Last time I talked to my mom I was about six years

1 old.

Shortly after my dad started to lose himself to drugs and alcohol, and my grandma died and left him with all her estate. He lost all responsibility and then lost us to CAS. I was then put into a native group home, which after got closed down due to sexual and physical abuse going on in the home. Then CAS finally Crown warded me, and I was placed into a Jewish foster home, where I spent most of my years there growing up. I couldn't properly identify myself as a First Nation. And then finally the cold brutal truth came knocking at the door.

I remember the day the police came to my foster home. I was eight. I opened the door. Two officers, one male, one female. The officers said to my foster mother already behind me as she rushed me to the door -- as I rushed to the door after her, "Hi, Miss, can we talk to you," he said, totally ignoring the fact of my existence standing in front of him. They went aside for a bit, but finally I got called back downstairs and got told the second I sat down in the family room, "So we may have found your mother's remains on a pig farm," like it was just finding a missing

needle in a haystack, so monotone, no emotion at all. There was already -- they were already inside my home, so I couldn't ignore this. The man interrupted all the judgments -- the man interrupted me with all his judgments he was thinking up in his head. "So, Angel, if you don't mind, we need to question you." I can still remember like it was yesterday. Then the woman officer finally did something and put a black binder and a silver recorder down in front of me. They started by just talking to me. By this time I was so zoned out and just noticed the silver recorder. It was a little pocket-sized like it was the same one they used family to family, I thought to myself. He continued on asking me questions one after another. I really couldn't stop thinking what they had told me wasn't true because in my mind as a little girl I still thought I was finding my mom one day. Finally the officer was over the questions, and to me it felt an -- to me it felt like an interrogation, though. For me living in my foster home -- in my foster home for two years it gave me enough time to become an angry, abandoned-feeling little

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eight-year-old girl. I had trust -- I had trust

and authority issues through the roof from moving around, and finally the home I ended up living in wasn't for me. The people who were ruining -- who were running it were -- were -- participated in their own religion and taught me nothing about mine. I was very confused about my identity, did not identify myself as a native for the longest time, but finally the news hit me. My mom was murdered, and in the area I was living in I was -- it was very rich, and all my friends' moms started reading the papers, and you would be amazed at how many mothers didn't want their children hanging out with me anymore or friends telling me I lied to them about the whole -- about my whole life and when it was just I didn't want to accept it all.

Brenda Ann Wolfe was my mother. She was an aboriginal woman who was killed by Robert Pickton. He got away with this because, like my mom and many of these women, they were of high-risk groups and of a marginalized community. They were already forgotten in society's eyes. The police ignored the problem almost for two decades. Finally they realized that they were a -- there was a monster in the Downtown Eastside that was taking women from the streets but with no crime

scenes. Many missing women were already reported by many families -- by many friends and families. It took 31 women to just vanish off the streets before authorities couldn't -- couldn't ignore it any longer.

Finally a missing task force was made on February 6th, 2002. Robert Pickton's farm was raided by the police. They had found their crime scene. The media and everyone wanted to identify these women as drug-addicted sex workers. Not me. I see them as survivors. I remember looking at the poster for the first time and seeing the 69 different women. What I saw was hurt families, other people's mothers, sisters, aunties, and friends. No one wanted to perceive that story in the media.

The media really went nuts with the case, and I was not ready for the grotesque detail of the murder in the Downtown Eastside and the many untrue stories about my mother. I grew a hatred to my mother with no reason because at that time I was being said -- it was being -- what was being said in the paper I didn't know what to be certain of. I didn't know what had happened from when I was six and that last call. After all it felt

like I was getting punched in the face. Finally with the truth of my real family, where I was from, and all the questions I've had with being in care, but no one could or would really answer them for me. I needed to know more. For some reason my foster mother did not want to hear any information given by the media, so I had -- I had a book of every newspaper article about the pre-trial and trial. Finally I burned the book for my own healing, but something in me needed to know everything before I could let go.

I would like to now read a poem I wrote for my mom.

Many women died years ago. Most of them I did not know, but one of them was close to my heart. One of them I knew from the start.

One of them was my mother. I thought I knew her like no other, but I did not know what she kept from me, and those are the secrets that tore apart my family. Life isn't normal anyways, but I'm safe now and I have loved ones to spend the holidays. But I know time has been taken from our frame 'cause the devil's like whiskey and cocaine, led you to a man who was worst, and then he took you

from me forever. First I'm a daughter of a 1 2 mother, and I don't think I should be asking 3 myself why, why no one wanted to protect 4 these women and let them die. No one --5 Sorry. 6 I used to blame myself all the time for all 7 her wrongs and all her crimes. I'll never 8 forget and I'll always try for now I hardly 9 ever cry. I wish you were still here with me

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I'm a very lucky girl, though. I could have followed in her footsteps. Having society as my parents it allowed me not to have proper supervision, and I ran away. I ran away for six months from the care of CAS. I ended up finding my stepmom Bridget, who right from the start had reminded me that my mom loved me. She has gotten custody, and even though our home is crowded with kids and dogs and chaos, I love it. It's filled with tons of love, which I needed from the start.

instead of being held as evidence. I have a

smile and don't hide each day for now I know

there's a secret place you lay.

Bridget has set me up with a lot of people,

community have helped me a lot to get the strength to speak up now. I tell my story so I can inspire people and have a voice. I'm involved in Canadian Roots Foundation, was lucky enough to be an aboriginal youth representative at the Truth and Reconciliation Commission. I'm also part of Up With Women Foundation, MP Joy Smith and Sex Trade 101, who I'm presently working for as a youth representative. I do not believe that prostitution is a choice, the promotion of sex work in our community, and I believe that Canada needs to learn from its mistakes.

This July we had the missing task force come to our house, and I saw the photos and the crime scene layouts, but let me tell you in the air of that room all I could feel was error. I was offered \$10,000 for my mom from the Crime Victims Unit. That amount is nothing. My mom will never be there to see me graduate, to walk me down the aisle or to stand beside me when I give birth, and for them to put a money -- a price tag on my mother hurts me.

Canada needs to wake up and see the body count. 600 plus missing or murdered Anishnawbek women in Canada. It's an atrocity. This is

genocide. What can we do so that these women are 1 2 accounted for? We need to keep up this dialogue 3 and continue more inquiries such as this. We need 4 more detox beds, more treatment centres, 5 disinvolvement of the current police board and new 6 creation of a new board with aboriginal and 7 community representation, ongoing support and funding for the children of the victims that --8 9 and get the guidelines and all the, you know, 10 things you need, because it's really horrible, and 11 have our traditional counsellors we want to work with and go through our sorrow with. And, yeah, I 12 want more traditional counsellors for kids and 13 more supports for the kids and the victims of 14 15 these kids. Thank you. 16 THE COMMISSIONER: Thank you. 17 MR. CHANTLER: Thank you, Miss Wolfe. 18 THE COMMISSIONER: Thank you. Thanks for coming. Thanks for telling us your story, and we're -- it's -- you've 19 20 impacted all of us in what you've told us and how 21 this horrible crime has affected you, and I just 22 want to admire you for your courage, admire you 23 for what you're doing and getting involved as you 24 are as a student, and I just want to wish you good 25 luck.

