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THIS IS THE STATEMENT OF Leah Claudette BEST (B: PID [REDACTED]), taken at the Coquitlam RCMP Detachment, on 99.08.07 @ 11:55 a.m., by Cst. P.S. MARENCHUK and Cpl. CONNOR - Serious Crime Unit

Cst. MARENCHUK: I'll just put it down on the table. The date is August the 7th, the time is 11:55 a.m. Uh Constable MARENCHUK, Corporal CONNOR, Serious Crime Unit, Coquitlam, interviewing Leah Claudette BEST, B-E-S-T, date of birth PID [REDACTED]. Uh Leah as we were just discussing earlier uh you received some information from a friend of yours ...

BEST: Uh huh.

MARENCHUK: ... who goes by the name of Lynn and I was wondering if you could just tell us what Lynn told you about a situation that she may have witnessed or seen. And take your time and we'll, we'll help you through it and ask you some questions.

BEST: Okay.

MARENCHUK: Okay. So Lynn you ...

BEST: So ...

MARENCHUK: ... you ...

BEST: ... I was ...

MARENCHUK: ... have a friend and her name is?

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BEST: Lynn ELLINGSEN.

MARENCHUK: Okay.

BEST: And uh I met her over at [REDACTED] and she happened to be there when I stopped by and (inaudible) was at [REDACTED]. And I asked her why she was at [REDACTED] cause she had been living, or staying with Willy, this man Willy who is supposedly a millionaire and um she was, seemed really happy the last time I talked with her cause she was learning how to drive a dump truck and dispatching, like working for Willy.

MARENCHUK: Okay.

BEST: And uh she told me something happened out there that really scared her and ...

MARENCHUK: Okay.

BEST: I can't really recall like what ...

MARENCHUK: Okay she, she said something uh that, that it scared her. How did uh, how did she bring this up and when did she bring it up to you and what sort of ... what was the scenario when she brought it up to you? Were you guys in a, sitting in a bar and she was talking or ...

BEST: Oh no, no we were sitting in [REDACTED] kitchen.

MARENCHUK: Okay. And [REDACTED] ... you mentioned [REDACTED] before. [REDACTED] is a, is a friend ...

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BEST: Yeah.

MARENCHUK: ... or a boyfriend?

BEST: Is a friend.

MARENCHUK: Okay, and a friend of his and yours?

BEST: Yeah, a mutual friend.

MARENCHUK: And you guys have known [REDACTED] CI-PERS for a while?

BEST: Yeah, I've know him, I've known [REDACTED] CI-PERS for about five years. I knew him in Chilliwack.

MARENCHUK: Okay.

BEST: And ...

MARENCHUK: Where does [REDACTED] CI-PERS live now?

BEST: In [REDACTED] PID

MARENCHUK: Okay.

BEST: On [REDACTED] PID

MARENCHUK: And ... Whereabouts?

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BEST: On [REDACTED]

MARENCHUK: That's where he lives on [REDACTED]? He has a house there?

BEST: Yeah.

MARENCHUK: And Lynn was staying at [REDACTED]

BEST: Uh huh.

MARENCHUK: And you were over at [REDACTED] to visit him?

BEST: Yeah.

MARENCHUK: Or were you staying there as well?

BEST: No.

CONNOR: Okay. Do you know what [REDACTED] last is?

BEST: [REDACTED]

MARENCHUK: [REDACTED]

BEST: Yeah.

MARENCHUK: Okay. Uh now when were you over there? When did this take place?

BEST: Um about June 20th or so ...

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MARENCHUK: Okay.

BEST: ... cause it was uh ...

MARENCHUK: Just, just before your birthday then?

BEST: Yeah.

MARENCHUK: Okay. So you're over there uh visiting Lynn?

BEST: No I was visiting [REDACTED] CI-PERS and Lynn happened to be there ...

MARENCHUK: Happened to be there.

BEST: ... so I went in and talked with her and ...

MARENCHUK: Okay, and what time was this about?

BEST: This was about maybe 12:30, 1:00 o'clock ...

MARENCHUK: Okay ...

