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## MISSING WOMEN COMMISSION OF INQUIRY

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BY MAIL

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Dear Deputy Chief Evans:

**Re: Engagement as Consultant for the Missing Women Commission of Inquiry**

This letter is to confirm that the Missing Women Commission of Inquiry has retained you as a consultant to review the issues raised in the Commission's Terms of Reference.

Please feel free to use this letter as a letter of introduction.

Thank you.

Yours truly,



Art Vertlieb, Q.C.  
Commission Counsel

cc: Chief Metcalf  
Peel Regional Police

RUSS NASH

- 1 Q Hm-hmm?
- 2 A -- and we did that routinely when I was in Serious  
3 Crime. So, I was asked to assist on this  
4 investigation. I would, I would create a file.  
5 Now, I wouldn't necessarily record my  
6 investigation on that file because --
- 7 Q Okay.
- 8 A -- that would normally, that would go to the  
9 master file. So, if Coquitlam was the one that  
10 was actually controlling the master file, any  
11 reports that I did would actually be subject to  
12 that file. I would create that though really  
13 administratively so that I could actually claim  
14 overtime, --
- 15 Q Okay.
- 16 A -- travel, those types of things to it. So then  
17 when you're done on the investigation, what you do  
18 is, you actually conclude the file. Otherwise,  
19 it's left --
- 20 Q And do you fill in --
- 21 A -- still in investigation.
- 22 Q -- a 1624?
- 23 A Yes.
- 24 Q Is that form as a result of opening up this file?  
25 At some point, are you prompted then to do that?

RUSS NASH

1           A   Well, I would have, I would have sent an --  
2                    actually, forwarded a 2500 which was the, the form  
3                    number at that time --

4           Q   Okay.

5           A   -- for PIRS. That would have actually then been  
6                    entered into -- onto PIRS to create the file.

7           Q   Okay.

8           A   And then, and then any updates would be subject of  
9                    this form here, this continuation report, which is  
10                   the 1624. So, really, that's probably the only  
11                   continuation report on there saying, "Nothing to  
12                   add. My involvement is done."

13          Q   Okay.

14          A   Conclude the file.

15          Q   Perfect.

16          A   And they -- but they can't conclude the file until  
17                   the investigator actually sends that, that report.

18          Q   Okay.

19          A   So, I was just --

20          Q   You were being prompted?

21          A   Yeah, I was neglectful in actually forwarding that  
22                   update.

23          Q   Okay. And at any time during, I guess it's just  
24                   the two-week window there, or after, I guess even  
25                   after that, did you ever hear the comment, "no

RUSS NASH

1                   body, no evidence, no evidence of crime"? So --  
2                   like, the missing women investigation, --  
3           A    Hm-hmm.  
4           Q    -- people kept trying and people were saying that,  
5                   "We were trying to get more resources into it but  
6                   the bottom line is we had no body, there was no  
7                   evidence, no evidence of a crime because we just  
8                   had missing women go missing."  
9           A    Yeah, right.  
10          Q    Did you ever hear that theme or anybody talk about  
11                   that, saying "this is why" --  
12          A    Well, no, because I was there to, to assist.  
13          Q    Hm-hmm.  
14          A    So, if that would have been the case, I wouldn't  
15                   have been there.  
16          Q    Okay.  
17          A    Right? So, that's -- they, they actually detail  
18                   four investigators to, to provide a level of  
19                   assistance. Now, granted, I wasn't there that  
20                   long. But had that been the prevailing theory,  
21                   they wouldn't have sent any of us.  
22          Q    Okay.  
23          A    At least in my opinion.  
24          Q    I'm not sure if I've asked this one. I will ask  
25                   it again. Does the RCMP have a policy as to how

RUSS NASH

1 long a person must be missing before they're  
2 reported missing?

3 A No.

4 Q Okay.

5 A No. We take the complaint immediately.

6 Q Okay. And how long does a person have to be  
7 missing before -- or is there any guideline about,  
8 "Okay, now we suspect foul play"?

9 A That will depend on the circumstances --

10 Q Okay.

11 A -- of the actual missing. So, if someone is gone  
12 -- I mean, really, if someone was hitchhiking, the  
13 last time they were seen was hitchhiking --

14 Q Hm-hmm?

15 A -- and not seen again, you're looking at foul play  
16 suspected, right?

17 Q Okay. Yes.

18 A If someone has gone fishing and in their boat and  
19 you find the boat, well, you are not, you're not  
20 suspecting foul play.

21 Q Right.

22 A So, it really depends on the circumstances of the  
23 missing. And actually, and we've just created a  
24 new policy, and that was drafted with the, through  
25 the BC Missing Persons Centre in regards to

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- 1 file now. She was a constable. She would have  
2 reported to Corporal McCartney at some point, and  
3 ultimately, Sergeant Pollock at the time.
- 4 Q Okay.
- 5 A But she had, like, the file.
- 6 Q And you were her partner? Did you have partners  
7 back then or was it just you kind of worked with  
8 whoever was in the office that day?
- 9 A They tried to have partners, especially in a  
10 mentorship role for somebody who is just new to  
11 Serious Crime. She was a more senior member.
- 12 Q Okay.
- 13 A She had 19 or 20 years, perhaps at the time,  
14 service.
- 15 Q Hm-hmm.
- 16 A But depending on who was on leave or on course or  
17 whatever, I would work with whoever happened to be  
18 available --
- 19 Q Okay.
- 20 A -- on various inquiries on other investigations.
- 21 Q And at any time during your time working on the  
22 Pickton, did you ever hear the, you know, I don't  
23 know if it's a theme, "no body, there's no  
24 evidence, so we got no crime" from anyone in  
25 relation to the missing women?



JOHN CATER

1 exactly what, what time period that's at.

2 MS. EVANS: Well, I'm also curious as to when he was reading --

3 Q When you are reading the file, --

4 A Hm-hmm?

5 Q -- so, you were actually discussing it, I think at

6 some point you would be discussing it with Mike

7 Connor when he was there, did you ever hear that

8 that was a roadblock being faced, because we

9 couldn't find any of the missing women, there was

10 no body, so there was no crime to start with?

11 A Hm-hmm.

12 Q So, that's what I was trying to get at, during the

13 whole time. Or did you even hear it then later on

14 when you were tasked -- partnered with Ruth

15 Yurkiw?

16 A I don't remember that being said. I remember Mike

17 Connor being frustrated at times, and I remember

18 it seemed like he would always be working on some

19 aspect of it and --

20 Q Hm-hmm.

21 A -- but I may not have known why he was

22 frustrated --

23 Q Okay.

24 A -- if somebody said something to him.

25 Q Okay. So, you began working with Ruth when in

JOHN CATER

- 1                   2000?
- 2                   A   Well, if I recall, January the 17th of 2000 was my  
3                   actual first day, but I believe I got called out  
4                   early to a believed home invasion/homicide, and it  
5                   might have been on my last regular day off and my  
6                   next day in Serious Crime, or I may have been  
7                   called in early to start my shift on the 17th.  
8                   But that's when I started Serious Crime, and at  
9                   that time, I was partnered up with Ruth Yurkiw.
- 10                  Q   Okay. Did you ever receive any information, at  
11                  any time during the investigation pre-arrest '02,  
12                  that Pickton was disposing of the bodies in  
13                  barrels and feeding them to his pigs? Were you  
14                  ever involved in that -- first, let's put your  
15                  mind to the surveillance, when you were doing  
16                  surveillance.
- 17                  A   Hm-hmm.
- 18                  Q   Were you ever told that while you were doing  
19                  surveillance?
- 20                  A   Okay. So, the reason for the surveillance was  
21                  because it was believed that? Pardon me, could  
22                  you just rephrase?
- 23                  Q   No, actually, I was wanting to know if you were  
24                  ever given any information that he was disposing  
25                  of the bodies --

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1 banker's boxes and reports. If you're not aware  
2 already, you will come to know that they somewhat  
3 struggled with what was then the SIUSS database  
4 with the Vancouver Police Department and, you  
5 know, without getting into all of that, my  
6 responsibility was literally, like, paper. And  
7 then, of course, if I would do CPIC checks or PIRS  
8 checks, or otherwise, then that would generate  
9 electronic; and then you would just hard-copy  
10 print --

11 Q Okay.

12 A -- or prepare your reports, all hard copy.

13 Q Okay. On December 6th, there was a meeting and  
14 one of the discussion topics was Brian Oger's  
15 report. Do you remember seeing Brian Oger's  
16 report? He was the summer student I believe  
17 working for Vancouver Police. He was then tasked  
18 with Project Evenhanded and he wrote a paper on  
19 serial murder.

20 A I remember.

21 Q Do you remember reading that report?

22 A I do, but I can't remember exactly what was in it.

23 Q Okay.

24 A I would have to refresh my memory.

25 Q Okay. Well, I guess, at one point, it gets

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- 1 released to the fifth estate.
- 2 A I remember hearing about that.
- 3 Q Did you ever find out who had disclosed that, or  
4 were you ever questioned as to who disclosed that  
5 to the fifth estate?
- 6 A No. I, I'm aware that there was an investigation  
7 to find out --
- 8 Q Okay.
- 9 A -- but I'm unaware of how that may have occurred.
- 10 Q Okay. And I also understand Don Adam's report,  
11 his investigative operational plan at the same  
12 time was disclosed to the fifth estate as well.
- 13 A I seem to recall that as well.
- 14 Q Okay. So, you, yourself, never got called in and  
15 asked? Like, it was an internal investigation.  
16 So, did every investigator ever involved on the  
17 team -- because the team was still relatively  
18 small at that time -- did everyone get called in  
19 and was asked and answered, "Did you release the  
20 investigation report?"
- 21 A I may have. I'm sorry, I don't remember --
- 22 Q Okay.
- 23 A -- specifically.
- 24 Q Okay. So, I understand in November of '01, you  
25 were going to go down to the Downtown Eastside and

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- 1           A    Yeah. Then he would have been on GI at that time.
- 2           Q    Okay.
- 3           A    Yeah.
- 4           Q    You meet with Shenher and Howlett and Boyd,  
5                Sergeant Honeybourn of the divisional Unsolved  
6                Homicide Task Force, to determine what information  
7                and what other investigative steps that can go on  
8                from there, so.
- 9           A    Well, and that's where the, you know, that's the,  
10               where, what I took as the official response from  
11               UHU, is that, there's no bodies, there's no kind  
12               of crime. You know, we, like, I had in my mind,  
13               that we needed to process this investigation  
14               further. But, because we were partnering with  
15               Vancouver City, I just wanted to, you know, make  
16               sure that they were in the, you know, in the same  
17               direction as I was.
- 18          Q    Yes.
- 19          A    The same thought process.
- 20          Q    Yes, right.
- 21          A    And they were. They said that, no, we can't,  
22                can't possibly drop this investigation. We've got  
23                to continue on with it, so.
- 24          Q    Okay. And sorry, I made an error in that. I  
25                think that's February 10th, '99, instead of

MIKE CONNOR

1                   October. That's that whole -- I'm using numbers  
2                   instead of the month and the date is causing a  
3                   little (inaudible).  
4                   January 14th, 1999, Pickton is queried on  
5                   CPIC at 2:29 in the morning by CQ 43999. Sorry, I  
6                   missed the question. Did we find out, is that --  
7 MS. RAMORE: Do you know, is that someone's badge number that  
8                   you know?  
9 THE WITNESS: Can I see?  
10 MS. EVANS: So, I guess that's -- CQ is Coquitlam?  
11 MS. RAMORE: In the document query, that badge number comes up  
12                   in 1997 as well, during the same time period as  
13                   the stabbing.  
14 MS. EVANS: Because we weren't sure if that was your badge  
15                   number, that was --  
16 THE WITNESS: It wasn't mine.  
17 MS. RAMORE: Or if it was Strachan's badge number.  
18 THE WITNESS: I want to say it reminds -- it seems to me it's  
19                   Strachan's.  
20 MS. EVANS: Okay.  
21 THE WITNESS: But --  
22 MS. HOFFMAN: Sorry, and this is a query?  
23 MS. EVANS: Query.  
24 MS. RAMORE: It's from the offline CPIC search on Pickton.  
25 THE WITNESS: Yeah, it was offline.

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1 MS. EVANS:

2 Q So, on the 10th of February, 1999, you attended a  
3 meeting at Vancouver Police? That's the one I was  
4 just talking about.

5 A Hm-hmm.

6 Q Can you tell us what happened with regards to  
7 that?

8 A The one where Al Boyd, et cetera, was --

9 Q Yes.

10 A Yes. I, again, it was, you know, we just wanted  
11 to bring them up, you know, to full speed. They  
12 had offered to provide us the money. And, you  
13 know, it was a matter of, I asked some, if  
14 somebody from UHU could be there, the Unsolved  
15 Unit, could be there.

16 Uhm, again, it was Brian Honeybourn, VP  
17 member, that was attached to the provincial unit.  
18 I've known Brian for years and I know that he  
19 would be straight with me. But we all agreed it  
20 would be unwise not to, or to scale down the  
21 investigation, to -- you know, this certainly had,  
22 you know, further areas that could be explored  
23 with Pickton.