Thank you. 1 Α 2 THE COMMISSIONER: Thank you again. 3 Thank you. Α 4 (WITNESS EXCUSED) 5 THE COMMISSIONER: We'll adjourn till 2:00. 6 MR. CHANTLER: Yes. 7 THE COMMISSIONER: Who is your next witness? 8 MR. CHANTLER: Lilliane Beaudoin. 9 (PROCEEDINGS ADJOURNED AT 12:16 P.M.) (PROCEEDINGS RECONVENED AT 2:00 P.M.) 10 11 THE REGISTRAR: Order. The hearing is now resumed. 12 MR. CHANTLER: Mr. Commissioner, Neil Chantler, counsel for the 13 families. I'm calling the next witness, Lilliane 14 Beaudoin. 15 THE REGISTRAR: Good afternoon. 16 Good afternoon. Α THE REGISTRAR: I'll read the oath to you. 17 LILLIANE BEAUDOIN: Affirmed 18 19 THE REGISTRAR: Would you state your name, please. 20 Lilliane Beaudoin. 21 THE REGISTRAR: Thank you. Counsel. 22 EXAMINATION IN CHIEF BY MR. CHANTLER: 23 Ms. Beaudoin, you are the sister of Dianne Rock? 24 I am. Α

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And if I was to be technical, I might call you the

1		adoptive sister?
2	А	Yes.
3	Q	But you referred to each other as sisters
4	А	As sisters, yes.
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6		And Dianne Rock is believed to be one of the
7		victims of Robert William Pickton; is that
8		correct?
9	А	That's correct, she is.
10	Q	Robert Pickton was charged with her murder, but
11		those charges were stayed in August 4th
12	А	Yes.
13	Q	2010?
14	A	Yes, they were.
15	Q	Dianne was last reported seen by her social worker
16		on October 19th, 2001; is that right?
17	А	That's correct.
18	Q	And at the time she was living in the Downtown
19		Eastside?
20	A	Yes, she was.
21	Q	Before I ask you more about Dianne's life and her
22		disappearance and your involvement with the
23		police, can you tell us a bit about yourself.
24		You've travelled here from Welland, Ontario?
25	А	Yes, I did.

1 And you've come here to participate in the 0 2 inquiry? 3 I certainly did. Α 4 And your husband Rene is here with you? Q 5 He is. Α 6 And he's here in the gallery. You've been married Q 7 for 42 years? 8 Yes, I have. Α 9 Q And are you currently employed or are you retired? I'm -- I'm retired. 10 Α 11 And what were you doing before then? Q I was a healthcare aide. 12 Α 13 What about Rene? Is he employed? Q 14 Yes, he is. Α 15 What does he do? Q He's a mobile crane operator. 16 Α You have two children? 17 Q 18 Α Two children, yes. And aside from Dianne you have three other 19 Q 20 siblings? 21 Yes, I do. Α 22 0 Moving to Dianne's life, she was born September 2nd, 1967, correct? 23 That's correct. 24 Α Your parents, Ella and Denis, adopted Dianne at 25 Q

quite a young age? 1 2 Yes. Α 3 Can you tell us a bit about that? Q 4 Dianne was six weeks old when she came to the Α 5 house. My sister Denise brought her over to 6 baby-sit her for the evening, and Dianne was 7 coming down with a cold, so the family decided 8 that, you know, she should stay on for a while 9 longer. So we also kept Dianne's birth mother, 10 Denise, who stayed with us for a while, and as 11 time went on we just -- she just stayed on and 12 stayed on, and we just grew to love Dianne, and we 13 just kept her and her mother for a few years. And you eventually -- your parents eventually 14 0 15 formally adopted her; is that right? Yes, we did. At the age of four she was -- she 16 Α 17 was adopted and given our family name. And that was in 1971? 18 0 19 Α Yes. 20 What was Dianne like as a little girl? Q 21 Oh, she was a spunky little one. She was --Α 22 beautiful curly hair. She just loved being with 23 my -- my daughter. They grew up together, my daughter was born in '71, so the two of them were 24 25 just like two sisters. They played together.

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1		They spent weekends together. They had mutual
2		friends. They just loved hanging out with each
3		other.
4	Q	When did Dianne move out of your parents' house?
5	A	Dianne moved out of my parents' house at a young
6		age of around 15 years old when she got pregnant
7		for her first child.
8	Q	And what did she do?
9	A	She took an apartment of her own and just lived on
10		her own for a while.
11	Q	She was married in 1985?
12	A	Yes, she was.
13	Q	She would have been 18 at that time?
14	А	Yes.
15	Q	And she had three children by age 20; is that
16		right?
17	А	Yes. Yes, she did.
18	Q	What was her life like at that point?
19	А	Her life was fine. She was doing well. She was
20		staying home taking care of her children, raising
21		the three little ones because she did have them so
22		close in age that she stayed home watching over
23		her children, and then things started getting
24		rough in the marriage and they decided to
25		separate.

1	Q	How did she cope with that separation?
2	А	She didn't cope very well with the separation, but
3		she managed to carry on with having to raise three
4		children. She decided to go into, as I call it,
5		exotic dancing.
6	Q	Was she still living in Welland, Ontario at that
7		point?
8	А	Yes, she was. Yes.
9	Q	At some point she moved from Welland to Brantford,
10		Ontario?
11	А	Yes, she did.
12	Q	And what was that move for?
13	А	That was just to move away because she had met her
14		second husband, and he lived in the Brantford
15		area, so she decided to move up there with him.
16	Q	At some point she left Brantford and moved to
17		Vancouver, the Vancouver area; is that right?
18	А	Yes, she did, after her and her and her second
19		husband got like, they were married, and she
20		had had her one child by him by then, and they
21		decided to move up here to to BC.
22	Q	So she moved out here with her second husband?
23	A	Yes, she did.
24	Q	And where did they settle?
25	А	I am not exactly sure of the town that they

1		settled in, but it was with her second husband's
2		father. He was he was going to give her a job
3		give him a job paving driveways and
4	Q	Somewhere in the Vancouver area?
5	А	Somewhere in the Vancouver area, yes.
6	Q	Did you come out and visit her at any point on the
7		west coast?
8	А	I did not come out to BC to visit her. My mother
9		did. My mother was out here quite often.
10	Q	She remained close with the family out east,
11		though, did she?
12	А	Oh, yes, she did. She called us quite frequently,
13		and my mother visited her once to twice a year.
14	Q	And your mother would come out and visit?
15	А	Yes.
16	Q	So at that point in her life she's living in
17		Vancouver. She has how many children?
18	A	She had four children then.
19	Q	And she's with her second husband?
20	A	Yes.
21	Q	Is she employed?
22	A	Yes, she was. Yes, she was. She was working I
23		don't know the name of the facility, but she was
24		she was a healthcare aide working there and part
25		time taking care of a quadriplegic in the

1		evenings. So she did have two jobs at one point.
2	Q	Did she have any special training for that job; do
3		you know?
4	А	Not necessarily, but she did go to school. She
5		was in school at in the last years of her life.
6		She was in school taking up for her nursing, her
7		healthcare aide.
8	Q	It sounds like she was doing quite well?
9	А	Oh, she was was. She was doing very well.
10	Q	And just to put it in context, what years does
11		that cover, that period?
12	А	That would cover '93, '94, '95, '96, '97, '98.
13		All the way through she
14	Q	Dianne's life, it could be said, took a turn for
15		the worse in 2000, would you agree?
16	A	I would agree, yes.
17	Q	And what happened in her life then?
18	А	In the year 2000 she again separated from her
19		second husband. Things weren't going very well at
20		the time, and she decided that they both
21		decided that they were going to break up, so she
22		moved out on her own and took her own apartment
23		with the three children.
24	Q	And what happened next, over the next few months?
25	А	I think over the next few months things started

1		getting rougher, and I think that's when she
2		started back into the drugs.
3	Q	Okay. Are you aware when she might have first
4		began using drugs?
5	A	I would say in about the year 2000, later 2000.
6	Q	Okay. And do you know what she might have been
7		using?
8	А	No, not per se that I know what she was using, but
9		I knew for a fact she was not an injection user,
10		so it had to have been cocaine.
11	Q	Okay. And how are you in possession of that
12		knowledge?
13	А	Dianne was terrified of needles. Don't come near
14		her with a needle. One time she punched the
15		doctor in the face. Like, don't come near her
16		with needles. She was petrified of them.
17	Q	What about the drug use generally? Is that
18		something that you talked to her about or was it
19		from your mother you know this?
20	А	From my mother, yes. My mother my mother
21		became aware that she was using drugs.
22	Q	Okay. And your mother came out to visit Dianne
23		you said fairly regularly.
24	А	Oh
25	Q	Can you tell us about those visits?