BEST: ... in the afternoon.

MARENCHUK: ... about 12:30, 1:00 o'clock. Uh is [REDACTED] CI-PERS there as well?

BEST: No he was outside in the yard.

MARENCHUK: Okay, so it's just the two of you?

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BEST: Yeah.

MARENCHUK: Okay, so it's basically June the 20th of this year uh you were over at **CI-PERS**
on **PID** ...

BEST: Uh huh.

MARENCHUK: ... on the flats ...

BEST: Uh huh.

MARENCHUK: ... and it's in the afternoon and you guys ... you're just talking to her and ...

BEST: Uh huh.

MARENCHUK: ... and she discloses ...

BEST: Having a smoke and ...

MARENCHUK: Yeah.

BEST: Yeah.

MARENCHUK: And she says?

BEST: That uh she's wandering around in the yard about 2:00 o'clock in the morning at Willy's and found him in the barn and he had a woman strung up and he was gutting her. And I said oh my God, that's horrible. What did you do? And did he see you? And she said yes he did see her and ... That's

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where I, I can't really remember what um ...

MARENCHUK: It obviously was a bit of shock to you too eh?

BEST: Yeah.

MARENCHUK: You're not sure if it's real or not real?

BEST: Yeah.

MARENCHUK: Yeah.

BEST: So I'm sort of you know okay.

MARENCHUK: (Inaudible)

BEST: Yeah. And she told me a lot of strange things that had occurred before she ...

MARENCHUK: Now just to go back a little bit. The reason Lynn was at Willy's ... Do you know Willy's last name?

BEST: No.

MARENCHUK: Okay, do you know where he lives?

BEST: I was there twice and I, I was trying to come back. It's this route, but I'm not too familiar ...

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MARENCHUK: It's some place in Coquitlam?

BEST: Yeah.

MARENCHUK: Is it near a specific ...

BEST: It's ...

MARENCHUK: Like is it near a train station or is it near ... Do you recall any buildings or any ...

BEST: It's south ...

MARENCHUK: ... restaurants or gas stations on your way to ...?

BEST: There's a street called Ottawa Street ...

MARENCHUK: Uh huh.

BEST: ... and you turn right on ...

MARENCHUK: You came off ...

BEST: ... Ottawa ...

MARENCHUK: Okay, you came off ...

BEST: ... onto ...

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MARENCHUK: ... you came off Lougheed?

BEST: I believe so.

MARENCHUK: And you were driving on Ottawa and then, then you turned right did you say?

BEST: Onto Ottawa.

MARENCHUK: Oh.

BEST: And then ... like I just remember that street.

MARENCHUK: Was it in, in a town or in the country or ...

BEST: It was out of town, like on a rural ...

MARENCHUK: Okay.

BEST: ... street. I think there's ...

MARENCHUK: What did the place look like (inaudible)?

BEST: Um there's a gate, like a big uh gate, wire gate. There's a house to the, on the left and then there's a long, muddy driveway and big piles of dirt everywhere and equipment and cars and, and there's the, the trailer that Lynn was staying in.

MARENCHUK: Okay. This trailer, did Willy share the trailer with her?

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BEST: Uh huh.

MARENCHUK: Or did he have his own house?

BEST: No, they shared the trailer and ...

MARENCHUK: They ...

BEST: ... apparently the house, Willy's brother lives in the house.

MARENCHUK: Do you know his name?

BEST: No.

MARENCHUK: So she's living in Willy's trailer with him, but they have relationship or you're not sure or ...?

BEST: I'm not sure. I don't ...

MARENCHUK: That's ...

BEST: I don't know.

MARENCHUK: But they were liv-, she's living out there and that's how she ... and you'd been out there as well.

BEST: Uh huh.

MARENCHUK: Um and she's ... did you mention she was, she was working for him or ...?

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BEST: Yeah.

MARENCHUK: What kind of work was she doing?

BEST: Well she said she was answering the phones and uh dispatching trucks like for top soil and ...

MARENCHUK: At that location?

BEST: Yeah.