24 Q Hm-hmm.

25 A So, you know, they were all still for providing

MIKE CONNOR

- 1 resources and, you know, they were, you know, they  
2 were very cooperative at our level.
- 3 Q Okay.
- 4 A I don't -- I never talked to somebody from senior  
5 management at VPD. But, you know, Unsolved  
6 Homicide again, you know, there is no bodies, how  
7 can we determine who is being murdered? How can  
8 we start a murder investigation?
- 9 Q We saw that theme throughout. So, who first --  
10 did they coin that phrase? Who had that? Did --  
11 was that a belief from many investigators, if  
12 there's no body, there's no evidence, there's no  
13 crime, so --
- 14 A No body, no crime?
- 15 Q Again, nothing to go on? Is that what was  
16 happening?
- 17 A Well, I think the bad guys that coined that, you  
18 know, that phrase. They would always come back to  
19 us, "Well, hey, there's no body, there's no  
20 crime."
- 21 Q Oh, okay.
- 22 A But, you know, seriously, I think that the, 99.9  
23 percent of our investigations, murder  
24 investigations, always start with a body.
- 25 Q Yeah.



MIKE CONNOR

1           A    And serial, and serial killers in the past have  
2                    always left some kind of an indication of  
3                    homicide. Whether it would be a body I guess is  
4                    the most common, but, but it would give you some  
5                    start point.

6           Q    Right.

7           A    But you don't even know, in this case, you don't  
8                    know, you know, there's some belief again, in some  
9                    circles, more with the Vancouver City Police, that  
10                  these girls have moved on, they have gone back to  
11                  their families, they have gone to rehabilitation,  
12                  they've gone to a different location to ply their  
13                  trade.

14                        They know, the people that I worked with,  
15                        they kind of raised their eyebrows in that these  
16                        girls weren't the kind of, kinds of people you  
17                        would see working another stroll outside of the  
18                        Lower Mainland. They were so drug addicted, alls  
19                        they did was their sex act, grabbed the \$20 or  
20                        \$40, go buy their dope and shoot up. And so --

21          Q    So, how do, how do -- you are having these  
22                  discussions. And I mean, I get the whole, no  
23                  body. I mean, this is usually where the main  
24                  crime first starts.

25          A    Hm-hmm.

MIKE CONNOR

1 Q But how do we then say, like, in this room, you  
2 are all discussing it, how do you account for the  
3 fact that there is, like, 30 missing women, sex  
4 trade workers that we can't find? Does that not  
5 raise concerns?

6 A Well, I think certainly within my --

7 MS. HOFFMAN: And, sorry, are we asking specifically with  
8 respect to this meeting?

9 MS. EVANS: This meeting.

10 A Oh, okay. Uhm --

11 Q Was it at this meeting that you say that Brian  
12 Honeybourn comes out with a, no body, no --

13 A Yeah.

14 Q So, yeah.

15 A I can't recall the specifics of how we discussed,  
16 was it all the missing women that were, were being  
17 murdered? You know, we had reached that  
18 conclusion otherwise. But, but I don't think it  
19 was discussed at this meeting. I think, at our  
20 level, the people that were at this meeting, that,  
21 that something untoward was happening --

22 Q Okay.

23 A -- happening with these girls.

24 Q Okay.

25 A They just weren't going to another city or going

MIKE CONNOR

1           back to their family. You know, a couple were --

2           Q    Right.

3           A    -- going back to their families and -- but what

4           other, what other explanation, what possible other

5           explanation could there be --

6           Q    Right.

7           A    -- for these amount of women disappearing in such

8           a short time from this particular area.

9           Q    Yeah, okay. So, I understand, from that meeting,

10          and I think, looking at your notes, it talks about

11          the shortest distance between two points is, let's

12          go down to the Downtown Eastside and show some

13          photos of some persons of interest.

14          A    Well, Pickton in particular.

15          Q    Yes.

16          A    And Lori Shenher and I, and her partners, agreed

17          that that's what we would do. And unfortunately,

18          we got tied up on the Friday night. I can't

19          remember what the investigation was. We were tied

20          up for the weekend. We couldn't do it. Lori --

21          it could have been Al Howlett, but I'm not sure,

22          they said, "That's all right, we'll do it," and

23          went down and had a meeting with, I don't know,

24          120 or 130 sex trade workers in a couple of

25          meetings, and not one of them knew Pickton.

MIKE CONNOR

1 statement he provided the detectives sometime  
2 before that. So, in my view, he was consistent  
3 and, yeah, his credibility was certainly back  
4 there with me.

5 Q Were you able to convince others in the Unsolved  
6 Homicide Unit and in the Major Crime Section of  
7 this?

8 A Well, I don't think that any of the guys in the  
9 Coquitlam Major Crime Section were dissuaded by  
10 the first interview. Like I say, it was  
11 disappointing. Uhm, I didn't hear, at that  
12 particular time, that, from the Unsolved guys, or  
13 the guys that were there to help us from the  
14 division, that that was the end of things. That  
15 was --

16 Q You didn't hear or you did hear?

17 A No, but that did surface later.

18 Q Yeah.

19 A And I don't know if you want me to continue on  
20 with --

21 Q Yeah, no, I would like that. Is it just -- I get  
22 the impression that, because they formed this, it  
23 almost, like, was trying to derail your whole  
24 investigation. Were they able to stop your  
25 investigation? Because I know you had, you had

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1 views on what you wanted to do and --

2 A Well, clearly, there was, there was a division in  
3 camps between the Coquitlam people and Henley and  
4 Ballantyne. And everybody respected their views,  
5 their -- everybody respected their position that  
6 the -- for their service and what they had done in  
7 the past. But clearly, to us, that, you know, we  
8 wanted to further this Lynn Ellingsen statement  
9 and either, you know, put it to bed and it didn't  
10 happen, or, you know, let's get on with the  
11 investigation.

12 It just got to the point, after a short  
13 period of time, because now it's the middle of  
14 summer and before the end of August, and the, you  
15 know, certainly we weren't able to catch a break  
16 in anything we were trying to do.

17 Q Hm-hmm.

18 A You know, we interviewed Lisa Yelds. She didn't,  
19 she didn't really assist us in the investigation.

20 Q No.

21 A We interviewed -- or I interviewed Pat Casanova.  
22 He really didn't interview, further the interview  
23 other than, you know, the one statement where he  
24 overheard an argument between Ellingsen and  
25 Pickton saying, "Can you do some nasty things," or

MIKE CONNOR

1 something like that. But, but he says, no, he  
2 wasn't aware of any of the murders and stuff going  
3 on.

4 Q So, at this time, were you hearing from anyone,  
5 particularly in the Unsolved Homicide Unit or the  
6 Major Crime Section, were you hearing the, again,  
7 that whole, no body, there is no evidence of  
8 crime?

9 A No, didn't hear that.

10 Q Okay.

11 A What I did -- you know, what they were saying is  
12 that -- well, there was another incident. Of  
13 course, we wanted Lynn Ellingsen interviewed. We  
14 knew that Lynn Ellingsen hated the police. We  
15 knew that Lynn Ellingsen was a drug addict. And I  
16 was with Ballantyne and Henley and the other guys  
17 at the table. I said, "We have to interview her.  
18 I think it's imperative we interview her, just to  
19 find out what her position is going to be on this  
20 whole thing, but don't disclose anything that we  
21 know of. Don't disclose anything from, that  
22 Caldwell had to say about her."

23 Uhm, there was a warrant for impaired driving  
24 that had been issued for her. I said, "Let's  
25 arrest her on the basis of the impaired driving

MIKE CONNOR

1 warrant, bring her in and just do a bit of an  
2 introductory soft-sell interview with Lynn  
3 Ellingsen." Yeah, that's what we're going to do.  
4 Everybody, everybody was on --

5 Q And who, and who was tasked to do that interview?  
6 A Henley and Ballantyne.

7 Q Oh, okay. Just, we interviewed Nash the other  
8 day, Russ Nash, and he, he had indicated that he  
9 was actually first tasked to do that interview,  
10 so.

11 A You know, and that could be. Russ certainly would  
12 be my first choice.

13 Q Okay.

14 A But I can't remember why that didn't happen but --

15 Q Do you recall if Russ Nash had had previous  
16 contact with Caldwell as well? Russ Caldwell?  
17 The previous information provided to you?

18 A Uhm, I don't remember that other than I think --  
19 we all -- like, I even knew Caldwell. So I --

20 Q Oh, okay.

21 A -- I think he's just one of those guys that you  
22 knew.

23 Q Okay.

24 A In any event, they were tasked to do a, just kind  
25 of an introductory massaging type of an interview,

DAVE McCARTNEY

1                    anyone, or even someone of -- I'm not sure if you  
2                    ever had contact or conversation with anyone from  
3                    the Provincial Unsolved Homicide Unit at the time?

4     DAVE McCARTNEY: Now, was that a VPD or Vancouver Police  
                         Department --

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6     JENNIFER EVANS: No, --

7     DAVE McCARTNEY: -- organization?

8     JENNIFER EVANS: -- the provincial was an integrated team, from  
9                    what I understand. The Unsolved Homicide Unit --

10    DAVE McCARTNEY: Okay.

11    JENNIFER EVANS: -- was an integrated team. It had VPD  
12                    members, as well as the RCMP.

13    DAVE McCARTNEY: Hm-hmm.

14    JENNIFER EVANS: And they were able to come in, I think they  
15                    came in at some point and were assisting -- they  
16                    sent two officers in to assist Mike Connor --

17    DAVE McCARTNEY: Okay.

18    JENNIFER EVANS: -- when they were dealing with this, prior to  
19                    your arrival.

20    DAVE McCARTNEY: Yeah.

21    JENNIFER EVANS: So, did you ever have any contact with anyone  
22                    from the Unsolved Homicide Unit?

23    DAVE McCARTNEY: Not that I recall.

24    JENNIFER EVANS: Okay.

25    DAVE McCARTNEY: You know, there might have been phone calls or  
                         might have been a meeting. I seem to recall



DAVE McCARTNEY

1                   having a meeting in the, in the winter of 2000  
2                   where there were a couple of VPD --

3   JENNIFER EVANS: Right.

4   DAVE McCARTNEY: -- constables there. But I'm not sure if they  
5                   were detectives from Missing Persons, or if they  
6                   were, you know, exactly --

6   JENNIFER EVANS: Where they were from.

7   DAVE McCARTNEY: -- now where they were from.

8   JENNIFER EVANS: Okay.

9   DAVE McCARTNEY: I would have hoped I would have known them.

10   JENNIFER EVANS: And did you ever hear, there's no body, so  
11                   there is no evidence and there is no crime then?  
12                   Did you ever hear that theme with regards to the  
13                   missing women investigation?

14   DAVE McCARTNEY: Uhm, a version of it. I heard they live very  
15                   transitory lifestyles.

16   JENNIFER EVANS: Hm-hmm.

17   DAVE McCARTNEY: And there was one case where, you know, we  
18                   were looking for someone and -- well, the city was  
19                   looking for someone, sorry -- and they were  
20                   located in Winnipeg, and that just sort of --  
21                   well, this was probably where they are. You know,  
22                   they have all gone to Calgary and they kind of do  
23                   a big loop through Western Canada.

21   JENNIFER EVANS: Right.

22   DAVE McCARTNEY: So, that was the theme that I was hearing.

23   JENNIFER EVANS: Yeah.

24   DAVE McCARTNEY: I never heard, no body, no --

25   JENNIFER EVANS: No evidence.

DAVE McCARTNEY

1 DAVE McCARTNEY: No.

2 JENNIFER EVANS: Okay. We've heard the, we've heard the theme  
3 of transient -- reading the documents, they talk  
4 about transient.

5 DAVE McCARTNEY: Hm-hmm.

6 JENNIFER EVANS: Whereas people were saying, "Well, they're not  
7 really missing. They could have just moved  
8 elsewhere to do something."

9 DAVE McCARTNEY: And that's -- and my impression, because I, I,  
10 I'm not sure where, what unit they were from, but  
11 from the city police, and there was a couple of  
12 women detectives.

13 JENNIFER EVANS: There was a Lori Shenher, Geramy Field. There  
14 was an Alex Clarke.

15 DAVE McCARTNEY: Oh, okay. Well, --

16 JENNIFER EVANS: There's quite a few of them I think.

17 DAVE McCARTNEY: -- two of those names --

18 JENNIFER EVANS: Okay.

19 DAVE McCARTNEY: -- are very familiar. And I think their  
20 complaint was that their bosses were telling them,  
21 you know, "We found this person in Winnipeg, so,  
22 you know, that's probably where they have all gone  
23 there, you know, there's nothing" --

24 JENNIFER EVANS: But those investigators, themselves, weren't  
25 saying that themselves? They were --

26 DAVE McCARTNEY: No, no.

27 JENNIFER EVANS: -- still considering them to be missing?

28 DAVE McCARTNEY: No, no. Yes, absolutely.

DAVE McCARTNEY

1 JENNIFER EVANS: Okay.

2 DAVE McCARTNEY: There was no doubt, at the investigative  
3 level, that these women were missing.

4 JENNIFER EVANS: Right.

5 DAVE McCARTNEY: Uhm, there was no doubt that they were killed.

6 JENNIFER EVANS: Right.

7 DAVE McCARTNEY: And there was no doubt, on our side or theirs,  
8 that Willie Pickton was the suspect.

9 JENNIFER EVANS: Okay. Okay. So, I think then really, are you  
10 suggesting then that the buy-in -- really, the  
11 investigators believed the women were missing --

12 DAVE McCARTNEY: Hm-hmm.

13 JENNIFER EVANS: -- and/or had come to a death because of foul  
14 play. They suspected foul play?

15 DAVE McCARTNEY: Yes.

16 JENNIFER EVANS: But the problem with both, was management not  
17 buying into the idea of, this is actually what was  
18 going on at the time?