1	А	Yes, my mother came out quite often. She was so
2		used to the children, when Dianne moved away, that
3		did upset her a bit because then she was going to
4		be away from the children, but she'd come up here
5		and spend a month with Dianne or she'd come up and
6		spend Christmastime with the kids, you know, just
7		to keep in contact with the children.
8	Q	And Dianne would phone your mother in Ontario as
9		well?
10	А	Oh, yes, every month. Oh, yes. Sometimes more
11		than in a month.
12	Q	Would your mother tell you when she would return
13		from these visits what Dianne's life was like in
14		Vancouver at that time?
15	А	Yes, she did.
16	Q	And can you describe Dianne's living conditions
17		and what she was doing in 2000?
18	A	In the year 2000?
19	Q	Yes.
20	А	Things were going good at first still in the year
21		2000. She that's when she was separated from
22		her husband, and Mom really didn't see that much
23		of a change in her until she had spent a little
24		bit more time with her and then slowly she'd
25		noticed that Dianne was getting different, you

1		know, and then she assumed that she was going back
2		on the drugs. And she did, she hid it pretty well
3		at first.
4	Q	Did your mother ever witness any abuse in Dianne's
5		relationships?
6	А	Yes, she did.
7	Q	Can you tell us a bit about that?
8	А	There was a few times that my mother stated that
9		Dianne's boyfriend at the time would get angry
10		with Dianne for something she said or didn't do
11		and slap her around.
12	Q	When was the last of those visits?
13	А	From my mother?
14	Q	Right.
15	А	My mother came up in early February of 2001 to
16		help Dianne gain custody of her two boys, the two
17		youngest.
18	Q	What had happened to her two boys in that time?
19	А	Dianne's ex-husband came and took the boys away
20		because apparently he had found out that she was
21		taking drugs and didn't want the boys to be around
22		that.
23	Q	Where were her other children at that time?
24	А	At the time the oldest girl had left home and so
25		did the second third daughter, left home.

1	Q	Did your mother tell you about Dianne when she
2		returned from that trip?
3	А	Oh, yes, she did.
4	Q	What did she have to say?
5	A	Well, she was upset with Dianne at that time.
6		Dianne had, you know, done some things towards my
7		mother, took her banking card and took some money
8		out of the bank in my mother's account, and she
9		had witnessed Dianne, you know, really strung out
10		on drugs and the abuse that had her boyfriend
11		had, you know, did with Dianne, and my mother
12		couldn't handle it anymore. She just couldn't
13		handle it, so she left.
14	Q	They had a bit of a falling-out?
15	А	Yes, they did.
16	Q	All right.
17	A	Yes.
18	Q	And during that period presumably Dianne wasn't
19		phoning home to speak to you or Rene either?
20	A	No, not at that time, no.
21	Q	So you lost touch with her for a while?
22	A	Yes, I did.
23	Q	And where was she living when your mother went out
24		to visit in February 2001; do you know?
25	А	Alls I knew is down near Vancouver area but not in

1		Vancouver.
2	Q	Do you know much about Dianne's life in the summer
3		of 2001 shortly before she disappeared?
4	А	No, I don't really.
5	Q	She wasn't phoning home?
6	А	She she wasn't calling well, she did call my
7		mother in I think it was April or May to ask her
8		for some money, that her car was being towed away.
9	Q	You don't have any knowledge of Dianne working in
10		the sex trade?
11	А	No, I don't.
12	Q	Okay. As far as your family's aware, Dianne did
13		not work in the sex trade?
14	А	That's right. We didn't we were not aware.
15	Q	You were aware of her drug addiction or problem
16		with drugs?
17	A	Yes, we were, yes.
18	Q	Are you aware if she had sought treatment for
19		that?
20	А	No, I don't know.
21	Q	You know now that the summer of 2001 wasn't
22		particularly good for Dianne. What do you know
23		about that summer now even if it's from
24		information you've learned later?
25	А	I do know that from that summer, late August

Dianne called home, which is my place, my number. 1 2 She had my number. And she had asked to speak to 3 my mother, and at that time I told her that my 4 mother was not at home, that she was gone on 5 vacations, and she sounded very lonely, very 6 distraught, and that was the end of the 7 conversation. But I did learn after that that the reason why she called home was because she had 8 9 been held captive for a few days and she was 10 beaten and raped, and she wanted to speak to my 11 mother to probably talk to her about it. How did you acquire that information? 12 Q 13 Actually from learning it in the book, Stevie Α Cameron's book. I read it in the book that she 14 15 had been beaten. And when I attended the trial back in 2007 there was a nurse there that said 16 17 that she had treated Dianne for that injury and if 18 I wanted to go and speak to her that, you know, to come forward, but after that I didn't see her. 19 20 Can you tell us a bit -- in a bit more detail what Q 21 you know happened on that occasion, that horrific 22 occasion? 23 Α In August? 24 In August 2001. Q 25 Α Yes. Apparently she told her friend that she was

out partying at Pickton's farm and that she was 1 2 held captive for two days and beaten and raped, 3 and she called her girlfriend and asked her 4 girlfriend if she would come and pick her up on 5 the Lougheed Highway, and her girlfriend went down 6 and did pick her up, and she said what she saw was 7 very upsetting to her, that Dianne -- her clothes 8 were all ripped up, she had handcuff marks on her 9 wrists and her ankles, and she was, you know, 10 badly hurt. This girl wanted to take Dianne to 11 report this to the police, and Dianne refused to 12 go. 13 And as far as you're aware, did Dianne not report Q 14 this to the police? 15 As far as I know, she did not. She refused to go Α to the police. At that time I didn't understand 16 17 why, but hearing what I'm hearing now is I do know 18 why. 19 Based on what you know about Dianne can you give Q 20 us some idea why she might not have reported to 21 police? 22 Α Yes, because they would not have taken her statement, you know, seriously, and they probably 23 24 would have laughed at her and said that she deserved it. 25

The last contact anyone in the family had with 1 2 Dianne was when she called her son on his birthday 3 in 2001. Can you tell us about that? 4 Yes. She called her -- her youngest son in Α 5 October 17th to wish him happy birthday and to 6 tell him that she'd be seeing him on the weekend, 7 but she never did show up. And what did he or anyone else in the family do 8 Q 9 after that? 10 They actually did nothing. Α 11 Okay. When did you or your family in Ontario Q 12 realize that something might have happened to 13 Dianne or that she might be missing or might be hiding from police or --14 15 We had no indication that Dianne was on the Α streets. We had no indication that Dianne was 16 17 prostituting herself. We had no indication of 18 anything. The -- I had a phone call from Dianne's daughter in November asking me if I had seen or 19 20 heard from Dianne, and I told her no, that I 21 hadn't, but if Dianne was to call me or come over 22 that I would certainly have her call. 23 Q Okay. 24 And then sometime near the end of November a 25 police officer from Vancouver had called me. I

1		don't recollect his name, but he called and asked
2		if we had seen or spoken to Dianne, and I told him
3		no, that I haven't spoken or seen her in some
4		time, and I asked him why, and the only thing he
5		said to me was that, "We have two bags of Dianne's
6		clothes," and refused to give us any other answer.
7		I asked him was there something wrong with Dianne,
8		is everything okay, did, you know, she do
9		something wrong, and he refused to answer.
10	Q	You know now that the police officer that called,
11		his name was Ted Vanoverbeek; is that right?
12	А	Yes, I do know now.
13	Q	And you know that from review of the police
14		records, or how did you learn that?
15	А	Yes, from the police records.
16	Q	Okay. You think that was around the end of
17		November 2001?
18	А	Around there, yes.
19	Q	And he called you out of the blue and
20	А	Yes.
21	Q	said, just so I have it clear, that they had
22		two bags of Dianne's clothing, had you seen her?
23	А	Yes.
24	Q	And
25	A	That's all he said.

1	Q	Did you have questions for him?
2	А	Yes, I did.
3	Q	What questions did you ask him?
4	А	I asked him if there was something wrong, if
5		Dianne had done something wrong for them to be
6		looking for her, and he refused to answer.
7	Q	Did he give you any more information about what he
8		knew about Dianne?
9	А	No, he didn't.
10	Q	Did he describe the two bags of clothing in any
11		more detail?
12	А	No, he didn't.
13	Q	Did he suggest where the two bags of clothing
14		might have come from?
15	А	He just said that the two bags of clothing were
16		left in her apartment.
17	Q	And that she hadn't been back to her apartment?
18	А	No, he never said anything.
19	Q	Okay. How long was this phone call?
20	А	A couple of minutes, two minutes at the most.
21	Q	Did he ask you for any other family's information?
22	А	No, he didn't.
23	Q	Do you know how he had your contact information?
24	А	No, I do not know how he had my information.
25	Q	Did he ask to speak to your mother or Rene?