MARENCHUK: Okay. So this one ... this is how she happened to be at that location?

BEST: Uh huh.

MARENCHUK: And she was there that, she woke up one morning and she decided to go for a walk.

BEST: Um I think she was up doing coke so that's what sort of ... I'm assuming, but I'm not sure.

MARENCHUK: Okay.

BEST: And then at 2:00 o'clock in the morning she was wandering around. She doesn't know, she said she didn't know why, she just ...

MARENCHUK: Did she indicate to you who this woman was that was, she saw?

BEST: Well she, I don't know she was maybe guessing, but she figures that Willy's

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the one who's been killing the prostitutes, you know like.

MARENCHUK: Is that what she told you?

BEST: Yeah. Because um she thought, she said it was strange because she'd be walking through the yard and she'd find you know a shoe here or some-, an earring. And when she was cleaning up his house when she moved in she found a bunch of women's, sets of women's I.D. And uh, and she said also that Willy had a, a wall in his trailer and he had guns behind it, like a false wall.

MARENCHUK: Did she tell you where she saw this I.D., this, these different I.D.'s?

BEST: I'm not sure, like under the bed or under the couch. I, I can't recall.

MARENCHUK: She ran across it while she was cleaning?

BEST: Yeah.

MARENCHUK: Did she ever run across any, any other things that she ...

BEST: She didn't say.

MARENCHUK: But there was some strange things she found?

BEST: Yeah.

MARENCHUK: And in the yard as well?

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BEST: Yeah.

MARENCHUK: Uh back to this girl that she saw strung up. What was, what was taking place there? Was she just tied up?

BEST: Well I didn't really ask her you know like for details. Um after I heard it like I just said okay she was strung up and was she dead and she said oh yeah he was gutting her.

MARENCHUK: Gutting her? Uh when you say gutting did she explain what physically was being done?

BEST: Yeah. I um ... uh at this place they have a, they kill pigs so I just sort of pictured in my mind what gutting meant.

MARENCHUK: Did she indicate to you what happened to the body after?

BEST: No.

MARENCHUK: Did she describe the scene or any particular acts at the scene to you?

BEST: No.

MARENCHUK: Did she describe what this person looked like?

BEST: No.

CONNOR: Did she know, uh Leah ... how did she come to the conclusion that prostitutes were involved?

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BEST: I think cause ... oh um well he go-, he goes downtown, he works downtown sometimes, and um she also said something about she sort of hinted to other people that knew or know Willy and they, she said it seems like they know, but nobody seems to say anything or do anything about it.

CONNOR: They know what, Leah?

BEST: That he's doing this to women. I don't know.

MARENCHUK: Uh had Lynn told anybody else about this?

BEST: She told her boyfriend [REDACTED] ^{CHILBERS}. He came that night she said and he picked her up.

MARENCHUK: That night when she witnessed this?

BEST: Yeah.

MARENCHUK: When did she, when did she witness this?

BEST: I think it was about a week before I saw her.

MARENCHUK: You saw her on the 20th of June so it would have been maybe the 13th?

BEST: Yes.

MARENCHUK: Did she tell you what night it was?

BEST: No.

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MARENCHUK: Did she tell you where this girl came from?

BEST: No. I don't think she even knew she was there you know 'til she came across her.

MARENCHUK: Just what, what is her boyfriend's name again?

BEST: C-PERS ... I don't know his last name.

MARENCHUK: You don't know it. Do you know where he lives?

BEST: In PID

MARENCHUK: In PID

BEST: Yeah.

MARENCHUK: Do you know what kind of work he does?

BEST: Nope.

MARENCHUK: Okay, that's fine.

CONNOR: Do you uh, do you know or did she ever tell you that other woman had come to the uh trailer?

BEST: No, she didn't say.

CONNOR: Had she ever gone out with uh, with Willy uh downtown?

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BEST: No.

CONNOR: I'm just wondering about the prostitutes.

BEST: I don't know.

CONNOR: Is it a conclusion or an assumption she's made?

BEST: I think so.

CONNOR: Is that what you feel or ...?