19 DAVE McCARTNEY: It was -- we were trying to find the evidence  
20 that would convince them.

21 JENNIFER EVANS: Okay.

22 DAVE McCARTNEY: That would show that our main witness was  
23 credible.

24 JENNIFER EVANS: Okay. Okay. So, in January of 2000, Ruth  
25 Yurkiw and John Cater conduct an interview of

KEITH DAVIDSON

1 JENNIFER EVANS: Yes.

2 KEITH DAVIDSON: -- and that. So, the chances of being able to  
3 dispose of 20 people, not finding them, in the  
4 City of Vancouver, and I can't give you math, but  
5 I would say it's very, very, very low.

6 JENNIFER EVANS: Right.

7 KEITH DAVIDSON: Right? So, that was the logic in my view, is  
8 they're going to be found outside of Vancouver's  
9 jurisdiction, most likely in ours. I mean, it  
10 could be Delta. It could it be New West or so on,  
11 but -- so, my view was, perhaps naive I guess at  
12 the time, but my view is, well, what are we  
13 waiting for? Let's put some resources into it.

14 JENNIFER EVANS: And what was the response you got when you  
15 went to your boss and said, "Hey, this is a  
16 problem. This is a report I've written up. We've  
17 got 21 missing women in the Downtown Eastside and  
18 this is my thoughts?"

19 KEITH DAVIDSON: To be honest, I don't recall, in fairness, I  
20 don't recall the actual conversation, but the  
21 result was it was unsuccessful in convincing them  
22 to get involved.

23 JENNIFER EVANS: Okay. But was it because the RCMP didn't  
24 believe the missing women were their problem,  
25 because they weren't really missing from RCMP  
26 areas, they were missing from Vancouver city area?  
27 Would that be a fair comment?

28 KEITH DAVIDSON: I don't know. I don't know if that would be a  
29 fair comment.

30 JENNIFER EVANS: Okay.

KEITH DAVIDSON

- 1 KEITH DAVIDSON: Again, and the RCMP are the provincial police.  
2 So, in some respects, particularly our Major Crime  
3 Unit, there are certain provincial, provincial  
4 units that are there, that the -- there is an  
5 expectation that we hire -- we would support any  
6 jurisdiction. And certainly the Behavioural  
7 Sciences Group operated that way.
- 8 JENNIFER EVANS: And they were integrated at that time? So,  
9 they had officers from Vancouver --
- 10 KEITH DAVIDSON: We had officers in the Unsolved Homicide Unit.  
11 We had, uh, what we called a Serious Crime Unit,  
12 which is a flying squad --
- 13 JENNIFER EVANS: Right.
- 14 KEITH DAVIDSON: -- essentially. The difference is Serious  
15 Crime essentially works fresh cases. So,  
16 they're -- they help detachments and other police  
17 departments front end, front load, --
- 18 JENNIFER EVANS: Okay.
- 19 KEITH DAVIDSON: -- where unsolved is obviously the cold case  
20 side of it. So, the jurisdiction issue, in my  
21 mind, was never that clear in that, in saying that  
22 this is Vancouver versus RCMP --
- 23 JENNIFER EVANS: So, was it simply then, no body, no evidence,  
24 no crime? So, like, we're reading through  
25 documents. People had to be convinced. You know,  
find me a body, then I'll believe there is a  
homicide.
- KEITH DAVIDSON: Right. I think there were -- I think there  
was a lack of, of belief that this was the  
explanation.
- JENNIFER EVANS: Ah.
- KEITH DAVIDSON: Uhm, there's also, in my experience, I've  
found that there's a reluctance to accept the

KEITH DAVIDSON

1           serial killer concept, and that -- and I have  
2           never fully understood why it's a better thing to  
3           have 20 killers to find versus one.

4           JENNIFER EVANS: That's right.

5           KEITH DAVIDSON: Uhm, and I, frankly, don't understand this  
6           whole panic concept either. You know, we can't  
7           say "serial killer" because everybody will panic.  
8           But again, 20 killers versus one, I'd rather have  
9           one, to be honest.

10          JENNIFER EVANS: Hm-hmm. And did you find that back then, that  
11          people didn't want you whispering "serial killer",  
12          didn't want you saying "serial killer"?

13          KEITH DAVIDSON: No, nobody ever said that to me, but it was,  
14          you could tell from responses.

15          JENNIFER EVANS: It was implied?

16          KEITH DAVIDSON: Yeah, so.

17          JENNIFER EVANS: Because you actually say it in the report?

18          KEITH DAVIDSON: I do, yes. And that was quite deliberate.

19          JENNIFER EVANS: Hm-hmm.

20          KEITH DAVIDSON: Because, again, there was this, this  
21          reluctance to accept. And again, to me, it made  
22          absolutely no sense, that you could have 20  
23          independent people killing women and be not  
24          finding any of the bodies. That just does not  
25          make any sense. And I can't understand why any --

26          JENNIFER EVANS: Okay.

27          KEITH DAVIDSON: -- homicide investigator would think that,  
28          but --

29          JENNIFER EVANS: Now, one of the items I just got, that was  
30          disclosed today, and I just quickly looked at,  
31          that was the one thing I looked at quickly while

RIC HALL

1 JENNIFER EVANS: -- "I would like to stay here"? Was that  
2 normal, in the course of duty, when you usually  
3 get promoted, you get promoted to a different area  
4 and you get moved?

5 RIC HALL: Yes. He was promoted onto the, as a sergeant,  
6 onto the watch.

7 JENNIFER EVANS: Okay.

8 RIC HALL: And, uh, normally in the Mounted Police, with  
9 all the people that get transferred and moved  
10 around, what happens is you clean up as much as  
11 you can, you go to your supervisor and say, "This  
12 is the stuff that I can't get done." The  
13 supervisor takes it, gives it to somebody else.

14 JENNIFER EVANS: Okay. That makes sense.

15 RIC HALL: I talked to Mike Connor in -- when was he  
16 working as a general duty supervisor.

17 JENNIFER EVANS: Hm-hmm.

18 RIC HALL: Going to the watch office, go to the staff  
19 sergeant, and he would be, many times, you know,  
20 find out what's going on in the general-duty  
21 side, --

22 JENNIFER EVANS: Right.

23 RIC HALL: -- but nothing was ever said.

24 JENNIFER EVANS: Okay. Uhm, were you ever told as to who was  
25 going to be following up with the, with the  
Pickton case --

RIC HALL: No.

JENNIFER EVANS: -- when he left?

RIC HALL

1 RIC HALL: No.

2 JENNIFER EVANS: So, what did you think ever happened to the  
3 Pickton case after that meeting with Henley and  
4 the surveillance had kind of stopped and -- did  
5 you just --

6 RIC HALL: Everybody just went about their business and  
7 carried on doing whatever the work they had to get  
8 done. As I said, I don't ever recall anybody  
9 coming to me and saying, like, as you described  
10 it.

11 JENNIFER EVANS: McCartney --

12 RIC HALL: Yeah, "We've got this elephant in the room."

13 JENNIFER EVANS: Yeah.

14 RIC HALL: "Here's this box."

15 JENNIFER EVANS: That's right.

16 RIC HALL: "This file."

17 JENNIFER EVANS: Okay. We seem to keep hearing, when we're  
18 reading everything, that there, the missing women  
19 were going missing, at least 27 of them, and at  
20 some point there is higher numbers, but the bottom  
21 line is, because there is no body, there is no  
22 evidence, we've got no evidence of a crime, so  
23 they're just missing women. Did you ever hear  
24 that theme throughout, or at any of the meetings  
25 you went to, or any of the discussions with  
26 regards to the missing women?

27 RIC HALL: I don't -- are you talking about the chiefs  
28 meeting?



RIC HALL

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2 JENNIFER EVANS: No, even in your own office in Coquitlam.

3 RIC HALL: No.

4 JENNIFER EVANS: No? Did you ever hear that at the chiefs  
5 meetings?

6 RIC HALL: No, I, I don't ever recall the Vancouver folks  
7 ever talking about it.

8 JENNIFER EVANS: Okay. Did you ever have to have conversation  
9 with -- your boss I guess was Gary Bass at the  
10 time?

11 RIC HALL: Uhm, my boss would have been, at that time,  
12 '99, 2000, --

13 JENNIFER EVANS: Hm-hmm.

14 RIC HALL: -- Coquitlam was what you would call an  
15 autonomous detachment. All the bigger detachments  
16 were --

17 JENNIFER EVANS: Independent on their own?

18 RIC HALL: Supposed to be. As much as you can be  
19 independent in the RCMP.

20 JENNIFER EVANS: Yes.

21 RIC HALL: Uhm, so, if I had anything, I would have gone  
22 through the contract policing officer or, uhm --  
23 which would, at that time, probably have been the  
24 chief superintendent.

25 JENNIFER EVANS: Okay.

26 RIC HALL: Gary Bass, he had started -- he was an  
27 inspector. Then he kept bouncing up.

28 JENNIFER EVANS: Right.

RIC HALL

1 RIC HALL: But he wasn't the boss of the division at that  
2 time. It was Murray Johnson, Larry Proke, and  
3 then Bev Busson and -- oh, uhm, there was a Watt.  
4 He was the deputy commissioner before Busson. So,  
5 there was a whole series of players in there that  
6 were at the top end of the division here.

7 JENNIFER EVANS: And did you ever have an occasion to fill them  
8 in about the Pickton --

9 RIC HALL: No.

10 JENNIFER EVANS: -- investigation prior to '02?

11 RIC HALL: No.

12 JENNIFER EVANS: Okay.

13 RIC HALL: And I would throw this out. I would have  
14 thought, you know, if there was some concern from  
15 anybody --

16 JENNIFER EVANS: Yeah.

17 RIC HALL: -- that somebody would have been picking up  
18 the phone and saying, "You have got this problem  
19 out there. What are you doing about it?" --

20 JENNIFER EVANS: Yeah.

21 RIC HALL: -- or "How can we help you?" or "What should  
22 we be doing?" or "Why aren't you doing  
23 something?" Uhm, and the same from Vancouver,  
24 nobody ever picked up the phone and called and  
25 said, "You've got this guy out there." So,  
whatever was being done was being done at the  
front end with the investigators.

26 JENNIFER EVANS: And no one ever phoned you and said, "Hey,  
27 we've got to, we've got to work together on this"?

28 RIC HALL: No.

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1 sentence, so. I looked at that and thought that  
2 too, so.

3 BRIAN OGER: Yeah, and I understand that. And, and  
4 probably when I was writing it, I might have even  
5 had a thought, like, maybe I should reword this,  
6 and just in the interests of getting it finished,  
7 never, never went back to it.

8 But that wasn't my intention. My intention  
9 was, okay, we've, we've, we've got a problem here.  
10 People are still going missing. Up until now,  
11 uhm, we've been reviewing things, and that's been  
12 fine. But we're working hard. But we've only got  
13 six people working on this, and it looks to me,  
14 from my perspective -- and looking back, I can see  
15 how arrogant it was of me to even think that I  
16 would presume to offer an opinion -- but it looks  
17 to me, from my seat, like, like maybe we should be  
18 doing a little bit more, to say the least.

19 And so what ended up happening was Sergeant  
20 Boyd took me into his office, he talked to me  
21 about the chain of command, talked to me about  
22 how, you know -- Don Adam also called me into his  
23 office, sat me down and said, you know, "I think  
24 your report is very good." He said, "I think that  
25 you're right about many of the things that you  
26 have written here. I think we're going to -- a  
27 lot of" -- he -- I remember him saying something  
28 to the effect of, "a lot of things are already  
29 happening that you are not privy to, that are,  
30 that are, that are in process." And he said that  
31 I played a political game and I played it badly.  
32 And I don't agree with his statement, but again, I  
33 see that, from his perspective, he thought I was  
34 playing politics. I wasn't playing politics, but  
35 I was, you know, I was a 20 -- let's see, in 2002,  
36 I was 22. Just turned 22 that week. Uhm, I was  
37 just a kid who was there just to type. That was  
38 my job. And here I was trying to tell the  
39 investigators how to do things. I can understand  
40 why they didn't like that, so (indecipherable).

41 JENNIFER EVANS: So, it wasn't well-received by the RCMP as  
42 well as the VPD?

43 BRIAN OGER: Well, actually, I'd, I would say it was better  
44 received by the RCMP than by, by the VPD.

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1 JENNIFER EVANS: Now, the chain of command you talked about,  
2 what was Inspector Boyd speaking to you about with  
3 regards to that? Did he find out that the "E"  
4 Division commander had actually --

5 BRIAN OGER: Yes.

6 JENNIFER EVANS: -- received the document?

7 BRIAN OGER: He had, he had received -- the "E" Division  
8 commander had read the report, faxed it over to  
9 somebody in VPD that was on, on the higher-ups,  
10 who had talked to Sergeant Boyd about it, and --

11 JENNIFER EVANS: Inspector Boyd?

12 BRIAN OGER: -- or Inspector Boyd, pardon me, and he -- and  
13 then Inspector Boyd had talked to me. So, it had  
14 already made it back to -- and, and I was just,  
15 like, I can't believe this is happening. I, I  
16 didn't, I didn't intend this at all. I just  
17 wanted to, you know, get -- I just wanted, within  
18 the team, to get things started, and hopefully we  
19 would be able to get some more manpower, --

20 JENNIFER EVANS: Right.

21 BRIAN OGER: -- that kind of thing. That's what I was  
22 looking for.

23 JENNIFER EVANS: Hm-hmm.

24 BRIAN OGER: You know, and then for this to kind of hit the  
25 fan, it, it was, it was very surprising. And as  
somebody who tries to walk the straight and  
narrow, it was, it was disconcerting, because you  
don't often have, you know, veteran police  
officers berating you if you're somebody who  
doesn't break the law, you know.