1		А	No, he didn't.
2		Q	What was the impression that he left you with
3			after this call?
4		А	I was left with the impression that she skipped
5			out on her rent.
6	THE COMM	IISSI	ONER: What?
7		А	That she skipped out on her rent.
8	THE COMM	IISSI	ONER: Oh, I see.
9		А	That she moved out of her apartment or room.
10	MR. CHAN	ITLER	:
11		Q	Did he suggest or imply to you that Dianne's life
12			might be in danger?
13		А	No. No, he didn't.
14		Q	Did he suggest or imply to you that Dianne hadn't
15			been seen in some time?
16		А	No, he didn't.
17		Q	Did he inform you at all that there was at the
18			time numerous missing women from Vancouver's
19			Downtown Eastside?
20		А	No, he didn't.
21		Q	Did he give you any indication of the scale of the
22			problem
23		А	No.
24		Q	the magnitude of the problem that we now know
25			he might have been facing?

1	A	No, he did not.
2	Q	Based on what you know now today, what might you
3		have done if he had given you a bit more
4		information?
5	А	Well, had he said that there was a possibility
6		that Dianne was missing, my mother and I would
7		have been on the first plane down there to
8		Vancouver to see what was going on because that
9		was certainly unlike Dianne.
10	Q	You know now that the two bags of clothing he was
11		describing to you were actually a collection of
12		other personal belongings?
13	А	Yes, I do know now.
14	Q	Can you recall what some of those other belongings
15		are that she left behind in her hotel room?
16	A	Yes, personal items, personal hygiene items, blow
17		dryers, divorce papers from her husband Darren
18		Rock and some other papers that were quite
19		important to her, bag of clothing, shoes.
20	Q	Are those the kind of items that you would expect
21		Dianne to have left behind in a room?
22	А	Oh, no. No, she would not.
23	Q	Would you have acted differently if he'd described
24		in detail the items that had been left in the
25		room?

I would have been very concerned, yes. 1 Α 2 You know now that Dianne was added to the missing 0 3 persons list in December 2001? I know now, yes. 4 Α 5 You didn't know at the time? 0 6 I did not. Α 7 Do you know who reported Dianne missing in 0 December 2001? 8 9 Α No. I -- well, yes, I do know now. 10 You know now? Q 11 T know now. Α You didn't know at the time? 12 Q 13 I did not. Α Did you hear back from the police in December? 14 15 I didn't hear from the police in December. I had Α 16 a phone call from Dianne's oldest asking me again 17 had I seen Dianne or spoken to her, and I told her 18 no, that I hadn't, that -- "I told you that if I had seen her or spoken to her I would have her 19 20 call you," and I was, you know, a little bit upset 21 and nervous, and I said to her daughter that --22 "Check the morgue. If you hadn't seen her, check the morgue," and she got very upset with me. 23 24 And why did you say that to her? Q 25 Α It just came out. It just came out. I felt bad

1		that I said that to her at the time. I should not
2		have. Scaring a young girl, as she was I think
3		I scared her, and I shouldn't have said that.
4	Q	What did you think might have happened to Dianne?
5	А	She ran away.
6	Q	You had no reason to believe otherwise?
7	А	No, I didn't. No.
8	Q	You heard about Robert William Pickton's arrest on
9		February 5th, 2002, on the evening news; is that
10		right?
11	А	On the evening news, yes.
12	Q	Can you tell us about what were you doing when
13		you heard that news and what were you thinking?
14	А	Well, my husband and I were sitting there watching
15		the news, and all of a sudden the news bulletin
16		came up that a man from Port Coquitlam was
17		arrested, a pig farmer. I looked at my husband,
18		and I said, "Port Coquitlam. I remember Dianne
19		living there," and we looked at each other and
20		said, "Wouldn't it be a son of a bitch if she was
21		there," and that was it.
22	Q	Okay. And as far as you know, what was the next
23		contact the police had with the family?
24	А	That was on April 1st. They contacted Dianne's
25		oldest daughter on in the late evening, and she

1		did not relay the message to us for till the
2		following day because of the time difference.
3	Q	How do you recall that day so clearly?
4	А	Because I was told on April 2nd. That's a day
5		I'll never forget.
6	Q	On April 1st the police contacted Dianne's eldest
7		daughter in Vancouver?
8	А	Yes.
9	Q	By phone?
10	А	By phone, yes. No, actually two officers came to
11		her house and told her.
12	Q	Okay. And what did they tell her?
13	A	They told her that her mother was murdered by
14		Robert Pickton, and that was it.
15	Q	He was being charged with the murder?
16	А	That he was being charged with her murder.
17	Q	Dianne Rock. And did they tell her that they
18		would be releasing this information publicly?
19	А	No, they didn't say anything to her. We got the
20		information the next day, on April 2nd, by the
21		oldest daughter, who left a message on the
22		answering machine, and when I was given that
23		message we immediately called the Vancouver Police
24		Department, which told he then told us that it
25		was going to be on the news within a half an hour.

1	Q	Within half an hour?
2	А	Yes.
3	Q	And was it?
4	А	Yes, it was.
5	Q	Had you or the other family members had adequate
6		time to contact all necessary family members to
7		inform them that Robert William Pickton had been
8		charged with Dianne's murder?
9	А	No, I didn't. My main concern was to get to my
10		mother, to get to my mother before she heard it on
11		the news. But I did learn that my sister Denise
12		in Alberta was at work and she found she saw it
13		on the front page of the newspaper. That's how
14		she found out.
15	Q	Okay. Lilliane, how do you feel about Ms.
16		Beaudoin. I'm sorry.
17	А	That's okay.
18	Q	How do you feel about the sensitivity shown by the
19		police in their communications with you and your
20		family in Ontario?
21	А	I felt it was very insensitive of them to not
22		to speak to us, not to let us know what was going
23		on, not to say anything to us. It it was very
24		devastating to hear it the way that we did hear it
25		and having to approach my mother, you know, in her

seventies, go and approach her and tell her that 1 2 her youngest daughter was just murdered by this 3 pig farmer. It was very difficult. Something 4 nobody really wants to ever have to do. 5 You know that we're here to inquire into and make 0 6 findings of fact about the missing women 7 investigations that took place during that time frame when Dianne went missing and when you had 8 9 your dealings with the police. Do you have any 10 recommendations or suggestions for how it could 11 have been dealt with better in your case? Yes. I would have appreciated someone coming to 12 Α 13 my home and personally telling me what had -- what took place, even if to let us know that my sister 14 15 was on the streets, that she was reported missing. We didn't know that, and then to find out she was 16 17 murdered. I thought it was very insensitive that no one came to the home to tell the mother of this 18 19 girl that her daughter was murdered, very 20 insensitive. 21 Ms. Beaudoin, I know you've prepared something Q that you'd like to read to the commission. 22 23 there anything else you'd like to say before you 24 read that? 25 Α No.

Okay. Would you like to read your statement --

2 A Yes, I would.

3 Q -- with the commissioner's permission to read a

4 statement?

5 THE COMMISSIONER: Yes, go ahead.

6 MR. CHANTLER:

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Q All right.

First I'd like to thank everyone before us. The 8 Α 9 commissioner, before my statement there are a few 10 people that must be thanked by this family. Wayne 11 Leng for his website and the dedications that he's shown the families. Cameron Ward and Neil 12 13 Chantler for stepping forward and taking on this incredible task representing the families. We 14 15 would like to thank Lynn and Rick for giving us the strength and the will power to carry on with 16 17 our journey. We'd like to thank all the families 18 that have had this happen to them. But I also would like to say, Mr. Commissioner, counsel, 19 20 family, and members of the media, I am thankful 21 for this commission for granting me this 22 opportunity to speak at this inquiry on behalf of 23 this nightmarish case of Robert Pickton and his never-end -- never-ending effect it's had not only 24 25 on my life but those I love and those I've lost.