BEST: I think so because ... well what Lynn said was like the look on his face when she came across him like he was um uh I don't know how to put it cause like when, like he loved what he was doing, you know like, and he, she said it seems like he, he gets all excited when it's time to kill a pig or ...

MARENCHUK: He was enjoying what he was doing?

BEST: Yeah, it seemed like he was enjoying it.

MARENCHUK: Was she concerned about her well-being?

BEST: Yeah. Well she said she didn't want to be um what do you call it ... when you're with a murderer you know ...

MARENCHUK: Accessory.

BEST: Accessory, yeah.

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MARENCHUK: Okay.

BEST: (Inaudible)

CONNOR: So she was worried about being an accessory?

BEST: Yeah she stayed there.

MARENCHUK: Do you know if she's disclosed this information to anybody else besides you and her boyfriend?

BEST: No I don't know.

CONNOR: Uh I think you mentioned, Leah, that when she was cleaning up she saw the identification of the other girls. Do you know what she did when she was, when she found this stuff or ...? Did she tell you what she did with it?

BEST: I can't really remember. She said ... uh I think she asked Willy about it, but um he just didn't really, you know he was evasive.

CONNOR: I think you mentioned that she'd found a shoe or an earring I think you said.

BEST: Yeah.

CONNOR: Was that in the trailer or was that ...

BEST: No, that was ...

CONNOR: ... on the property?

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BEST: ... outside in the, like the mounds of dirt.

MARENCHUK: So was there any speculation what he, or does she know what this Willy character did with this body?

BEST: Body. Um well she said something about there's freezers out there and she said her boyfriend checked them out and ... but I don't know, this is where I sort of doubted her when she said he found women's legs or something.

MARENCHUK: The boyfriend said that. And he found ...

BEST: That's what Lynn ...

MARENCHUK: ... found them where?

BEST: In the freezers ...

MARENCHUK: Un the freezer.

BEST: ... on the property.

MARENCHUK: Okay. Is the boyfriend a friend of this Willy?

BEST: Uh he's met him yeah and I think he was working for him a couple of times.

MARENCHUK: Does he still work for him?

BEST: I don't think so.

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CONNOR: When Lynn uh was telling you all this what was her kind of like demeanour like? Do you know what I mean?

BEST: Yeah. Um she seemed upset you know like and uh she said she was having nightmares and ...

CONNOR: Was she emotional when she was talking to you?

BEST: Yeah.

CONNOR: Like how ... what kind of emotion?

BEST: Um hm edgy and like kind of ... I don't know how to exp- ... hm.

CONNOR: Okay. And Lynn, Lynn uh did she ever mention that she was either with Willy or that she had ever seen Willy in the company of other prostitutes or anything like that?

BEST: (Inaudible)

MARENCHUK: You indicated that Willy was a millionaire. Do you know whether or not he's a millionaire is that something that Lynn told you?

BEST: That's something Lynn told me.

MARENCHUK: And did she tell you how he made his money?

BEST: No.

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MARENCHUK: Uh somebody else lived on the property as well with Willy you indicated.

BEST: Yeah his brother.

MARENCHUK: Do you know his name?

BEST: No.

MARENCHUK: Did Lynn indicate whether or not his brother was involved in this activity?

BEST: No. I don't ... no, she didn't, but all she said was that it seemed that the people that knew Willy seemed to know what he was doing.

CONNOR: Have you met Willy yourself?

BEST: Yeah.

CONNOR: Have you seen him?

BEST: Yeah.

CONNOR: What does he look like?

BEST: Um about 5'11", with grey, blonde hair, thin. He's got, I think he's got a moustache. Like he's kind of scruffy looking.

CONNOR: What about his hair? Anything about his hair?

BEST: It's kind of longish, greyish, wispy.

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CONNOR: Full head of hair or ...?

BEST: He had a cap on.

CONNOR: Oh. So you only met him the one time?

BEST: No, I met him twice.

MARENCHUK: Where was the other time? Where was it at?

BEST: At ...

MARENCHUK: Both times out there?

BEST: Yeah, to pick up Lynn's stuff and then ...