JENNIFER EVANS: Hm-hmm.

BRIAN OGER: So, it was, it was somewhat intimidating, too.

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1 JENNIFER EVANS: And were they upset by the report or the tone  
2 of the report or the fact that, how it was  
3 delivered? Like, what were they upset about?

4 BRIAN OGER: That's a good question. I, I remember  
5 Detective Little and Detective McKnight being most  
6 upset that I hadn't given it to them first.

7 JENNIFER EVANS: Yeah.

8 BRIAN OGER: Okay? They -- Detective McKnight talked to me  
9 afterwards. He said, "You know, there's a chain  
10 of command. You should have given it to us  
11 first." And I said to him, you know, "This  
12 gentleman asked me for it and I didn't know what  
13 to do." I recognize that I had made a mistake  
14 there.  
15 Detective Boyd, or pardon me, Sergeant --  
16 Inspector Boyd, he changed --

17 JENNIFER EVANS: Yes.

18 BRIAN OGER: -- while I was there, so. Inspector Boyd I  
19 think was upset about the veiled threat, as he  
20 termed it. Uhm, and Sergeant Adam I think just  
21 thought it was a good report, that maybe I was in  
22 a little over my head, as far as what I was  
23 suggesting.  
24 And I think that some of the things that I  
25 suggested in the report did end up getting, you  
26 know, enacted. I don't know if it was because of  
27 the report, but we did end up doing some of the  
28 things that I had suggested --

29 JENNIFER EVANS: Like what?

30 BRIAN OGER: -- at the time.  
31 Uhm, we started getting more people. You  
32 know, there were more people involved within a  
33 couple of weeks. We, we had somebody who was on  
34 loan from Montreal Police. More investigators  
35 were, were added to the project. And just for --  
36 that was the main example, but --

37 JENNIFER EVANS: Okay. You said in the report that the numbers  
38 missing were actually much worse than the reported

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1 JENNIFER EVANS: Sorry?

2 BRIAN OGER: -- as far as, how would I know? Again, I --

3 JENNIFER EVANS: Right.

4 BRIAN OGER: -- was sitting in an office. What did I  
5 really know?

6 JENNIFER EVANS: So, as I say, were you aware of any  
7 communication going on between Project Evenhanded  
8 or Amelia and the general patrol officers at all?

9 BRIAN OGER: No.

10 JENNIFER EVANS: Okay.

11 BRIAN OGER: No. And maybe not being aware of it led to me  
12 feeling that there -- that it wasn't happening.

13 JENNIFER EVANS: And did anyone, after you wrote the report,  
14 sit down and go through the report with you and  
15 say, "You know what, we're doing this" or explain  
16 to you --

17 BRIAN OGER: No. No. It pretty much got put on the shelf  
18 with, with a lot of other things. But I do think  
19 that more of an effort was, uhm -- I do think  
20 that, not just because of the report, but because  
21 of other conversations that were happening, that a  
22 sense of urgency was beginning to come into the  
23 team, that we were going to have to -- that, that  
24 there was something that was happening, ongoing,  
25 so, we had to get people on the ground, you know.

22 JENNIFER EVANS: Because right around the same time, that's  
23 when the team is identifying, "Hey, we're still  
24 missing women."

25 BRIAN OGER: Exactly.

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1 JENNIFER EVANS: "Women are still going missing currently."

2 BRIAN OGER: Exactly. It was, it was starting to dawn on  
3 all of us. And, and the -- how much of that was a  
4 result of us -- of the report? I doubt that it  
5 was that much, but it may have, it may have been  
6 something that made us notice things that were  
7 happening more.

8 JENNIFER EVANS: Okay.

9 SEAN HERN: There is a fifth recommendation about collecting  
10 DNA samples.

11 BRIAN OGER: Oh, yes, that the DNA --

12 JENNIFER EVANS: Oh, sorry.

13 BRIAN OGER: -- samples would be collected more quickly.  
14 We had a, a timeline of one to two years to, to  
15 collect the DNA samples of all these different  
16 suspects and we, uhm -- and I think I recommended  
17 that that happen faster by having more people  
18 involved in that process.

19 JENNIFER EVANS: And where did the one to two-year timeline  
20 come from?

21 BRIAN OGER: I don't remember. I don't remember.

22 JENNIFER EVANS: Okay.

23 BRIAN OGER: I don't remember. But I do remember that, for  
24 example, the, the gentleman from, that was on loan  
25 from Montreal Police, and I don't remember his  
name, he was with us for a couple of months, and  
he, he, he went out a few times and followed a few  
guys around and, and got --

JENNIFER EVANS: Castoff DNA?

BRIAN OGER: Yeah, cast-off DNA. So, it did start to  
happen after that.

But I don't, again, to -- correlation does  
not mean causation, you know. There was a

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1 correlation between when I wrote the report and  
2 when some of these things started happening. I  
don't know what caused what.

3 JENNIFER EVANS: Okay. Why did you feel that the communication  
4 between the Vancouver Police Department and the  
5 RCMP needed to be improved?

6 BRIAN OGER: I guess this is, uhm --

7 JENNIFER EVANS: I was just wondering if something caused you  
8 to have that belief that you quoted?

9 BRIAN OGER: I mean, let's look at it just from a, from a  
10 computer standpoint. The RCMP is using a  
11 completely different computer program than, than  
12 Vancouver Police. Uhm, so, they're not  
13 compatible. They're not even linked together.  
You have to physically go to one terminal and then  
14 physically go to another terminal and then print  
15 it off on this dot matrix sheet with, with, like,  
16 a wrrr, wrrr, wrrr printer.

17 JENNIFER EVANS: Yeah.

18 BRIAN OGER: And so there was a disconnect just from a  
19 technical standpoint. Uhm, I don't know what led  
20 me to that conclusion, --

21 JENNIFER EVANS: Okay.

22 BRIAN OGER: -- but I do feel that, uhm, whatever led me to  
23 that conclusion, I believed it.

24 JENNIFER EVANS: Okay.

25 BRIAN OGER: Yeah, I believed that there needed to be a  
better communication between, specifically the  
Missing Persons and the Vice departments of the  
VPD, and the RCMP, and also other detachments that  
had missing women reported to them.

JENNIFER EVANS: And you didn't see that ongoing?

BRIAN OGER: I didn't at the time.



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1 BRIAN OGER: I don't. My, my recollection of this whole  
2 time period following, like, September/October, I  
3 don't even know how much I was there. I can't  
4 remember when I was let go.

4 JENNIFER EVANS: Okay.

5 BRIAN OGER: You know. I was going through a lot of things  
6 personally at the time. It was a --

7 JENNIFER EVANS: Okay.

8 BRIAN OGER: -- a very challenging time for me personally,  
9 and so work stuff was occupying a back corner of  
10 my mind.

10 JENNIFER EVANS: Okay.

11 BRIAN OGER: Uhm, I don't remember.

12 JENNIFER EVANS: Okay. Were you aware, prior to your leaving,  
13 were there others trying to secure a different  
14 computer system because they recognized there may  
15 be issues or complications because you --

16 BRIAN OGER: I don't remember.

17 JENNIFER EVANS: -- you weren't using a database system?

18 BRIAN OGER: No. I would be guessing.

19 JENNIFER EVANS: Okay.

20 BRIAN OGER: I don't want to guess.

21 JENNIFER EVANS: On November 5th, there's a meeting, and I'm  
22 not sure if you were still there, there was a  
23 meeting, and the minutes indicate there were  
24 investigators from the Spokane Serial Task Force  
25 and the Green River case.

INTERVIEW OF LORI SHENHER

JULY 18, 2011

1                    memos to the Chief now. I've got her writing  
2                    memos to the Attorney General.

3    LORI SHENHER:    Yes.

4    JENNIFER EVANS: I love it. Do you remember -- oh, I'll find  
5                    that for you so we can pull it up so you can look  
6                    at it.

7    LORI SHENHER:    Well, I was asked to make a presentation,  
8                    which is I think why.

9    JENNIFER EVANS: So, it started with a memo?

10   LORI SHENHER:    Yes.

11   JENNIFER EVANS: Is that what happened?

12   LORI SHENHER:    Yeah, I think so. I can't remember exactly.  
13                    But it was all with respect to the city, the City  
                    of Vancouver had pledged money for a reward.

14   JENNIFER EVANS: Right.

15   LORI SHENHER:    And then we wanted the province to match it or  
16                    to -- I guess whatever was going to make a hundred  
                    thousand dollars, so.

17   JENNIFER EVANS: Okay.

18   LORI SHENHER:    Yeah.

19   JENNIFER EVANS: Was this a first?

20   LORI SHENHER:    Writing to the Attorney General?

21   JENNIFER EVANS: Yeah.

22   LORI SHENHER:    Yeah. Yeah, I haven't written to very many  
23                    Attorneys General.

24   DAVID CROSSIN: You don't do that?

25   LORI SHENHER:    No. It's not in my job description.

INTERVIEW OF LORI SHENHER

JULY 18, 2011

1 LORI SHENHER: That only depends when Doug pulled it off,  
2 too, right?

3 JENNIFER EVANS: Yes.

4 LORI SHENHER: Because we had that weird glitch where, in  
5 Word, where every time you printed it, it showed  
6 today's date, right?

7 JENNIFER EVANS: Yeah.

8 LORI SHENHER: So, it's -- yeah.

9 DAVID CROSSIN: And, and not to trouble you, but to put it in  
10 context, when, ultimately, when was the meeting?

11 JENNIFER EVANS: That's what I -- yeah, I haven't --

12 LORI SHENHER: I'm not sure.

13 JENNIFER EVANS: I don't recall reading anywhere about a  
14 meeting --

15 LORI SHENHER: Uhm --

16 JENNIFER EVANS: -- that you actually went to present --

17 DAVID CROSSIN: It's in --

18 LORI SHENHER: It's probably in Doug's report.

19 DAVID CROSSIN: It's in here.

20 LORI SHENHER: Yeah.

21 DAVID CROSSIN: I just can't remember --

22 LORI SHENHER: Yeah, I just can't remember when, but --

23 JENNIFER EVANS: But that would mean that I haven't seen  
24 documents within my disclosure --

25 LORI SHENHER: Right.

26 JENNIFER EVANS: -- with regards to --

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JULY 18, 2011

1 LORI SHENHER: So, that's, that's what that memo is.

2 JENNIFER EVANS: Okay.

3 LORI SHENHER: That was my actual -- I actually handed that  
4 out --

5 JENNIFER EVANS: Okay.

6 LORI SHENHER: -- to all -- I made --

7 DAVID CROSSIN: April 9th.

8 LORI SHENHER: -- I think eight or nine copies. I handed it  
9 out. There were seven people there, and Gary  
Bass, Al Boyd, McGuinness were there with me.

10 HEATHER RAMORE: Yeah, and we just have the other memo on April  
11 9th --

12 JENNIFER EVANS: And --

13 HEATHER RAMORE: -- meeting --

14 JENNIFER EVANS: -- it wasn't like a PowerPoint presentation or  
15 anything like that? This is way before then. So,  
16 this is just you handed out your memo and you are  
17 discussing, "these are the issues"?

18 LORI SHENHER: Yes. We are in a room like this.

19 JENNIFER EVANS: Okay.

20 LORI SHENHER: And I just come in and I just basically  
21 explained to them what we were working with, uhm,  
22 that -- I don't even think I really pitched for  
23 the money. I think it was just more of an update  
and then, and then subsequently we got the  
approval to add to the reward.

24 JENNIFER EVANS: Okay.

25 LORI SHENHER: But I distinctly remember that it was Bass,  
McGuinness and Boyd were there with me.

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2 JENNIFER EVANS: Okay.

3 LORI SHENHER: And the AG and Steven Stackhouse from the --

4 JENNIFER EVANS: Hm-hmm?

5 LORI SHENHER: -- from the Provincial Government at the time,  
6 and I don't remember, like I said, the rest of the  
7 people that were there.8 JENNIFER EVANS: Okay. I'm just going on to another question  
9 here. August 10. . .10 On the 27th of April, 1999, you sent an  
11 e-mail to DCC McGuinness, and you have cc'd Ken  
12 Doern, Brock Giles, Geramy Field, Al Boyd and Dan  
13 Dureau. And I think it was just one of these,  
14 when you were reaching out to different police  
15 agencies across Canada regarding if they had a  
16 Missing Persons Unit?

17 LORI SHENHER: Hm-hmm.

18 JENNIFER EVANS: Do you recall why you did this?

19 LORI SHENHER: Why I would send that to all those --

20 JENNIFER EVANS: Yeah.

21 LORI SHENHER: I think that, I think Geramy thought that --  
22 oh, no, because McGuinness asked for this list.  
23 So, I think somehow Geramy, in her communications  
24 with him -- because I, like I said, I never talked  
25 to McGuinness -- that he was, he found that  
interesting or something, and wanted me to send it  
on.

26 JENNIFER EVANS: Okay.

27 LORI SHENHER: It was something like that.

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1 question, this question was going to be, were you  
2 ever made aware that they were going to be  
3 approaching Gary Bass to reopen the Pickton file?