Mr. Commissioner, this case seems like it was taken right out of a Hollywood horror script.

From the onset leading right up to this inquest and everything in between it is blatantly obvious that the justice system was allowed to fail and it is in need of serious repairs. The investigation, or lack thereof, the trial and the post-trial betrayals of families just like mine by the Criminal Branch, including the Crown, has shown the world that British Columbia and Canada has a long journey ahead to ever attempt to heal Lady Justice.

It is unfortunate that this commission has an agenda commencing from the year 1997 to present date because it is well known that Robert Pickton's killing spree started much earlier, possibly as far back as the 1980s. The stayed charges of attempted murder of Miss Anderson, Pickton's killing spree continued for many more years to come. The reason of the stayed charges makes no sense at all considering all the evidence that was before the authorities and the Crown. The handcuff, the keys to those cuffs, and the extent of the injuries of Miss Anderson should have been sufficient reason to investigate this

act of violence further. Today we all know that DNA of two other women, Miss Cara Ellis and Miss Andrea Borhaven, was found on Pickton's clothing and more DNA of the same two women were found on Pickton's farm.

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Mr. Commissioner, the severing of the charges by Justice Williams in this case was appalling. Justice Williams' words in the ruling were hurtful and undermined the intelligence of all Canadian, words like materially different, trying Pickton on 26 counts all at once would be too much for any juror to comprehend and would drag on needlessly. Mr. Commissioner, the re-instruction by Justice Williams to the juror after the deliberation had commenced could have resulted in a mistrial or -and nearly did. The question posed to justice by the juror has shown Justice Williams that the Canadians are a resilient, skillful, comprehensive people. Mr. Commissioner, this family has gone on record to say that the decision by Justice Williams to sever the charges was wrong, and our thoughts were reinforced when the three appeals judges openly agreed that this decision was wrong. Perhaps, Mr. Commissioner, a seasoned judge would have not made mistakes and a verdict of first

degree murder could have been rendered by the jurors if all the evidence was allowed to be presented.

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It was at this point, Mr. Commissioner, that our faith and the trust in the justice system began to fade, but we still had hopes that the Crown and the Criminal Branch would step up and seek justice for the remaining 20 families. This is in -- been indicated to me that the Crown counsel, Mike Petrie, has had a huge -- has had -he hugged me on the -- on -- when the verdict of second degree was reached by the juries. Commissioner, when the counsel and the defence lost their appeals we began to see and feel the Crown was using 20 families as pawns depending on the outcome of the ruling of the appeals judge. Statement like, "We'll do this if this happens or we'll do that if that happens," began to have innuendo of betrayal by the Crown. Still the Crown continued to insist that a second trial would happen.

On April 2nd, 2002, when my mother got a message on her answering machine from Dianne's oldest daughter that Robert Pickton had been charged with Dianne's murder, she had no knowledge

that Dianne was ever missing and the incomprehensible to her. The mere fact that no remains has been found and the norm of a funeral or burial that never took place could not be believed by my mother. After nine years this took a horrendous toll on her health. This year we laid my mother to rest with her always believing in the depth of her soul that some day Dianne would call or visit. For years I told my mother the justice system will prove to us of the evil acts by -- acts by Pickton. The devastating rule of Justice Williams to sever the charges would prolong the agony in all of us, but the Crown always led us to believe that there would be a second trial and that families needed closure, and this we believed would come to pass.

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Today I continue to wake up in cold sweats at times crying in my sleep from nightmares of my sister being cut up into bits and pieces and being fed to a swarm of hungry pigs. I am awakened with dreams of my sister being dumped from a container clearly marked with skull and crossbones into a pit of slop at the rendering plant. To this day I cannot apply makeup or even bath without taking my — thinking of my sister Dianne. Over the

years involuntarily I would wake my husband, and he would tell me and reassure me that my anxiety attacks would pass and my nightmares subside when justice is served. Every day I hoped that day would be tomorrow. I thank God Almighty for heaven for giving me a man of strength, understanding, and willingness to forgive me because my mood swings had strained our relationship endlessly.

Mr. Commissioner, you were quoted on TV news interview that a second trial may not happen, that you had and have to put the interest of your decision. Mr. Commissioner, we feel, other families feel that in the interest of people and not in the people's interest a second trial should have gone ahead for the sake of justice for all the people and not a selective justice for a selected few. Mr. Commissioner, this family could not and to this day does not understand your decision to stay the outstanding charges of murder in this case. It is our God-given right to have justice served, and you as Attorney General of the day took that away from us with the stroke of a pen.

In closing I leave this inquiry with these

questions. Where was the Supreme Court of Canada 1 2 for the justice in this case? Where was our federal government because justice for all was 3 4 denied? Lady Justice and her blindfold and her 5 scale of justice in hand is waiting for wrongs to 6 be right. Where is my sister Dianne, a lost 7 sister? THE COMMISSIONER: I am -- I want to thank you for your 8 9 sensitive words, and I want to thank you for 10 taking the time. You've sent a lot of messages to 11 a lot of people in the comments you've made. I 12 do, with great respect, have to correct you in one 13 phase, and that is that the charges against Mr. Pickton were stayed in August 2010. 14 15 Α Yes. THE COMMISSIONER: I had left the Attorney General position in 16 17 May 2009, so I had nothing at all to do with the 18 staying of the charges. Those charges were stayed by the Criminal Justice Branch, which is a branch 19 20 independent of the Attorney General within the 21 Attorney General's ministry. The lawyers are 22 independent of any kind of political influence or 23 political direction. And the quote that you 24 attributed to me was a quote that I had made 25 probably around 2007 after the convictions, and

the import of what I was saying was that those 1 2 factors would all have to be considered down the 3 line after all of the appeals were dismissed by 4 the Criminal Justice Branch, which would make the 5 ultimate decision. 6 So while I'm sympathetic to what you say and 7 I'm -- and I respect what you say and I respect how it has been hurtful to you and to your family 8 9 and to other parties who wish to have those 10 remaining charges proceeded with, the fact is that 11 I left the Attorney General position in early May 2009, and it was after the Supreme Court of Canada 12 13 dismissed Pickton's appeals in July, the end of July, that the Crown entered a stay of proceedings 14 15 and decided not to proceed at that time. However, that -- I understand why you'd be under a 16 17 misapprehension, because the media has reported a 18 number of different times that I stayed the 19 charges. 20 That's right. Α 21 THE COMMISSIONER: And I think what happens in the media 22 sometimes is one mistake is made by a reporter and the others just keep drawing on that same mistake. 23 24 But I wasn't there when that happened. Having 25 said that, your words are still important.

1 Α Thank you. 2 THE COMMISSIONER: And what you say is important, and I take 3 that into consideration. I also take your advice 4 into consideration, and we will at the end of the 5 day hopefully write a report that will reflect 6 your views on what happened. 7 I unfortunately cannot bring back the life of 8 your sister. 9 Α That's right. 10 THE COMMISSIONER: And it's a terrible tragedy from which you 11 probably will never recover. How can you ever recover from a loved one being lost and lost in 12 13 that particular fashion, where someone is brutally murdered, and so I sympathize with you, I 14 15 sympathize with your husband, who has been here to support you --16 17 Yes. Α 18 THE COMMISSIONER: -- and to your entire family, and I just want to thank you for coming here and having the 19 20 courage to come and to speak about these very 21 sensitive, sensitive issues that impacted on you the way they have impacted on you. I just want 22 you to know that everybody associated with this 23 24 commission of inquiry is sympathetic to you. You 25 are -- you are the real victims here, and it is

1	after listening to you that we hope that a lot of
2	these mistakes, if there were mistakes made, will
3	not be repeated, and we'll only learn from
4	citizens like yourself who have had the courage to
5	come here and tell us about how this has impacted
6	on you that the system will be improved so it's
7	more sensitive to your needs and your you know,
8	you make a very good point that someone should
9	have come and told your mother that
10	A That's right.
11	THE COMMISSIONER: that her daughter had been murdered, and
12	so we take that advice that you have given to us,
13	and I want to thank you sincerely for that.
14	A Thank you.
15	MR. CHANTLER: Mr. Commissioner, I would like to have Ms.
16	Beaudoin identify a photo, please.
17	THE COMMISSIONER: Yes. All right.
18	A Thank you.
19	MR. CHANTLER:
20	Q Ms. Beaudoin, is this a photograph of Dianne?
21	A Yes, it is.
22	Q And how old would she have been in this photo?
23	A Dianne would have been 31, 32.
24	Q Do you know who took this photo?
25	A No, I don't.