MARENCHUK: What was his reaction when you were picking up Lynn's stuff?

BEST: Well he was ... the first time we were there ... Oh no ... he was uh, he didn't come around, he was just ... Then we picked up some of Lynn's stuff and then I think he gave Lynn some money and uh ...

MARENCHUK: Okay. What was the money for, Leah?

BEST: I don't know.

MARENCHUK: You don't know.

BEST: Lynn asked him for money and ...

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MARENCHUK: (Inaudible) how much money?

BEST: It was \$120.00.

MARENCHUK: Um did she ... did he ever question why she was leaving?

BEST: Not when was there, no. They talked a bit, there was something going on, um some inspectors or something were supposed to be coming to his property because ... well this is what I heard that uh the loader had been operating at 12:30 at night ...

MARENCHUK: Okay.

BEST: ... so someone had complained and I don't know what they were ... who these insp-, you know what coming or what it was about.

MARENCHUK: When was the last ... or when was the last time you spoke to Lynn or saw her?

BEST: I spoke with her on the phone and the last time I saw her we got into a, a fight so.

MARENCHUK: What was the fight about?

BEST: Um she was angry with me because I was going with this guy cause he, he drove her back to **CI-PERS** and I was gonna go with him.

MARENCHUK: So sort of just personal stuff that she wanted.

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BEST: Uh she was just ... she gets angry and she takes her frustration out on me or something or somebody.

MARENCHUK: Yeah, but you guys still communicate sometimes?

BEST: Not very (inaudible) cause I'm quite, I don't want to associate with her anymore cause it's happened a couple of times.

MARENCHUK: Did she indicate to you what her, you know whether or not she feared uh Willy or what her thoughts were about this? Like did she ever bring it u again?

BEST: Um yeah she talked about it a few times as in what she wanted from Willy, like uh, like a couple of thousand dollars or she mentioned oh maybe I should you know go for a cruise or something.

MARENCHUK: And that's ...

BEST: Ask him for that money.

MARENCHUK: What's, what, what would that be for? Why would she ask that, for that money?

BEST: So that she would be, wouldn't say anything, like to keep quiet.

MARENCHUK: And did she tell you this?

BEST: Yeah.

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MARENCHUK: And did she any money for ...

BEST: Not that I know of. She's still at **CI-PERS** so I don't think she has. I don't know whether she's still ...

MARENCHUK: Was she planning to ask for this, like either money or a cruise?

BEST: Yeah.

MARENCHUK: What did you think of that?

BEST: Well I didn't really know. Like I first asked her well why didn't you phone the police or something you know and she said well you know I'm kind of scared to so I think I'll just get money from him you know.

MARENCHUK: She's scared of the police, but she's not scared of him?

BEST: No she's ... no I mean she's scared of him and ... well she said she was, but then it's kind of hard to figure like why would she ...

CONNOR: Do you what **CI-PERS** telephone number is?

BEST: Um ...

MARENCHUK: Do you think ...

BEST: ... well ...

MARENCHUK: Do you think she'd be interested in talking to the police? 4

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BEST: I don't know. I don't know if she would.

MARENCHUK: So do you think she's still thinking about what she should do with this, what she witnessed?

BEST: Uh maybe, yeah.

MARENCHUK: Or do you think she's maybe an opportunist or something and just she's trying to get whatever she can financially uh because she has a drug or alcohol problem (inaudible)?

BEST: Yeah, yeah, drug.

MARENCHUK: You know she does (inaudible)?

BEST: Yeah.

MARENCHUK: What does she, what does she, what does she do

BEST: She likes ...

MARENCHUK: What problems does she have and what does she do? We all have problems.

BEST: She likes her coke and she likes ... that's her favourite and she likes (inaudible).

MARENCHUK: Okay. Does she consume a lot?

BEST: Uh huh.

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MARENCHUK: Is she, is she a prostitute?

BEST: (Inaudible)

MARENCHUK: Uh what does she do for a living?

BEST: Well ... nothing.

MARENCHUK: (Laughs)

BEST: (Laughs)

MARENCHUK: Extort, extorts money.