4 LORI SHENHER: No. I was only aware that we had made that  
5 suggestion.

6 JENNIFER EVANS: Okay.

7 LORI SHENHER: But I didn't know that the -- that it went to  
8 that level.

9 JENNIFER EVANS: Okay. Uhm, just going back to February 17th,  
10 there was a letter of complaint about -- that was  
11 written by Grandma's House, and it was written to  
12 the chief and it was about **PO1827**. Were you  
13 ever made aware of this? Did they, you know, the  
14 chief's office come down, or someone come down  
15 through the chain, and say --

16 LORI SHENHER: Yes.

17 JENNIFER EVANS: -- "Fill me in on this"? Can you tell me  
18 about this? Because I only see the letter of  
19 complaint.

20 LORI SHENHER: It must have been Geramy, I don't know for  
21 sure, but basically it ended up with me, and I  
only laugh because it was such a nightmare.

22 DAVID CROSSIN: Well, do you want to hear about it?

23 JENNIFER EVANS: Yeah. That's why --

24 LORI SHENHER: Yeah, do you?

25 JENNIFER EVANS: -- I have asked.

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1 JENNIFER EVANS: Okay. Hmm. Uhm --

2 DAVID CROSSIN: Can I clarify something, just as you are  
3 thinking?

4 JENNIFER EVANS: Absolutely.

5 DAVID CROSSIN: You mentioned a meeting I think in February or  
6 March of 2000, and Bass went away to do something.  
7 He -- what, what was Bass doing? What were you  
8 waiting on Bass for?

9 LORI SHENHER: Uhm --

10 DAVID CROSSIN: Gary Bass.

11 LORI SHENHER: Well, there was the meeting with the AG.

12 DAVID CROSSIN: Yeah.

13 LORI SHENHER: And he was there. And after, because, I mean,  
14 we had coffee beforehand, before the meeting. He  
15 and McGuinness and myself and Al Boyd before we  
16 went in and did the presentation and he -- so,  
17 even sort of in talking to him, he was like,  
18 "Okay, yeah, I am going to visit this" kind of  
19 thing.

20 DAVID CROSSIN: Right.

21 LORI SHENHER: That was my impression, and again, it was sort  
22 of between him and McGuinness.

23 DAVID CROSSIN: Right.

24 LORI SHENHER: But that was, that was my impression, was he  
25 was going to have a look at it again.

26 DAVID CROSSIN: Right.

27 LORI SHENHER: And then, but nothing happened after that.

28 DAVID CROSSIN: Well --

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1 LORI SHENHER: You know.

2 DAVID CROSSIN: -- October happened, or November happened.

3 LORI SHENHER: Yeah. Well, yeah.

4 DAVID CROSSIN: Right?

5 LORI SHENHER: Yeah, yeah.

6 DAVID CROSSIN: I mean, I --

7 LORI SHENHER: No, that's right.

8 DAVID CROSSIN: Do I have that --

9 LORI SHENHER: Yeah, you're right. Because that's --

10 DAVID CROSSIN: -- sequence?

11 LORI SHENHER: Yeah, you're right. Because -- was that  
right? Was it 2000 that we met the AG? Yeah,  
12 okay, that's right. I was thinking it was '99.

13 JENNIFER EVANS: '99 is when you met the AG because that's --

14 LORI SHENHER: No.

15 JENNIFER EVANS: -- when the poster came out.

16 LORI SHENHER: No, it was '99. So, yeah.

17 DAVID CROSSIN: Oh, it was '99.

18 LORI SHENHER: Right. So, this is pre --

19 JENNIFER EVANS: Yeah.

20 LORI SHENHER: This was pre-Caldwell.

21 JENNIFER EVANS: Pre-poster.

22 LORI SHENHER: And then I just --

23 JENNIFER EVANS: Yeah. Right?

24 LORI SHENHER: Yeah. So, then I just kind of figured, well,  
we are obviously getting somewhere. At least --  
25



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1     DAVID CROSSIN:  Hm-hmm.  Okay.

2     UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER:  Sorry, where did we settle on that?  Was  
3                   there something with Bass in March/April 2000?

4     DAVID CROSSIN:  I thought that -- my note was that --

5     UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER:  Yeah, I thought you -- I actually --

6     DAVID CROSSIN:  -- we were waiting on Bass for something --

7     UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER:  I thought it was you were --

8     JENNIFER EVANS:  I've got February 2000 the chief prepares a  
9                   memo to the Police Services Board.  He reports,  
10                   "10 missing last year, all were located within two  
11                   weeks.  There is no new missing in 1999.  And then  
12                   it talks about "going to approach Gary Bass for  
13                   resources and to reopen the Pickton file."

14    DAVID CROSSIN:  Oh, yes.  Okay.

15    JENNIFER EVANS:  February 23rd, 2000.

16    LORI SHENHER:  Yeah, right, right.

17    DAVID CROSSIN:  Right, right.

18    UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER:  Okay.

19    DAVID CROSSIN:  So, there was some notion, let's use that  
20                   word, --

21    LORI SHENHER:  Yeah.

22    DAVID CROSSIN:  -- that the chief was going to approach Bass  
23                   to, again, my word, get them invigorated with the  
24                   investigation?

25    LORI SHENHER:  Yeah.

INTERVIEW OF BRIAN MCGUINNESS

JULY 12, 2011

1                   disappearance. That was the -- determining  
2                   whether these women had met foul play was  
3                   obviously one of the parameters around the review  
4                   team that was set up to deal with that. They  
5                   weren't sent in there with a mandate, "Don't find  
6                   any bodies. Let's not do anything till six more  
7                   people go missing." Nobody, nobody in the entire  
8                   policing community, whether it be VPD or RCMP,  
9                   gave any such direction as that. They were there  
10                  trying to determine -- and I, and I steer you back  
11                  to the fact that, as soon as it was determined  
12                  that one of the missing women was dead, or  
13                  possibly dead, the floodgates opened.

14 JENNIFER EVANS: Okay.

15 BRIAN MCGUINNESS: There were millions and millions of dollars  
16                   poured into that investigation.

17 JENNIFER EVANS: Hm-hmm.

18 BRIAN MCGUINNESS: If the Missing Persons Review Team had found  
19                   that, what was found at the farm three years  
20                   earlier, those resources would have been poured  
21                   into that investigation at that time as well. But  
22                   at the time, there was no, there was nothing to  
23                   pour those resources into. There was nothing  
24                   pointing to anybody had met foul play. There was  
25                   an assumption --

26 JENNIFER EVANS: Hm-hmm.

27 BRIAN MCGUINNESS: -- but that was it.

28 JENNIFER EVANS: Did you have anyone approach you to say, "We  
29                   should have a joint forces with the RCMP"  
30                   throughout your time, --

31 BRIAN MCGUINNESS: Oh, yes --

32 JENNIFER EVANS: -- 1998 through 2000 --

33 BRIAN MCGUINNESS: Yeah, and, and efforts were made to get that  
34                   going.

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1 JENNIFER EVANS: And --

2 BRIAN MCGUINNESS: In fact, I was part of that.

3 JENNIFER EVANS: So, can you tell me about that? Tell me about

4 those efforts.

5 BRIAN MCGUINNESS: Well, we had a meeting with the Attorney

6 General at the time, who was Ujjal Dosanjh, --

7 JENNIFER EVANS: Hm-hmm?

8 BRIAN MCGUINNESS: -- Chief Constable Bruce Chambers, myself --

9 I have to remember what rank Gary Bass was at the

10 time.

11 JENNIFER EVANS: Okay.

12 BRIAN MCGUINNESS: And he retired as a deputy commissioner --

13 JENNIFER EVANS: Yes.

14 BRIAN MCGUINNESS: -- but I believe, at that time, he was an

15 inspector.

16 JENNIFER EVANS: Hm-hmm.

17 BRIAN MCGUINNESS: Or he, he could have been a superintendent.

18 JENNIFER EVANS: Superintendent I think he might have been,

19 yes.

20 BRIAN MCGUINNESS: Superintendent. And he, at that time, the

21 Unsolved Homicide Unit that was struck by the RCMP

22 came under his jurisdiction.

23 JENNIFER EVANS: Right.

24 BRIAN MCGUINNESS: And at that time, Staff Sergeant Doug

25 Henderson was in charge of that unit. And we had

a meeting together, at which we tried to get the

Unsolved Homicide Unit involved, and we also

discussed the opportunity of getting the

Provincial Government involved in offering a

reward for information leading to the discovery of

these missing women.

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1                   At that meeting, uhm, the RCMP said, "We  
2                   can't take this file. You have -- it's not an  
3                   unsolved homicide. You have no homicide. There  
4                   is no, uhm, body. There is no -- there is nothing  
5                   here. We can't do anything about an unsolved  
6                   homicide because you can't show us you have a  
7                   homicide."

8                   Now, am I saying that they did that in a  
9                   callous fashion to just say, "No, we don't want to  
10                  be involved with you?" No. I think they said  
11                  that because they were under the same, uhm,  
12                  restraints as we were, resource wise. They had,  
13                  they had a hundred -- and then this is just a  
14                  guesstimation, but they had a number of unsolved  
15                  homicides that they were actively investigating.

16 JENNIFER EVANS: Hm-hmm?

17 BRIAN MCGUINNESS: So, for them to take on, uhm, something  
18                   that, that they felt wasn't there, was beyond what  
19                   they were capable of doing at the time. They did  
20                   offer to review all the files of what, what, uhm,  
21                   was in the Homicide Unit and the Task Force at the  
22                   time, and that, you know. And I believe, at the  
23                   end of the day, and this was after I left, --

24 JENNIFER EVANS: Yes?

25 BRIAN MCGUINNESS: -- that those files did get to them,  
                  finally.

26 JENNIFER EVANS: Right.

27 BRIAN MCGUINNESS: But I believe they had trouble.

28 JENNIFER EVANS: Yeah, it took years to get them.

29 BRIAN MCGUINNESS: Right, to get those files from us. Now,  
30                   why, why, why it took that long to get those files  
31                   from us to them is something that somebody else  
32                   will have to provide you an answer with.

33 JENNIFER EVANS: Okay. So, what would it normally take for the  
34                   Provincial Unsolved Homicide Unit to take on a  
35                   case?

36 BRIAN MCGUINNESS: You will have to find out their mandate.

INTERVIEW OF BRAD ZALYS

JULY 20, 2011

1 BRAD ZALYS: They could. But also, let's say, the group  
2 home called and so they -- that person, the radio  
3 room constable just concluded the file on behalf  
4 of the member that it had been assigned to.

4 JENNIFER EVANS: Oh, okay. Oh, without actually going out and  
5 verifying --

6 BRAD ZALYS: No contact with anybody.

7 JENNIFER EVANS: Wow, okay. Hindsight is 20/20. We all know  
8 that, right?

9 BRAD ZALYS: Hm-hmm.

10 JENNIFER EVANS: Having -- given the time you've had over the  
11 last couple of years to think about this, is there  
12 now, you look back and you think, "Okay, we should  
13 have done that better, we should have done this  
14 faster," or do you have any comment about that?

15 BRAD ZALYS: I don't know. I guess, I guess we're all kind  
16 of wondering, everybody that has had anything to  
17 do with this at all, if, if we could have pushed  
18 harder or done something more. And, you know, I  
19 really, I really kind of toil with this, as to,  
20 you know -- I made people, you know -- I mean,  
21 people were aware of what we were going through  
22 and what we could do, and I know they couldn't do  
23 anything more than I could. Under the  
24 circumstances back then, I don't know if we could  
25 have done anything any different. Uhm, I'm not  
saying I wouldn't do things differently if I had a  
chance to.

22 JENNIFER EVANS: Hm-hmm?

23 BRAD ZALYS: But just those circumstances and things. I  
24 know that -- I know a big thing, you know, the  
25 major case management courses and stuff are, you  
know, you know, you try to standardize all your,  
you know, your tip systems and, you know, your  
investigations and things like that, but that

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1 still doesn't get down to the nitty-gritty of  
2 making those at-the-moment decisions and, you  
3 know, "Gee, you know, we should spend more time on  
4 that," or whatever. Those things aren't kind of  
5 taught. Those are the things that, you know, I  
6 guess that you have got to be concerned about.

7 JENNIFER EVANS: How do we get around the issue that if people  
8 think that, okay, a missing person is a missing  
9 person, but it's not really a crime, because there  
10 is no body, there is no evidence of crime, so?  
11 BRAD ZALYS: Yeah, I don't know. Like I said to you right  
12 I think at the outset, I have always treated  
13 missing person files, personally, as a bit of a  
14 priority and, and I, I, I don't know how to  
15 instill that in others.

16 JENNIFER EVANS: Okay.

17 BRAD ZALYS: Uhm, I think it's just sometimes, it's just a  
18 routine file that you go to a hundred times and  
19 you just become complacent about them. And not --  
20 and like I said, the Kim file was a good example  
21 of where we twigged to it and -- no, it wasn't  
22 Kim. That's a different one.

23 JENNIFER EVANS: Okay.

24 BRAD ZALYS: Anyway, I've got a (indecipherable) -- anyway.

25 JENNIFER EVANS: Okay.

26 BRAD ZALYS: But that's it and --

27 JENNIFER EVANS: Yes. Is there anything that I haven't asked  
28 you today that you were driving in here today  
29 thinking, "Okay, I know she's going to ask me  
30 this" or "I really want to make sure I get this  
31 point across because this is important for her to

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JULY 20, 2011

1 know as a part of her review"?