2 exhibit, please. 3 THE COMMISSIONER: Yes. 4 THE REGISTRAR: Exhibit number 28. 5 (EXHIBIT 28: Document entitled - Photocopy of 6 photograph of Dianne Rosemary Rock) 7 MR. CHANTLER: Those are my questions. THE COMMISSIONER: Ms. Gervais. 8 9 MS. GERVAIS: No questions. 10 THE COMMISSIONER: Mr. Dickson. 11 MR. DICKSON: Tim Dickson for the Vancouver Police Department 12 and Vancouver Police Board, and I don't have any 13 questions for you, Ms. Beaudoin. I only want to say on behalf of the department and the board that 14 15 we are very sorry for your loss, and we thank you 16 for coming today and sharing your evidence. 17 And I'm sorry, but I don't accept the apology. Α 18 Had the police been doing their job at the time my sister would not have been murdered. 19 20 THE COMMISSIONER: Any further questions? Thank you. 21 you for coming here again, Ms. Beaudoin. I verv 22 much appreciate you coming. 23 Α Thank you. 24 (WITNESS EXCUSED)

MR. CHANTLER: I'd like to have this marked as the next

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THE COMMISSIONER: Yes. Do you have any further witnesses, any

- 1 more family members, Mr. Ward or Mr. Chantler?
- 2 MR. WARD: While we -- no, we don't for today. There are --
- 3 THE COMMISSIONER: All right.
- 4 MR. WARD: -- a number who wish to testify, but our
- 5 understanding is that there will be an opportunity
- for them to do that at a later date.
- 7 THE COMMISSIONER: I'll leave that with you, and whenever it's
- 8 convenient for you and convenient for them, we'll
- 9 hear them.
- 10 MR. WARD: Thank you.
- 11 MR. VERTLIEB: Thank you, Mr. Commissioner, and Mr. Ward and I
- 12 had discussed that very point, and I assured him,
- as you've just now assured him, that the time
- 14 would be made available in the future, as Mr. Ward
- 15 requests.
- 16 THE COMMISSIONER: All right.
- 17 MR. VERTLIEB: So we are at the end of the evidence for this
- 18 week. As you know, we had planned this week for
- family evidence, and I am grateful to my learned
- friend Mr. Ward and Mr. Chantler for taking their
- 21 clients through their evidence. I think they
- handled that very well, and we've had a -- the
- 23 benefit of that evidence this week, and we are on
- 24 schedule. What I would like to do is then brief
- 25 you on what I expect to happen next week --

1 THE COMMISSIONER: Yes.

MR. VERTLIEB: -- and thereafter. So commencing Monday morning we will have Ms. Susan Davis. She has very firsthand knowledge of the work of sex trade women in the Downtown Eastside, and she has been on the list for some time and been inconvenienced, so to minimize her inconvenience any further we'll call her Monday morning and deal with that evidence.

Following that Ms. Brooks is going to take
Elaine Allan through her evidence. Ms. Allan was
a volunteer at WISH in the material time of our
terms of reference and has very sensitive -- a
very broad sense of understanding of the women who
worked in the Downtown Eastside in the sex trade
area. And her evidence will take some time, but
it's important.

Then what I'd like to do, Mr. Gratl has very fairly been pressing me to allow him to make his motion in respect of the dealing with vulnerable witnesses, and his material has been with us for some time, and Mr. Gratl's motion has been put off more than once out of respect for witnesses who were here to be called and not to be inconvenienced more than necessary, so I'd like to do his motion on vulnerable witnesses, which I'm

not sure is extremely contentious based on the sense I get from my colleagues about this, but nonetheless it's important that he have an opportunity to deal with that. And then what I'd like to do is deal with a motion in a formal way in the context of dealing with sensitive information.

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You will recall that last week I asked Mr. Hern to briefly introduce the subject to you. You've heard at least in limited form from him. You heard from Ms. Tobias. You can see there's a real concern about some of this information that's been disclosed. I have attempted as your counsel to see if there would be some common ground that all of us could share, but I respect all the views of my colleagues on this, and it's one of those issues that's just going to need to be resolved before you because there are very legitimate and obviously competing interests at stake. And that motion will take some time. I'm not sure how long it will take, but it definitely will take some time to deal with in this hearing environment. And that, of course -- if we deal with that after Ms. Allan, that would perhaps take up the balance of the week. I'm not sure yet, and we'll just

have to see how that develops, but none of this is a surprise in terms of our timing.

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So that means then, assuming we get through the motions by the end of next week, and I'm not sure we'll have time for any other evidence, then we'd start on the 7th of November with the evidence of Deputy Chief Constable Doug LePard. All of us know him by name. His report's been marked. He will be some time in chief with me. My plan is to take him through many of the documents that I think are relevant, keeping in mind, of course, that he has no firsthand knowledge of the events because he was not in any way investigating the missing women issues, but he's done a major analysis of it, and he's familiar with the documents, and I think it's a good way to introduce the documents to the hearing and deal with that witness. He will be, as I say, perhaps a couple, three days in chief. I'm not sure because we're still in the process of reviewing that. And then my learned friends will obviously have questions.

Following the deputy chief constable we'll then move to Superintendent Williams. His report's been marked. There's -- I'm told that

the Department of Justice are working on the redactions and concerns about sensitive information that you've already heard a bit about that's in one of his lengthy appendices, but he would be the next witness.

And then finally in this time frame we'd have Deputy Chief Jennifer Evans. You've heard about her. We are still hopeful we'll have her report next week, by the end of October. She has been working on it full time for many months. There have been now four police officers engaged in Peel at their expense to prepare that report.

And all of that means that I think we will be able to complete in the allotted time that we had tentatively scheduled, which gets us to the beginning of December, and I'm hopeful that obviously the much needed extension will be resolved shortly and that we can then continue to do our work into the new year.

Once again I just remind you, Mr.

Commissioner, that the assessment Ms. Brooks and I have made about the presentation of the evidence is that we want to see the cross-examinations of Messrs. LePard and Williams and Ms. Evans and then discuss with our colleagues over the intervening

weeks between December and renewal hopefully in

January what actual police evidence needs to be

called, the hope being that we won't have to have

every police officer who was involved in the

missing women investigations give evidence. That

will take some time to sit with our colleagues and

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So I think all in all, this being the end of our third week now, we have -- with all the help of our colleagues and the participants I think we're right on -- more or less we're actually right on schedule with the best schedule that we could have anticipated, so Ms. Brooks and I are very comfortable with where we're at. I think we're making good progress here. I want to take some time to outline this to you because I know that not only are you interested, I know my colleagues and the other participants are interested, but I know the families are interested, and I know the media has an interest in what comes as the weeks unfold. And I think that's as much as I can usefully add at this point in time, and all of that means that there's --

- 1 this will be an opportunity now to just adjourn
- 2 until 10:00 a.m. on Monday.
- 3 MR. WARD: Before we do, Mr. Commissioner, may I address my
- 4 friend's remarks?
- 5 THE COMMISSIONER: Yes.
- 6 MR. WARD: Either now or after the break, because I have a fair
- 7 bit to say in response to what I've just heard.
- 8 THE COMMISSIONER: Yes.
- 9 MR. WARD: Now?
- 10 THE COMMISSIONER: Go ahead.
- 11 MR. WARD: Okay. Thank you. And I don't mean to be the fly in
- the ointment, but I'm surprised by what my friend
- 13 Mr. Vertlieb has just said because I had been
- 14 pressing for the names of the witnesses who would
- be coming next week, and I was told in an e-mail
- 16 communication on October 24th that those witnesses
- 17 would include Chief Superintendent Morrison of the
- 18 RCMP, Superintendent Gresham, Chief Superintendent
- Janice Armstrong of the RCMP, and VPD
- 20 Superintendent Jeff Simm as well as Elizabeth
- 21 Watson from the police board. These were the
- 22 witnesses who were lined up for next week, and
- 23 I've been operating the last four days and
- 24 preparing in the last four days to cross-examine
- 25 those witnesses, and I am surprised to hear for

the first time just moments ago that there's no mention of whether these witnesses are coming at all, but certainly it seems that as though they're not coming next week, and I'm very troubled by that because it looks like I've perhaps wasted many hours in the last several days. I suspect others might have known this -- this schedule before I did. I don't know, but I certainly heard it for the first time just now, and that's unhelpful.