CONNOR: (Laughs)

BEST: Yeah, basically that seems to be ...

MARENCHUK: So that could be her ...

BEST: ... her mo- ...

MARENCHUK: ... motivating factor.

BEST: Yeah.

MARENCHUK: She might just talk to this Willy and say listen Willy I need some money to keep my mouth shut or whatever?

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BEST: Yeah.

MARENCHUK: Um did you find a number there or ...

BEST: Yeah for CI-PERS It's PID His cell number.

CONNOR: Oh I'm sorry, the cell number is PID

BEST: Yeah.

MARENCHUK: So you're saying the last time you spoke to her was a week ago maybe or was it longer?

BEST: Maybe two weeks.

MARENCHUK: Maybe two. And ...

BEST: And it just ... uh I didn't call to ... I called to speak with CI-PERS and another woman there put Lynn on the phone and I said well I didn't really want to talk with you.

CONNOR: Whereabouts does ... like you say PID Now I don't know (inaudible).

MARENCHUK: The flats is just down by The Turf, is it?

BEST: Yeah.

CONNOR: Yeah that's what I was gonna ask if it was near The Turf?

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BEST: Yeah.

MARENCHUK: Yeah they always refer to the flats there.

BEST: Or rat.

MARENCHUK: The what?

BEST: Rat land.

MARENCHUK: Rat land okay.

CONNOR: (Laughs)

MARENCHUK: What, what compelled you to come to us and give us this information?

BEST: Um just, well I heard about another woman's body being found out in uh ...

MARENCHUK: Burnaby.

BEST: ... Queensborough ...

MARENCHUK: Yeah.

BEST: ... or ...

MARENCHUK: That was a couple of days ago, was it not?

BEST: Yeah.

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MARENCHUK: Okay.

BEST: And ...

MARENCHUK: You thought maybe it's related or something?

BEST: Yeah. And like it just ... like I don't know, but if there's anything there I thought maybe ...

CONNOR: I've got some photographs here and I'd just kind of like you to take a look at them for me. Did you ever meet uh CI-PERS

BEST: I think so, but like he's got a nickname, I can't remember what it is ... Skimpy ... or it's a common nickname. Well that's not it. Scruffy or ...

CONNOR: This is an older picture, but do you know that person.

BEST: Yeah, that's Lynn.

CONNOR: That's Lynn. It's a 19- uh -90 photograph from Squamish. Does she look like that now?

BEST: Pretty much, yeah.

CONNOR: Yeah.

BEST: Her hairs about the same.

CONNOR: Same style and same colour?

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BEST: Weil she wears it over to the side. Yeah.

CONNOR: And wears her hair over to the side now?

BEST: Yeah.

CONNOR: Um and I'll show you a uh, a single photograph here. Do you know that person at all?

BEST: Well it looks like Willy.

CONNOR: Yeah.

BEST: He looks, he looks thinner now though.

CONNOR: He looks thinner.

BEST: Well from the picture.

CONNOR: Okay. Do you know this person at all?

BEST: No.

CONNOR: Okay.

BEST: Oh ...

CONNOR: I'm sorry.

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BEST: He's from New West. I think that's the guy.

CONNOR: Okay, it's just a single photograph, it's got Surrey RCMP written on it.

BEST: Yeah.

CONNOR: Ever seen that person in relation to Lynn or Willy?

BEST: Yeah. Well not with Willy, but I, I believe that's uh Lynn's old boyfriend that she ... he held a gun to her.

CONNOR: Oh yeah.

MARENCHUK: Do you recall his name?

BEST: I, I can't think of it right now. I met him a couple of times, but ...

MARENCHUK: Um what do you think Lynn would do if we, if we brought her in and questioned her about her knowledge of any, any murder that took place at Willy's residence? Do you think she would coop- cooperate?

BEST: I think so.

MARENCHUK: Would she be scared?

BEST: Um I don't know whether she'd be scared, probably ... I don't know. She's pretty smart and like ...