2 BRAD ZALYS: No. I think it's, uhm, I don't think it's a  
3 secret that a whole bunch of people knew the name  
4 "Pickton" for a lot of years just in general  
5 conversation, about the type of person he was and  
6 putting all that together. And, you know, it all,  
7 like I say, it's all very clear in the rear-view  
8 mirror and how could you miss all that, but it's  
9 just, I think when everything is scattered over  
10 such a wide area, over a long period of time, with  
11 people that are reported days, weeks, months,  
12 years after they went missing, those types of  
13 things, and, you know, possibly another serial  
14 killer out in the Valley, not Pickton. So, all  
15 those things just compound themselves to create a  
16 little bit of doubt, but. . .

17 JENNIFER EVANS: And while you were working in Coquitlam  
18 Serious Crime Unit, did you have a database that  
19 you could use to connect cases if, all of a  
20 sudden, they had to be connected?

21 BRAD ZALYS: No. Uh, a lot of those unsolved DNAs and  
22 stuff are all headquartered down at "E" Division  
23 headquarters.

24 JENNIFER EVANS: Yeah. But that was a project that had to  
25 start when they were doing Evenhanded --

26 BRAD ZALYS: No, there was some stuff. Even through  
27 ViCLAS, there was ways to connect --

28 JENNIFER EVANS: Certain cases?

29 BRAD ZALYS: -- certain cases together. I mean -- but in  
30 that unit, in the lab there, they had DNA samples  
31 from bodies, and things like that, that could be  
32 matched up.

33 JENNIFER EVANS: But you didn't have a database at that time to  
34 manage major cases?

INTERVIEW OF DOUG HENDERSON

AUGUST 08, 2011

1 JENNIFER EVANS: Yes.

2 DOUG HENDERSON: And I don't -- I think part of the meeting I  
3 wasn't even in it. I was sitting outside because  
Brian McGuinness --

4 JENNIFER EVANS: Right, the deputy chief --

5 DOUG HENDERSON: Yeah.

6 JENNIFER EVANS: -- Gary Bass were there?

7 DOUG HENDERSON: Yes. And --

8 JENNIFER EVANS: Do you recall when that meeting was? I have  
9 been unable to find --

10 DOUG HENDERSON: No --

11 (AUDIO OFF)

12 (AUDIO RESUMED)

13 DOUG HENDERSON: -- between Bass and myself. And that's the  
14 only meeting I had with the Attorney General --

15 CHERYL TOBIAS: When --

16 DOUG HENDERSON: -- and Missing People.

17 CHERYL TOBIAS: When was that meeting though? Was it when you  
18 started Project Evenhanded?

19 JENNIFER EVANS: Evenhanded starts up in November of 2000 is  
20 when Don Adam gets told --

21 DOUG HENDERSON: No, it would be a year before that. About a  
22 year. Like, my guess would be about a year before  
that. Wow. This was before then, '97.  
23 But anyways, uhm, no, like, the meeting that  
I was at with the Attorney General and Brian  
24 McGuinness, all I can tell you is that, I know  
there was this reward thing, and I believe I may  
25 have offered to do a review. Like, I said, "Hey,  
we can review it."



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1 JENNIFER EVANS: Right.

2 DOUG HENDERSON: "Like, I don't know much about it. We can  
3 review it." Uh, and basically that was it. If  
4 you want our assistance, get ahold of us."

5 JENNIFER EVANS: Okay.

6 DOUG HENDERSON: Now, I can tell you an annoyance I had on this  
7 Unsolved Homicide Unit was, uhm, everybody, and  
8 when I say "everybody", obviously that's an  
9 exaggeration.

10 JENNIFER EVANS: Yeah, I know what you mean.

11 DOUG HENDERSON: But there were so many investigators telling  
12 people -- because you know how it goes in a police  
13 investigation. There's nothing happening, what do  
14 you do? You tell them, you know -- we've sort of  
15 done everything. "I'll refer that to the Unsolved  
16 Homicide Unit." Then I would get phone calls from  
17 the victims, "Hey, they said they're referring the  
18 investigation to you," --

19 JENNIFER EVANS: Yeah.

20 DOUG HENDERSON: -- and I'm going, "oh". So, I was dealing  
21 with that all the time. So, it was sort of a nice  
22 unit to be able to tell people --

23 JENNIFER EVANS: Right.

24 DOUG HENDERSON: -- that we have something in place, to work on  
25 it when --

JENNIFER EVANS: To deflect?

DOUG HENDERSON: -- when it comes up, and I would be straight-  
forward with people. "Yes, that's exactly what we  
do but" -- and I would give them basically the  
stats and the stuff and I would get into even the  
area that, "We've got this many with real active  
and you don't have an active one, so yours isn't  
going to be worked on by this unit for, for a  
couple of years at least."

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1 JENNIFER EVANS: Right.

2 DOUG HENDERSON: "Or unless something changes on your file."  
3 So, this one, like, that would be right up --  
4 like, there is just no -- other than I know I  
5 talked about doing a review for them.

6 JENNIFER EVANS: Okay.

7 DOUG HENDERSON: Yeah.

8 (Knock on door)

9 JENNIFER EVANS: Sorry, I've just got to see if this is going  
10 to be my new recorder. Thanks very much.

11 DOUG HENDERSON: Lots of batteries.

12 JENNIFER EVANS: We won't have that much talk. I know you're  
13 getting worried here. Don't get worried.

14 DOUG HENDERSON: Should I book a room?

15 JENNIFER EVANS: I know, they just walked in with more  
16 30-minute interviews. So, this is actually a 60-  
17 minute one, so I will be able to throw this one in  
18 next, so it will be --

19 DOUG HENDERSON: It doesn't matter at all, actually.

20 JENNIFER EVANS: Uhm, so how did you first become aware of the  
21 source information regarding Pickton and him as a  
22 suspect with regards to the missing women?

23 DOUG HENDERSON: Well, Gary Bass asked me to go to a meeting in  
24 Coquitlam, uhm, and that involved the -- what's  
25 the -- I don't even remember her name,  
Ellingsworth (phonetics) or whatever her name was.

JENNIFER EVANS: Lynn Ellingsen?

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1                   that.

2   JENNIFER EVANS:   Yeah.

3   DOUG HENDERSON:   And so, I think I first, I attended the first  
4                   couple of meetings, just again, to mentor the  
5                   people running the meetings what to expect in  
6                   these meetings and, and, and ways to handle them.  
7                   And I can't remember who, but somebody carried on  
8                   with those meetings.  And I think some of the  
9                   people were good and some of the people weren't,  
10                  weren't easy to deal with.  I know it was a very  
11                  -- it was a more difficult job than some of them.

12   JENNIFER EVANS:   Why were they so mistrusting of the police?

13   DOUG HENDERSON:   Well, uhm, I think that a lot of them had  
14                   dealings with the police themselves over time, and  
15                   a lot of them were from a group where, you know,  
16                   it's the -- it's us against the police kind of  
17                   mentality.

18   JENNIFER EVANS:   Hm-hmm.

19   DOUG HENDERSON:   Uhm, and I suppose there's other things built  
20                   in there.  I don't know.  Maybe some of them  
21                   personally felt that nothing was being done and,  
22                   and whatnot.  So, I think it was a, just a  
23                   collection of things.  They, they didn't feel like  
24                   they were getting what they should get out of the  
25                   police forces.

26   JENNIFER EVANS:   Now, was somebody assigned?  I know it  
27                   wouldn't be you.  But was somebody assigned to  
28                   say, okay, these are the issues that have been  
29                   identified as a result of this meeting, so we're  
30                   going to put this person in charge to say, "Let's  
31                   remedy these issues or let's see if we can make  
32                   them better"?  Do you know if anyone was assigned  
33                   to that?

34   DOUG HENDERSON:   Well, the people that -- I think there was two  
35                   or three people, like, that were sort of looking

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1           today and the person went missing yesterday.  
2           Well, you've got no body. So, right off the bat,  
3           you have got a problem all right. And then if  
4           they don't report it missing till until two months  
5           later, now you've got a double whammy of a  
6           problem. But, you know, you, you still have to go  
7           out there and make your assessment of what's the  
8           odds that this person -- like, some of them are,  
9           like, let's face it, the drug trafficker that's  
10          been threatened the last three phone calls, I  
11          mean, you know, it's probably, you know, a murder  
12          and all that kind of stuff. So, you, you have got  
13          your problems.

14           You have got an ongoing management problem  
15           certainly with -- like, there is, there is always  
16           that management decision to be made of when do I  
17           take people away from active murder investigations  
18           and go, like, this one is more important? When,  
19           when do you decide that, "Hey, there's, there's --  
20           this is a worse situation than these guys that  
21           we're working on for these murders."

22           You know, I will give you -- give an example  
23           of what turns in this city. I am sure it's the  
24           same where you came from. Like, last year, I did  
25           an assignment for my IHIT section that I had  
26           retired from, and so I started that section, and  
27           now they have 200 unsolved murders and they wanted  
28           me to review those murders, sort of like I did  
29           when I started Unsolved, to decide, you know,  
30           which ones --

31 JENNIFER EVANS: Which ones should be --

32 DOUG HENDERSON: -- should be priorities --

33 JENNIFER EVANS: Yeah.

34 DOUG HENDERSON: -- and which ones should they work on.

35           Well, I thought it was pretty bad when I  
36           started the Unsolved, some of these files that  
37           were sitting on the shelf. But those really paled  
38           to what I had had on their shelves. It was just  
39           absolutely -- there was witnesses willing to  
40           testify that hadn't been spoken to, and it was  
41           horrible.

42           So, I ended up with coming up with 65 files  
43           where the suspect was known and they're, they're  
44           close to going to court, that are sitting there on  
45           a shelf.

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1                   So, of course, that's the same situation that  
2 exists that when -- like, it's always existing out  
3 there. So, when do you say, "Okay, we're going to  
4 take those investigators away from those -- like,  
5 we're not even working on 'em now, and we've got  
suspects, and go work on these files where we  
6 don't even have a body, no suspects, and no  
7 evidence"? Like, what's the best use of your  
8 personnel?

9 JENNIFER EVANS: Yeah.

10 DOUG HENDERSON: And of course, that always exists, you know.  
11 And at some point in time, as is in this file, you  
12 say, "Well, like, we have to go on here now.  
13 Like, this is getting -- this is, this is  
14 escalating. We have to take these guys," and  
15 that's what happens. People are taken away from  
16 those files where there's active people and we put  
17 them on, on that file. So, you know, there's --  
18 like, hey, who, who could ever make the right  
19 decision on that? I don't think anybody ever  
20 could.

21 JENNIFER EVANS: Well, and that comes up a lot during the  
22 interviews I've done with a lot of the senior  
23 managers and the fact that they say, "Hey, we have  
24 priorities. You have to pick a priority. But a  
25 priority is if a homicide comes in today, or a  
home invasion comes in where two 80-year-old, you  
know, an 80-year-old couple are beaten and tied  
and whipped in their house, but they're sitting in  
my interview room. I have to deal with my -- my  
investigators have to deal with them today as  
opposed to we potentially have missing women that  
the files aren't very organized, we are not really  
sure what's going on with those women. I am going

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1 I don't why, I remember April 20th is his  
2 birthday.

3 JENNIFER EVANS: Oh, okay.

4 DAVE STRACHAN: But there was three, there was three robberies  
5 in Coquitlam and we were doing, doing DNA warrants  
6 is one of the first ones that we had done, because  
7 in one -- they were linked to a couple in Langley  
8 as well. It was sort of in that timeframe, there  
9 was sort of a, sort of a loose gang of robbers. I  
10 wouldn't call them a gang, but they're sort of  
11 like-minded individuals and they didn't always --  
12 I think CI-PERS was another one. They  
13 would do robberies, but not always the same guys  
14 and not always in the same place.

15 JENNIFER EVANS: Okay.

16 DAVE STRACHAN: But this CI-PERS had sort of came  
17 as a suspect in these three, and I remember we  
18 were -- yeah, because the thing about it that  
19 sticks in my mind is they were traveller's cheques  
20 and trying to track down all the serial numbers,  
21 because he had cashed a few and he hadn't cashed a  
22 few, so.

23 JENNIFER EVANS: Oh, okay.

24 DAVE STRACHAN: So, maybe, I don't know if that was around --  
25 because I know we eventually did arrest him, but I  
26 don't know if that is what -- I can't remember if  
27 that date is when we did arrest him though.

28 JENNIFER EVANS: Okay. Uhm, February 10th, there is another  
29 meeting, and at this time, members of the Unsolved  
30 Homicide Unit are present and they basically say  
31 they're not going to get involved because, at this  
32 time, there is no proof there's even a homicide.  
33 So, the theory at that time, and I seem to see  
34 this theory throughout a lot of the documents:  
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1                   there is no body, there is no evidence, so we've  
2                   got no crime. Do you recall ever hearing that  
3                   come up during conversations or any meetings?

4   DAVE STRACHAN:   The no body, no homicide thing?

5   JENNIFER EVANS:  Yeah, no crime.

6   DAVE STRACHAN:  Not really. I know that Unsolved had come out  
7                   and I know that they weren't, I don't know, I  
8                   guess they thought there was not enough evidence  
                  to do anything. So, that was, I guess their  
                  prerogative. I mean, if --

9   JENNIFER EVANS:  But you don't recall who was the one who came  
10                   up with that, coined that phrase, if I could say  
11                   it that way, or. . .

12   DAVE STRACHAN:  Uhm, no. No, because I don't think it's true.  
13                   I mean, maybe an individual said that, but I think  
14                   we both know -- I mean, I was just, I was just  
15                   telling Andrew and Rory here, I mean, we just had  
16                   a file in Surrey last year where there was a  
17                   missing person and, you know, we did as much as we  
                  could. And then, you know, eventually IHIT ended  
                  up taking it because, you know, they believed  
                  there was a homicide, although we didn't have a  
                  body, so.