And while I have the opportunity to record my concerns on witnesses, I want to say this. The families' position with respect to police witnesses is that we should be hearing from every single police officer who had a role in these investigations directly, and I have been pressing for a witness list, and we don't have one. I don't know who's coming along. I have not agreed that this is a matter that we can all agree on. It's a matter of the commission calling the witnesses it requires in order to make the findings of fact it needs to make. And I'm sorry if I'm making a speech, but I just want to make sure the families' position is recorded and is understood and that we have very serious concerns

Τ		about how this is unfolding, and those are my
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3	THE	COMMISSIONER: Mr. Vertlieb.
4	MR.	VERTLIEB: Well, I can just tell you that we've had a
5		number of motions that are outstanding and are
6		important, and it was obvious yesterday that we
7		could not come to agreement on the protection of
8		sensitive information.
9	THE	COMMISSIONER: So you're telling me that the motions have
10		to be heard before the police witnesses are
11		called?
12	MR.	VERTLIEB: Absolutely, because of the nature of the
13		evidence. I think the lawyers are entitled to
14		know how that evidence should be handled, so I
15		think it's important. Also, Mr. Gratl has been
16		more than patient with his motion which he wants
17		to have heard. He had wanted it to be heard more
18		quickly, and I've put him off because of witnesses
19		that we wanted to accommodate. For example, this
20		week I thought it was important that the families
21		be able to give their evidence without
22		interruption before procedural motions. So it's
23		obvious, in our view, that that's the best way to
24		deal with this.
25		Mr. Ward does mention that he wants every

witness called, and in fairness to him, he has 1 2 said that, but I'm hopeful that once he hears the 3 evidence of the three witnesses I've outlined he 4 may change his opinion on that. You never know 5 what you may do after you hear evidence because 6 sometimes that impacts on how we react to what's been heard. But that's a matter for down the 7 road, and we'll deal with that as it comes. This 8 9 is not a new view, incidentally. I've told my 10 colleagues and participants at meetings we've had 11 prior to the commencement of the hearings that that was the intention, and I respect that Mr. 12 Ward may not agree with it, but he may change his 13 mind as he hears evidence. 14 15 THE COMMISSIONER: But he says that this is the first he's ever heard of these witnesses not being called. 16 17 MR. VERTLIEB: Well, I had hoped to be able to call them next 18 week, but I'm worried given what we're -- we need to deal with on the confidential information 19 20 motion. We've spent quite a bit of time trying to 21 resolve it. 22 THE COMMISSIONER: So as I understand it, there is some 23 evidence that the police feel is confidential 24 relating to ongoing investigations. 25 MR. VERTLIEB: Yes, that amongst other concerns.

1	THE COMMISS	IONER: And so that evidence, you say, has to be
2		dealt with before the police witnesses are called.
3	MR. VERTLIE	B: I believe it's best for everyone to know what
4		the commissioner's view is on that, absolutely. I
5		don't want a mistake to be made and have evidence
6		be heard that ought not to have been heard.
7	THE COMMISS	IONER: Okay. Let me hear from the other lawyers
8		here. Mr. Hern or Mr. Dickson.
9	MR. DICKSON	: Mr. Commissioner, Tim Dickson for the department
10		and the board. Just on the confidential
11		information issue, that is, what Mr. Hern
12		introduced to you last week, and there are the
13		issue that Mr. Hern was putting forward is that in
14		the document production at present that is
15		available to all the participants there is a great
16		deal, a huge amount of confidential information.
17	THE COMMISS	IONER: What do you mean by confidential?
18	MR. DICKSON	: So the names of victims, the names of sex
19		workers, the names of people in bad date sheets
20		who were not convicted of any crime, the people
21		associated with persons of interest who were not
22		convicted, all sorts of personal identification
23		information that that third parties who are not
24		before the commission here would not want to be
25		out in the public.

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THE COMMISSIONER: So your position is none of that's relevant?
      MR. DICKSON: None of it's relevant. And it needs -- and it
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      THE COMMISSIONER: All right.
      MR. DICKSON: That information is entirely available to all the
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                   issue that needs to be determined there.
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      THE COMMISSIONER: All right.
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      MR. DICKSON: Mr. Gratl has raised a separate issue, which is
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      THE COMMISSIONER: All right. Thank you. What's the federal
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MS. HOFFMAN: Thank you, Mr. Commissioner. Judith Hoffman

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2	THE	COMMISSIC	ONER: I can't hear you.
3	MS.	HOFFMAN:	Sorry. Thank you, Mr. Commissioner. Judith
4			Hoffman for the Government of Canada. I would
5			just echo my friend Mr. Tim Dickson's comments.
6			Really the question is once documents which are
7			put to witnesses are entered as exhibits the
8			question is what to do with the confidential
9			information that is contained within those
10			exhibits.
11	THE	COMMISSIC	ONER: You're saying the damage is done then?
12	MS.	HOFFMAN:	Yes, and we would like to develop a protocol for
13			dealing with those pieces of confidential
14			information, and that's quite important
15	THE	COMMISSIC	ONER: All right.
16	MS.	HOFFMAN:	to deal with.
17			I do also want to rise just to echo the
18			concerns of Mr. Ward with respect to the witnesses
19			that we had anticipated would be called next week.
20			We had been asked by the commission to put
21			together some witnesses who would provide some
22			contextual information just in terms of the police
23			structure from the RCMP perspective, and I
24			gathered that the same was asked of the VPD. We
25			are happy to have that information or that

1	evidence come forward at any time that's
2	convenient to Mr. Vertlieb, but we were just told
3	today that it might not be happening next week as
4	well, so we're sort of in the same boat as Mr.
5	Ward on that front, so I just wanted to make that
6	clear.
7	THE COMMISSIONER: All right. Okay. Mr. Ward, I want to be
8	fair, obviously, here to all parties, but it seems
9	that it makes sense to deal with the evidence that
10	may or may not be admissible, legally admissible,
11	before the police are called. Doesn't that make
12	sense? Why would the police be called if there's
13	some question with respect to the admissibility of
14	some of the documents that they will be dealing
15	with?
16	MR. WARD: Yes. The short answer is yes and no. My
17	understanding, and I'm sorry to have to raise this
18	in the open proceedings, but I think it's probably
19	best dealt with here, my the understanding I've
20	been operating under this week has been that some
21	very senior police officers were going to come
22	next week to testify about structural issues
23	that the sensitive document issue would not impact
24	upon, I understand, and it could be that I
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THE COMMISSIONER: Well, Mr. Dickson certainly doesn't have
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      MR. WARD: Well, there's two types of evidence here. Mr.
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      MR. WARD: -- that were in place to deal with investigations
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                   facts surrounding the investigation.
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      THE COMMISSIONER: Right.
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      MR. WARD:
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to deal with the sensitive document issue and then 1 2 move on to LePard, Williams, and Evans, and my 3 concern, as I've tried to indicate, is that it 4 looks like it's not happening that way at all. 5 I'm learning this now. 6 THE COMMISSIONER: Wait a minute. Excuse me for interrupting 7 you --MR. WARD: 8 Yes. 9 THE COMMISSIONER: -- but what does it matter? I mean, so you 10 prepared. It's not like the preparation has gone 11 down the drain. MR. WARD: Well, if they're not -- if they're not coming at 12 13 all -- these are very senior officers. I'd like to hear Mr. Vertlieb say when they're coming, if I 14 15 may --THE COMMISSIONER: He didn't --16 17 MR. WARD: -- so that I know that they're coming. THE COMMISSIONER: Just a minute. 18 MR. WARD: Yes. 19 20 MR. COMMISSIONER: Maybe these are things that should be 21 discussed before coming in here, but my 22 understanding is that those witnesses are coming, 23 they're just not coming next week, and so I don't understand how that hurts you. I want to make 24 sure that everybody's treated fairly here, and it 25