CONNOR: Is she a person that uh you know has a code that somebody would ... you

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know some people are pretty hard, hard case people and refuse to talk to the police. Is she that type of a person or ...?

BEST: No I don't think so cause she phones the police and ...

MARENCHUK: If we showed up and brought her in do you think she'd be a little concerned and be truthful and give us a statement or would she tell us to pound sand?

BEST: I think she'd ...

MARENCHUK: You think she might.

BEST: ... say something.

MARENCHUK: She might.

BEST: If ... yeah.

MARENCHUK: Would you, would you uh, would you be prepared to testify if you had to?

BEST: Yeah.

MARENCHUK: We, we always ask that cause you're, with this if there is truth to this you are a potential witness and that's why I'm asking you that. I can't think of anything else to ask you, unless you can think of anything, uh Leah. You've been uh ... the information you've giv- given us is, you know we appreciate it.

BEST: Okay, well I hope it ...

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MARENCHUK: Can you think of anything else that uh she may have disclosed to you about this incident that uh ... Like uh were there any describing factors that she gave of this supposed crime scene, like was there anything she saw that maybe stood out?

BEST: She didn't ... I didn't really ...

MARENCHUK: It caught you off guard obviously.

BEST: Yeah and I ...

MARENCHUK: Did she di-, did she disclosed I mean how this person was hanging there, what ... you know whether it was with a rope or ...

BEST: No.

MARENCHUK: ... the colour of rope or ...

BEST: I didn't ...

MARENCHUK: ... chain or ...?

BEST: I didn't ask and ...

MARENCHUK: Okay. Did she disclose whether or not there was any clothing on this person or ...?

BEST: No.

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MARENCHUK: Any description like uh of blood or ...?

BEST: No. I ...

MARENCHUK: I'm just trying to you know ...

BEST: Yeah.

MARENCHUK: ... just throw suggestions out in case ...

BEST: Yeah.

MARENCHUK: ... she did say something that stuck out.

CONNOR: You mentioned that she'd seen women's identification and there was uh, uh guns or something in a false wall or some kind of a panel in room. Uh did she tell you that she saw anything else in the house that had given her concern?

BEST: Um night vision glasses or whatever they're called.

CONNOR: Uh huh.

MARENCHUK: Yeah.

CONNOR: Anything about uh women's clothing at all that were ... you mentioned shoes out on the uh property, anything inside the trailer?

BEST: No she didn't say anything about that, just this women's I.D. that she ...

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MARENCHUK: How long did she live up there?

BEST: Um hm about three or four months.

MARENCHUK: So she would have moved in ... Do you know what, what month, what time of the year?

BEST: Oh we saw ... we didn't see each other for awhile and she'd been evicted out of her place in Surrey and she went and lived with Willy and I can't remember, quite recall what time of year that was cause we didn't see each other for awhile there.

MARENCHUK: Would that have been this year, in 1999?

BEST: I believe so.

MARENCHUK: Aft- after Christmas?

BEST: Yeah, say early spring.

MARENCHUK: Then maybe March ... March, April, May she might have lived there?

BEST: Yeah.

MARENCHUK: In that area sort of, three months, and then she moved out. And where did she ... where did you guys go when she moved out? Like where did she relocate?

BEST: Where did Lynn move? Over at **CI-PERS**

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MARENCHUK: To **CI-PERS** Did she have a lot of stuff she had to take out of there?

BEST: Um no not really. When I went there um he ... she had ... like we just filled up with some plants and her clothes and she had left uh her dressers like.

MARENCHUK: Uh huh.

BEST: And that's ...

MARENCHUK: Can you describe the uh trailer to me, like what did it look like? Like how, was it a double wide, a single?

BEST: No it's a single wide and it's about 50 feet long.

MARENCHUK: Yeah.

BEST: 50, 60 feet.

MARENCHUK: (Inaudible)

BEST: How long is this?

MARENCHUK: About as wide as this, right?

BEST: Yeah.

MARENCHUK: About 14 feet wide and ...

BEST: Yeah.

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MARENCHUK: ... they run roughly 50 feet long. Uh one bedroom, two bedrooms?