18   JENNIFER EVANS:  Right. Okay.

19   DAVE STRACHAN:  Uh, I can't think of any cases in Coquitlam  
20                   that have, we've had where we've investigated it  
21                   as a murder, it was a missing person. Off the top  
                  of my head, I think most of our murders were  
                  pretty straightforward.

22   JENNIFER EVANS:  Okay.

23   DAVE STRACHAN:  Domestics or. . .

24   JENNIFER EVANS:  But, as I say, they normally start with a  
25                   body; is that right?

1 DAVE STRACHAN: Well, it's always easier, yeah.

2 JENNIFER EVANS: Yeah. So, on April 3rd, 1999, you respond by  
3 way of a note, and I am going to have to find this  
4 one. I think this is one of my recent disclosure  
5 things, so I think you will have it probably fresh  
6 in your mind. There's a note to Constable  
7 Michelle Sterling regarding the Elaine Dumba  
8 missing person file. So, basically you say you  
9 have received a memo in September of 1998  
10 regarding a skull that's been located by another  
11 RCMP detachment, and hadn't had a chance to look  
12 at it from now.

13 So, you receive it in September 1998 that  
14 they have got a skull, and then April, you are  
15 kind of now, all of a sudden, putting your mind to  
16 it and forwarding it on to Michelle Sterling for  
17 -- do you know, do you remember why there was a  
18 such a delay in responding to this type of  
19 request?

20 DAVE STRACHAN: Uhm, no, I can't remember it. This thing at  
21 the bottom I write, "I guess they think all bones  
22 files are mine," I remember, because I had a file,  
23 there was some missing bones there, and I end up,  
24 I think I made probably, like, almost 2,000 CPIC  
25 queries just -- because we had the parameters and  
then we, you know. I think there was, like, 2,000  
hits.

25 JENNIFER EVANS: Yeah.



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1 DAVE STRACHAN: So, that was one of those, you know, work off  
2 the side of your desk type things where you do  
3 things. Uhm, I don't know. It could have been  
4 the CPIC could have got lost because -- and, well,  
5 in those days, because before PRIME, all the CPIC  
6 would go to the radio room.

7 JENNIFER EVANS: Right.

8 DAVE STRACHAN: It could have filtered down to Serious Crime  
9 and maybe went to someone else or maybe it was off  
10 to my desk or --

11 JENNIFER EVANS: I was getting the impression that you had it.  
12 You just had it and you hadn't got, got to it yet.  
13 That was the impression I got.

14 DAVE STRACHAN: I may have. I don't know. To be honest, I  
15 don't, I don't remember. That may have --

16 JENNIFER EVANS: And Michelle Sterling, do you remember her  
17 ever getting back to you on this? Because, I  
18 mean, --

19 DAVE STRACHAN: I don't remember.

20 JENNIFER EVANS: -- I think this is one of the missing person  
21 cases that there was quite a few concerns about.  
22 Brad Zalys I interviewed a couple of weeks ago --

23 DAVE STRACHAN: Hm-hmm.

24 JENNIFER EVANS: -- and there was quite a few concerns that he  
25 raised about the inattention that was paid to, to  
26 this case. So, did you ever have --

27 DAVE STRACHAN: To Pickton or to this missing, this missing  
28 person?

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2 JENNIFER EVANS: Oh, okay.

3 PAUL McCARL: So, they pulled all those in.

4 JENNIFER EVANS: Okay.

5 PAUL McCARL: Yeah, so.

6 JENNIFER EVANS: Okay. Uhm, I've got here in 19 -- the 27th of

7 July, 1999, there's a memo written about the 1995

8 homicides and it indicates that Catherine Knight,

9 and Catherine Gonzales may be murder victims of

10 one person of interest, and I have got numbers

11 here.

12 PAUL McCARL: Hm-hmm.

13 JENNIFER EVANS: Paul McCarl is asking for further personnel

14 to be assigned full time to the

15 investigation.

16 So, you are seeking commitment at that time

17 for resources for --

18 PAUL McCARL: Hm-hmm.

19 JENNIFER EVANS: -- an extended period of time to investigate

20 the numerous tips you have got going on. And you

21 are seeking PUHU -- I call them PUHU, but I guess

22 they're not. Yesterday I learned they're --

23 PAUL McCARL: UHU?

24 JENNIFER EVANS: -- UHU.

25 PAUL McCARL: Unsolved Homicide Unit.

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1 JENNIFER EVANS: Unsolved Homicide.

2 PAUL McCARL: Yeah.

3 JENNIFER EVANS: From what I understand in reading the  
4 documents, you got neither? You didn't get  
5 resources and you didn't get assistance from UHU;  
6 is that correct?

7 PAUL McCARL: Unsolved weren't -- they didn't want to be  
8 involved. But I think that if, if it's the  
9 document that you're referring to, it's -- we  
10 ended up getting resources from North Vancouver  
11 and then Anik Bernard from Agassiz was committed.  
12 Dale Kjehmus -- is that the one?

13 JUDI HOFFMAN: What was the date of the document?

14 JENNIFER EVANS: 27 July '99, binder 4, page 227. There you  
15 go.

16 PAUL McCARL: Yeah, this is --

17 JENNIFER EVANS: Yeah.

18 PAUL McCARL: I recall this document. This is doing weird  
19 stuff.

20 JENNIFER EVANS: Oh, sorry.

21 PAUL McCARL: But it's -- Bob Paulson had -- he was the  
22 sergeant in charge of the Southwest District,  
23 Major Crime Unit.

24 JENNIFER EVANS: Oh, okay.

25 PAUL McCARL: And he asked for an update on the file and  
with recommendations and direction. So, he would  
-- basically he's come onboard and been there for,  
I'm not sure exactly how -- a short period of  
time, --

JENNIFER EVANS: Right.

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1 PAUL McCARL: -- probably couple of months, half a year, and  
2 he wanted to know what everybody was doing and  
what -- where his resources were working.

3 JENNIFER EVANS: Well, that's good.

4 PAUL McCARL: And so I put together that document to him  
5 asking for --

6 JENNIFER EVANS: There's a couple of pages to it, so.

7 PAUL McCARL: -- dedicated resources. Yeah.

8 JUDI HOFFMAN: It's here too.

9 PAUL McCARL: Yeah, it went to North Vancouver, Agassiz  
10 Detachment, Unsolved, "E" Division Major Crime.  
So, that would have been, like, Don Rinn's team.  
11 The "E" Division Serious Crime, which is where I  
was.

12 JENNIFER EVANS: Right. Okay.

13 PAUL McCARL: So, we're looking for a couple of people from  
14 everywhere.

15 JENNIFER EVANS: And did you get them?

16 PAUL McCARL: Some of them.

17 JENNIFER EVANS: Okay.

18 PAUL McCARL: We didn't get Unsolved Homicide --

19 JENNIFER EVANS: Okay.

20 PAUL McCARL: -- because, when Unsolved Homicide started,  
21 they picked their senior NCOs and then they went  
out looking. Like, this is, like, before they  
22 actually spun a wheel. They were getting their  
cars and their computers and that.  
23 And I had been approached to go and work with  
them, and I wasn't too crazy about driving into  
24 Surrey at that time. The commute is a little over  
an hour each way.

25 JENNIFER EVANS: Yes.

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1 JENNIFER EVANS: So, let's see, November 2000 conference, the  
2 profiler conference that everybody went to?

3 PAUL McCARL: Yeah, profiler conference up there, yeah.

4 JENNIFER EVANS: So, why did you write this then? So, this is:  
5 Geramy Field --

6 PAUL McCARL: Geramy, yes.

7 JENNIFER EVANS: -- telling me that a serial killer is  
8 involved with the Vancouver missing sex trade  
9 workers as well, several other missing  
10 persons and homicide victims throughout the  
11 Lower Mainland. I believe that without a  
12 dedicated --

13 PAUL McCARL: Commitment?

14 JENNIFER EVANS: -- viable plan, resources assigned to this  
15 problem, it will not be resolved to any  
16 acceptable level of satisfaction. A task  
17 force of VPD, RCMP, MCU, ViCLAS, et cetera,  
18 should be implemented immediately.

19 Love it.

20 PAUL McCARL: Yeah, but her and I don't have the weight to  
21 make it happen. But the purpose of it is  
22 generally to show my support and document it, so.

23 JENNIFER EVANS: But as I say, but it looks like it's ripped  
24 out of a binder and --

25 PAUL McCARL: It was probably written off the back of a, or  
the last page out of my notebook or something.

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1 JENNIFER EVANS: Yeah.

2 PAUL McCARL: Or some --

3 JENNIFER EVANS: So you went --

4 PAUL McCARL: -- foolscap.

5 JENNIFER EVANS: -- to this conference in 2000 and this is

6 the conference --

7 PAUL McCARL: Yeah.

8 JENNIFER EVANS: And I think in the timeline, Geramy has it in

9 one of her notebooks, that she went to this

10 conference and everyone talked about it, and I

11 guess she got up and spoke about Pickton at that

12 time, or spoke about the missing women issues?

13 PAUL McCARL: She probably talked -- I don't think she

14 talked about Pickton --

15 JENNIFER EVANS: Okay.

16 PAUL McCARL: -- at that time.

17 JENNIFER EVANS: Just about the missing women issues?

18 PAUL McCARL: Yeah.

19 JENNIFER EVANS: Okay.

20 PAUL McCARL: And he wouldn't -- I doubt that he was on the

21 radar then. But she would have talked about the

22 missing women because -- and we had worked off and

23 on down here anyway --

24 JENNIFER EVANS: Okay.

25 PAUL McCARL: -- and crossed paths, so.

26 JENNIFER EVANS: So, you write her this endorsement?

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- 1 JENNIFER EVANS: Oh okay.
- 2 GARY BASS: Uhm, and they would kind of I guess cover the  
3 whole ambit of, you know, major crime  
4 investigations, counterterrorism, organized crime.  
And I also had the opportunity for -- to prosecute  
for a number of years as police prosecutor.
- 5 JENNIFER EVANS: Oh, okay.
- 6 GARY BASS: Uhm, which I think, I found helpful, you know,  
7 in terms of developing investigative, you know,  
background.
- 8 JENNIFER EVANS: Hm-hmm.
- 9 GARY BASS: Uhm, so, it would be 2000 that I moved out of  
10 the Major Crime Section here in BC and into  
11 Criminal Operations job. And that position is, is  
responsible for oversight of all operations in the  
province, so --
- 12 JENNIFER EVANS: Both, uniform and investigations?
- 13 GARY BASS: Right.
- 14 JENNIFER EVANS: Okay.
- 15 GARY BASS: Yes, kind of the 2IC to the commanding  
16 officer.
- 17 JENNIFER EVANS: Okay.
- 18 GARY BASS: Uhm, and so, investigative oversight, in a  
19 sense, continues but of course it's, it's further  
away, --
- 20 JENNIFER EVANS: Different (inaudible).
- 21 GARY BASS: -- further away than being directly involved.
- 22 JENNIFER EVANS: And in 1998, so you were in charge of the "E"  
23 Division, Major Crimes?
- 24 GARY BASS: Right.
- 25 JENNIFER EVANS: And how many personnel are in the entire -- in

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1                   time?

2     GARY BASS:        Yeah, there's a bunch of them. There's,  
3                   there's a Missing Persons Unit. There's the  
4                   Prostitution Unit, uh, the DNA Collection Unit.  
5                   You know, there's just, --

6     JENNIFER EVANS: Okay.

7     GARY BASS:        -- there is a number of them.

8     JENNIFER EVANS: It evolved over time?

9     GARY BASS:        Yes.

10    JENNIFER EVANS: Okay. So, was this -- but do you recall this  
11                   meeting when you went and met with Brian  
12                   McGuinness and Doug Henderson and the Attorney  
13                   General? You don't recall that was about, talking  
14                   about the missing women, like, the Vancouver  
15                   missing women?

16    GARY BASS:        Yeah. Oh, that was one.

17    JENNIFER EVANS: Oh, it was?

18    GARY BASS:        Yeah, yeah.

19    JENNIFER EVANS: Okay.

20    GARY BASS:        Uhm, I don't, I don't really --

21    JENNIFER EVANS: I don't have a date on that either, sorry.

22    GARY BASS:        I don't have any notes on it. Uhm, my  
23                   recollection is that we were told that this  
24                   meeting was going on and --

25    JENNIFER EVANS: Okay.

26    GARY BASS:        -- if we would like to attend, we could.

27    JENNIFER EVANS: Okay.



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1 GARY BASS: It wasn't -- my recollection is that it had  
2 nothing to do with the RCMP being requested to do  
anything.

3 JENNIFER EVANS: Okay.

4 GARY BASS: I mean, I am sure I would have had that in  
5 notes.

6 JENNIFER EVANS: Hm-hmm.

7 GARY BASS: But this, I think, you know, what -- the way  
8 this is being laid out here, it's just kind of  
fortuitous that the section had started up.

9 JENNIFER EVANS: Yes.

10 GARY BASS: Uh, you know, and it wasn't started up for  
11 anything to do with the missing women.

12 JENNIFER EVANS: No, that was the impression I got. But I  
13 think he was just trying to respond to this letter  
14 and then saying, "Hey, just so you are aware,  
15 there is actually an Unsolved Homicide Unit."