would seem to me from what I've been told that 1 2 there's some evidence that I'm going to have to 3 determine the admissibility of, and so -- and Mr. 4 Gratl has evidence dealing with -- or has an 5 application dealing with the sensitive nature of some of his clients -- or some of his witnesses, 6 7 so it makes sense to me that those issues, 8 procedural issues ought to be dealt with first 9 before any of the witnesses are called. So -- and 10 the second issue you raise is that -- deals with 11 the police witnesses who are going to be here for structural reasons. That is the only -- as I 12 13 understand it, their sole purpose in coming here would be to testify what the basic structure of 14 15 the Vancouver Police is, what the structure of the RCMP is, but there wouldn't be any evidence 16 17 relating to what they actually did. Is that not 18 so? I don't know, I didn't get will says in respect to 19 MR. WARD: 20 them, but what I thought was that they were not 21 personally involved with those investigations. THE COMMISSIONER: Right. 22 23 MR. WARD: The questions about actual steps taken in the 24 investigations would be best posed to those who 25 were involved.

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THE COMMISSIONER: Right. Right.
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      MR. WARD: I don't know when such people will be here or
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                   whether they will be here at this stage. I just
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                   don't know who the witnesses coming down the road
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                   are. I have no idea, none.
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      THE COMMISSIONER:
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      MR. WARD: And that's troublesome. That's all. I'm grasping
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                   kind of at a moving target, and it puts me in an
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                   awkward spot.
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      THE COMMISSIONER: Well, I want to make sure that everybody,
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                   all counsel here proceed on an equal footing in
                   that you all are entitled to know ahead of time
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                   what's being done and -- and that everybody is
                   dealt with fairly so we hear all the relevant
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                   evidence, and -- but before I can do that I have
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                   to listen to what Mr. Dickson and what the lawyers
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                   for the RCMP have said, and I think that makes
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                   some sense, that I deal with those issues and also
                   deal with Mr. Gratl's issues and then move on from
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                   there. Look, I want to get this thing done as
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                   quickly as possible, but it has to be fair to
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                   everybody here.
      MR. WARD: Certainly, and I agree whole-heartedly with that,
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                   and I'm sorry, but I have to -- I have to record
                   one more issue. It should be on the record at
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1 this point, and I --2 THE COMMISSIONER: Everything's on the record. 3 Well -- my friend Mr. Vertlieb mentioned that soon, MR. WARD: 4 perhaps as early as the week after next, Deputy 5 Chief Evans will be here to testify. My 6 understanding from discussions that counsel have 7 had is that Deputy Chief Evans of Peel has been reviewing documents and working on her review and 8 9 interviewing police officers since at least the 10 beginning of this year and is expected to be producing a report that's based on about a 10- or 11 12 11-month project that she's undertaken. I haven't 13 got a draft or any part of that report yet, and I'm very, very concerned that I will need time 14 15 once it arrives because if it's based on a very lengthy undertaking which she and two colleagues 16 17 have been engaged in for 10 months I'm certain --18 well, I should never be certain, I suppose, as my friend has indicated, but I'm pretty sure that if 19 20 I get a big document sometime soon, and I don't 21 know when it's coming, I won't be ready the week 22 after next to be questioning Deputy Chief Evans about it if her work is that involved. 23 24 THE COMMISSIONER: Okay. Well --

MR. WARD: I'm very concerned about that.

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THE COMMISSIONER: No, No. We don't do anything by ambush
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                   here, so you don't need to worry about that, but
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                   if the report isn't prepared, then you can't very
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                   well have it now, can you?
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                 I would say if the report isn't prepared yet --
      THE COMMISSIONER: I don't know if it's prepared. Is it
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                   prepared? No.
      MR. WARD: I will agree with that, but if the report isn't
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                   prepared yet, I can't very well be on my feet in
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                   10 days asking her about it.
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      THE COMMISSIONER: Why don't we cross that bridge when we get
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                   to it?
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      MR. WARD: Certainly. Certainly.
      THE COMMISSIONER: All right. Okay. Mr. Vertlieb, what do you
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                   say to this?
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      MR. VERTLIEB: Well, more than once I've outlined, as I said to
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                   you now, to people in meetings the plan. Let me
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                   repeat it again for anyone who misunderstood. We
                   will start with Deputy Chief Constable Doug LePard
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                   on the 7th of November. He could be many days.
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                   Following him we will then go to Superintendent
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                   Williams from the RCMP. He could be many days.
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                   And then Ms. Evans from Peel. So to my learned
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                   friend's last comment about he might not be ready
                   a week Monday, he need not worry because I've said
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just now and I said a few moments ago and on other 1 2 days that that won't be happening. What I've also 3 said is we have been told that she wants to have 4 her report to us by the end of October. It's not the end of October yet. I've told my colleagues 5 6 this before and that as soon as we have it they 7 will have it, and I think we should just let it unfold that way. All of us are working to time 8 9 constraints, and all of us want to get this inquiry on the way, as we're doing now. There's 10 11 nothing new in what I've said about Deputy Chief Jennifer Evans. 12 13 THE COMMISSIONER: When is the structural evidence going to be 14 called? 15 MR. VERTLIEB: We'll deal with that -- assuming there's an extension, we'll have to deal with that in the new 16 17 year. It's something that we've taken into 18 account. It would be helpful for people to see the structure, but, frankly, many people know that 19 20 Vancouver has a police chief, they probably know 21 there are deputy chiefs, they probably know 22 there's divisions that were outlined by me in my 23 opening, so I'm not sure that that's critical. I 24 think it's good to have as a foundation for your report. Some of the structure of the Vancouver 25

- 1 Police is in the LePard report.
- 2 THE COMMISSIONER: Is that what the structural evidence is all
- 3 about?
- 4 MR. VERTLIEB: Exactly.
- 5 THE COMMISSIONER: The chief, the deputy chief, the
- 6 superintendent?
- 7 MR. VERTLIEB: That's all.
- 8 THE COMMISSIONER: We need to call evidence on that?
- 9 MR. VERTLIEB: Well, I wanted to have it for you as a
- 10 foundation, and --
- 11 THE COMMISSIONER: All right.
- 12 MR. VERTLIEB: -- I wanted to do it all on one day just to have
- it out of the way. It's not critical at all.
- 14 THE COMMISSIONER: Yes. Okay. All right. All right. We'll
- adjourn until Monday. Anything else?
- MR. WARD: Actually, there is. And I'm sorry to be the fly in
- 17 the ointment here, but I'm led to understand that
- 18 Deputy Chief Evans from Ontario and two colleagues
- have been working on a review of the missing
- 20 women's investigations from the files they were
- 21 given at the beginning of the year and that a
- report, which may be a critique of those
- investigations, is coming by the end of the month,
- 24 which is Monday. I hope it arrives, but it has to
- be in hand, my position is it has to be in hand

Τ		before I start examining Deputy Chief Lerard
2		because he is going to be questioned about his
3		review of the same investigation, and if there are
4		criticisms that Evans makes of him, I suggest that
5		all counsel should be aware of those before they
6		have the opportunity to question LePard about
7		them.
8	THE	COMMISSIONER: Why don't we just patiently wait until it
9		all comes?
10	MR.	WARD: I will patiently wait until Monday and see where we
11		are then.
12	THE	COMMISSIONER: That's fine. All right.
13	MR.	WARD: Thank you.
14	THE	COMMISSIONER: Thank you.
15	THE	REGISTRAR: The hearing is now adjourned until Monday
16		morning at ten o'clock.
17		(PROCEEDINGS ADJOURNED AT 3:16 P.M.)
18		I hereby certify the foregoing to
19		be a true and accurate transcript
20		of the proceedings transcribed to
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