BEST: Uh I think it's one.

MARENCHUK: Did they share, did they share a bedroom?

BEST: No, I think Lynn had her room in the living room area ...

MARENCHUK: Okay.

BEST: ... cause there was a couch in there (inaudible) and uh, and then there was an office in the middle of the trailer that ...

MARENCHUK: Okay.

BEST: (Inaudible)

(TAPE OVER - SIDE 2)

MARENCHUK: Okay the tape uh Side One is finished. It's uh 12:27 and we just flipped it over and we're continuing uh the last part of our interview with Leah BEST. Uh okay we just finished discussing the trailer a bit. And I think that's it unless you have something else to add.

BEST: I'm trying to think of anything else.

MARENCHUK: Or do you have any questions for me? Uh the only question I have for you is if I have to get ahold of you where's, what's the best way to get ahold of you? What place, the address you gave us?

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BEST: No, not really.

MARENCHUK: No. Is there ... Do you have a, do you have a cell phone or a ...

BEST: No.

MARENCHUK: No. Where, where ...

BEST: Um ...

MARENCHUK: If I had to get ahold of you just to talk to you again where ... is it best to go through CI-PERS or ...?

BEST: Yeah.

MARENCHUK: Okay, down at the, the Wings Hotel?

BEST: Wings, yeah.

MARENCHUK: When he phoned me did he have a cell phone or was that just a pay phone?

BEST: That was a pay phone.

MARENCHUK: Okay. But that number that I got from him that's the best way?

BEST: Well we just noticed a note on the board there they don't want any personal phone calls at the ...

MARENCHUK: Uh huh.

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BEST: ... hotel, but there is a pay phone there that they take messages.

MARENCHUK: Okay.

BEST: [REDACTED]

MARENCHUK: [REDACTED] ...

BEST: ... [REDACTED]

MARENCHUK: That's for messages eh.

BEST: Yeah.

MARENCHUK: And that's uh downtown at the ...

BEST: Yeah.

MARENCHUK: ... the [REDACTED] is that what it's called?

BEST: Yes.

MARENCHUK: Is that where you're staying now?

BEST: Yeah.

MARENCHUK: Okay this Ma-, this uh Abbotsford address, is that ...

BEST: That's my daughter's.

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MARENCHUK: Okay. Do you ...

BEST: That's (inaudible).

MARENCHUK: ... communicate with her?

BEST: Yeah.

MARENCHUK: Okay, so if, if I left a message there to get ahold ... I'll give you my card and you can either keep it or throw it out.

BEST: Uh I have it I think.

MARENCHUK: Uh I don't know if you've got mine.

BEST: Oh I have Ted's.

MARENCHUK: Here this is, this is the best card ...

BEST: (Laughs)

MARENCHUK: ... the police force has right there. Okay, that's my pager and that's my direct line, okay that's me.

BEST: Okay.

MARENCHUK: Okay, so if you want to keep that card you keep it. You can get ahold of me any time. And what I'll do is if I have to get ahold of you I'll try this ... and I won't ... if I leave a message I won't say you know that I'm the police, I'll

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just say Paul, my name ...

BEST: Okay.

MARENCHUK: ... and to get ahold of me and if I phone your daughter ... uh what's your daughter's first name?

BEST: CI-PERS

MARENCHUK: CI-PERS

BEST: Well I have four daughter's actually.

MARENCHUK: Okay, but at this, at this phone number?

BEST: That's ... They're all living there (laughs).

MARENCHUK: Oh okay. Well then what I'll do is I'll ask for you ...

BEST: Okay.

MARENCHUK: ... Mrs. BEST, and I'll just say if you can get ... you know just leave a message that Paul MARENCHUK phoned and she has my number if she can give me a call, okay cause I don't ... You know like if you're in the downtown thing you know and you're stay- ... you know people kind of get kind of hinky sometimes when they hear that the police are trying to talk to you, and that's just for your own comfort more than anything else. Uh do you have any questions for me?

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BEST: No.

MARENCHUK: Okay. Well we'll discontinue the uh interview. It's uh 12:30.

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