16 GARY BASS: Yeah, yeah.

17 JENNIFER EVANS: "I'm going to cc Brian Honeybourn" --

18 GARY BASS: Right.

19 JENNIFER EVANS: -- "so that they're aware of your concerns"?

20 GARY BASS: Yes, yes.

21 JENNIFER EVANS: That was my impression on that.

22 GARY BASS: That's probably, that's probably accurate.

23 JENNIFER EVANS: Okay. Uhm, so, do you recall the very first  
24 time that anyone -- was this the first time, it  
25 was in June that -- Brian McGuinness at that time

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1 obviously didn't say, "Hey, I need some  
2 assistance" or "We're looking to get some  
3 assistance" back in 1997?

4 GARY BASS: No.

5 JENNIFER EVANS: You see, I haven't seen anything that says  
6 that, so.

7 GARY BASS: No. It's, it's, you know, very difficult to  
8 track exactly when the first official request came  
9 from.

9 JENNIFER EVANS: Yeah.

10 GARY BASS: You know, the first knowledge I have of the  
11 issue was from dealing with Fred Biddlecombe, and  
12 at that time, we were working on the abortion  
13 doctor shootings.

13 JENNIFER EVANS: Oh, okay.

14 GARY BASS: And we were working actually with the OPP and,  
15 and the Winnipeg police and others. Uh, Dennis --

16 JENNIFER EVANS: That was in '99, July of 1999 --

17 GARY BASS: Yeah.

18 JENNIFER EVANS: -- I get from your notes, so.

19 GARY BASS: Yeah, Dennis, what was Dennis's name in the  
20 OPP? He used to be in charge of their  
21 surveillance unit and then he was -- he's in Major  
22 Crimes.

22 JENNIFER EVANS: Dennis O'Neill?

23 GARY BASS: No. He would have retired three or four years  
24 ago. Dennis --

25 JENNIFER EVANS: Oh, I can see him.

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1                   seen that --

2   GARY BASS:        Yeah, could I see it or?

3   JENNIFER EVANS:  Yeah.  I have just discovered it because

4                   Vancouver just disclosed this last week to me, so.

5   GARY BASS:        I don't recall it offhand.

6   JENNIFER EVANS:  So, I'm not surprised.  As I say, I think I

7                   just discovered it early this morning.  Uhm,

8                   actually, no.  This would actually come from

9                   project E-Valley disclosure, 7439.  This is from

10                  the Department of Justice, just last week I got

11                  this, last Friday.

12   CHERYL TOBIAS:  Oh, for the record, it's --

13   JENNIFER EVANS:  It's a letter from Kim Rossmo --

14   CHERYL TOBIAS:  Hm-hmm?

15   JENNIFER EVANS:  -- to Gary Bass dated September 4th, 1998.

16   GARY BASS:        Yes.

17   JENNIFER EVANS:  And the document is in 7439, page 47.

18   GARY BASS:        Yes.  There we go.

19   JENNIFER EVANS:  Okay.  So, it looks like he's seeking

20                   participation, either from you or someone you can

21                   send, just, you know, in this working group, and

22                   the working group is not going to be in charge of

23                   doing any investigations.

24   GARY BASS:        Right.

25   JENNIFER EVANS:  It's actually just to look, do an analysis of

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1                   the work -- of the issue. And at that time, you  
2                   sent Paul McCarl, who at that time was working on  
3                   the Agassiz homicides, the three homicides in  
4                   Agassiz.

5    GARY BASS:        Yeah. Yeah, I think what happened here is  
6                   Doug Henderson sent in. So, I wrote a note here  
7                   to Doug on this, right?

8    JENNIFER EVANS:  Yes.

9    GARY BASS:        And said, and asked him to, to discuss it.  
10                   And that, that wouldn't be something I would  
11                   normally do in terms of naming who it would be.

12   JENNIFER EVANS:  Okay.

13   GARY BASS:        I would go to either Doug or to Don Rinn and  
14                   say, "Can you, can you help out for something  
15                   here?" They, they know the workload --

16   JENNIFER EVANS:  Okay.

17   GARY BASS:        -- of the members and the court commitments  
18                   and whatnot, so they would, they would arrange  
19                   that.

20   JENNIFER EVANS:  Well, and that's why I was trying to figure  
21                   out why Kim would direct that to you.

22   GARY BASS:        Well, I think it's just because -- him and  
23                   Doug might have actually talked.

24   JENNIFER EVANS:  Okay.

25   GARY BASS:        And Doug probably said, you know, "Send a memo  
                 to Bass."

                 Send it to Gary. Right, okay.

                 You know, to get it rolling. That's -- it  
                 could have happened like that.

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1 JENNIFER EVANS: Okay. Now, so would Paul McCarl then go to  
2 this meeting and report back to you, or he would  
3 report back to Doug Henderson?

4 GARY BASS: No. No, he would report back to Doug.

5 JENNIFER EVANS: Okay. So, and at this point, are you hearing  
6 any requests from VPD saying, "We would like to  
7 work together on a JFO" or --

8 GARY BASS: No. Well, I mean, I can't pinpoint exactly  
9 when that happened, but there were certainly, uh,  
no, no requests came to me directly --

10 JENNIFER EVANS: Okay.

11 GARY BASS: -- until, you know, '99 or 2000.

12 JENNIFER EVANS: Until Biddlecombe kind of makes the contact  
13 and you -- oh, you are talking about in 2000 when  
14 Doug Henderson --

15 GARY BASS: Yeah.

16 JENNIFER EVANS: -- was dealing with Geramy Field at the time?

17 GARY BASS: Yeah. No, no, none of this amounted to a kind  
18 of request.  
Uhm, I don't know exactly what happened  
19 there, like, internally in the VPD, but uhm, you  
20 know, because Fred and I were seeing each other  
fairly often, people might have assumed that, you  
21 know, he was requesting me, or requesting  
assistance from me.

22 JENNIFER EVANS: Okay. And I haven't spoken -- I haven't  
23 interviewed him yet, --

24 GARY BASS: Yeah.

25 JENNIFER EVANS: -- so, I mean, I wouldn't know what he would

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1 say on that issue, so.

2 GARY BASS: So, you know, uhm, there was, as I say, over a  
3 fairly long period of time, there was, you know,  
Rinn and Henderson were providing some assistance.

4 JENNIFER EVANS: Okay.

5 GARY BASS: And then I think at the time when it really  
6 got to a point where it was seen that there was a  
need to set up a task force, if my recollection is  
7 right, what happened there was they put the team  
together, Henderson put the team together, and  
8 then the VPD weren't ready.

9 JENNIFER EVANS: Yeah.

10 GARY BASS: Didn't have their files ready. So, there was  
11 a fairly lengthy delay, several months, before  
they could actually get things up and going, so.

12 JENNIFER EVANS: Okay. Yeah, I think I'm going to get to that.

13 I've got here on the 10th of February, 1999,  
14 there's a meeting between Coquitlam and the  
15 Unsolved Homicide Team, and Honeybourn attends  
16 from the Unsolved Homicide Team. And I guess at  
17 that time, Coquitlam were talking about Pickton  
18 and he was basically saying, "Okay, yeah, this is  
19 interesting but we're still not in a position to,  
20 to assist with this."

21 GARY BASS: That was Honeybourn --

22 JENNIFER EVANS: Honeybourn.

23 GARY BASS: -- who said that?

24 JENNIFER EVANS: Yeah. Saying, "There's no doubt that this  
25 individual needs to be looked at, but unless you

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1                   is no date on it. And Keith Davidson, when he was  
2                   interviewed, couldn't recall when he would have  
3                   presented this report to you.

4    JAN BRONGERS:  So, again, just to be clear, is the question  
5                   whether --

6    JENNIFER EVANS:  Whether he --

7    JAN BRONGERS:  -- he, in fact, had seen it?

8    JENNIFER EVANS:  -- recalls seeing this. And I know it's  
9                   difficult. I mean, it's been so many years.

10   GARY BASS:       And he had no idea of the date either?

11   JENNIFER EVANS:  No, he couldn't --

12   CHERYL TOBIAS:  Do you have any note of that, Gary, in your  
13                   handwritten notes?

14   GARY BASS:       Well, I have a -- there was --

15   JENNIFER EVANS:  There is a date from March 2000 I think that  
16                   said something about Davidson. So, it may have  
17                   been around that time. That would make sense.

18   GARY BASS:       Yeah, the 1st of March, 2000, uh, I had a  
19                   meeting with Davidson, Filer and Bob Paulson. But  
20                   I mean, you know, as part of these unit head  
21                   meetings that I mentioned earlier, --

21   JENNIFER EVANS:  Hm-hmm.

22   GARY BASS:       -- uhm, you know, Davidson would, you know,  
23                   would often bring up files of concern, you know,  
24                   at the meetings.

24   JENNIFER EVANS:  Right.

25   GARY BASS:       Uhm, he was, he was the guy that actually  
                    established ViCLAS and he's --

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2 JENNIFER EVANS: Yeah.

3 GARY BASS: -- very knowledgeable and very passionate  
4 about it, and, and, uhm, you know, I mean, he  
5 would often, uh, you know, mention to me about  
6 issues of concern, so.

5

6 JENNIFER EVANS: Well, in March of 2000 would make sense if,  
7 if --

7

8 GARY BASS: Yeah.

9 JENNIFER EVANS: -- if, in November of 2000, I think is when,  
10 you know, Don Adam is chosen and -- but I know in,  
11 in this proposal, he's suggesting a task force and  
12 he talked about the 45 unsolved murders of  
13 prostitutes in BC, as well as the 38 unsolved, you  
14 know, and then he talks about the hitchhikers as  
15 well, so. And he's talking McKoosh (phonetics),  
16 you know, the task force commander, ViCLAS  
17 analyst, criminal profiler, which are all people  
18 that work in his area or your area, so. . .

18

19 GARY BASS: Yeah.

20 JENNIFER EVANS: But you don't recall him saying --

21 GARY BASS: I don't. I mean, this would be, normally, a  
22 proposal like this would be followed up with  
23 documentation and --

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23 JENNIFER EVANS: Yeah.

24 GARY BASS: -- a business case and funding arrangements  
25 and, you know.

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1 JENNIFER EVANS: And I've seen no evidence of that either, so.

2 GARY BASS: No. I mean, you know, uhm, you know, I think  
3 I was, I was saying to the DoJ folks last week, I  
4 don't recall ever turning down a project unless  
5 there were concerns about, uh, you know, the  
6 viability of, of key witnesses or, or, you know,  
7 informant evidence or danger to undercover  
8 operators, that kind of thing.

9 JENNIFER EVANS: Hm-hmm.

10 GARY BASS: The way these things would normally come, the  
11 business case would come forward, and usually it  
12 would be, uh, a process of, first off, seeing if  
13 the individual units could fund it themselves.

14 JENNIFER EVANS: Right.

15 GARY BASS: And if not, I would make the case to the, to  
16 the contract policing officer. And we were rarely  
17 turned down for funding, rarely.

18 JENNIFER EVANS: Okay.

19 GARY BASS: And never, like, never in a situation where I  
20 felt so strongly about it that, you know, you  
21 would want to take it further.

22 JENNIFER EVANS: Okay.

23 GARY BASS: So, and there's a, there's a, there was a  
24 fairly tight tracking process on these. They  
25 would be signed off on the bottom, they would be  
signed off by him. They would be signed off by  
the unit commander. There would be a budget with  
it.

JENNIFER EVANS: Right.

GARY BASS: You know. So, like, I don't know what this  
is, really.

JENNIFER EVANS: Okay.

GARY BASS: It's --

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1 JENNIFER EVANS: Well, and I'll talk about that later on, I  
2 think when I get down to the Coquitlam and Earl  
3 Moulton, because I think I asked him of that  
4 saying -- because, I mean, there's different views  
5 I'm getting from the interviews whether, you know,  
6 I think the, you know, the lower investigators,  
7 which I think is natural, --

8 GARY BASS: Yeah.

9 JENNIFER EVANS: -- because there aren't really, they're not  
10 looking at the big picture of --

11 GARY BASS: Right.

12 JENNIFER EVANS: -- the priorities. They're only looking at  
13 their case, right?

14 GARY BASS: Right.

15 JENNIFER EVANS: So, they're saying, "Well, you know, we  
16 weren't getting it because it wasn't a priority."  
17 Well, I mean, that's the reason the senior  
18 managers are paid --

19 GARY BASS: That's right.

20 JENNIFER EVANS: -- the big bucks is because they have to make  
21 the decisions looking --

22 GARY BASS: Yes.

23 JENNIFER EVANS: -- at the big picture. But I think I said to  
24 Earl Moulton, "Did you ever put a business case  
25 forward to say, 'We need to work on this,'" and I

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1 don't believe that ever occurred, so.

2 GARY BASS: Right. Yeah, no, as I say, we had, we had --  
3 I always had, when I was in Major Crimes, I always  
4 had really good support from senior management and  
5 we had excellent support from the province.

6 JENNIFER EVANS: Okay.

7 GARY BASS: Uhm --

8 JENNIFER EVANS: And your relationship with VPD, who would you  
9 have mainly liaised with at that time? Was it  
10 Fred Biddlecombe, because he was Major Crime as  
11 well and --

12 GARY BASS: Well, actually, that was where I kind of met  
13 Fred. I probably knew him before that, but we, we  
14 didn't work a lot together before that. Uhm, I, I  
15 don't know if he had been in there very long.

16 JENNIFER EVANS: Okay.

17 GARY BASS: You know, I think he come in from Internal  
18 actually. And so then we worked through, for a  
19 year or so, through the abortion shootings.

20 JENNIFER EVANS: Okay.

21 GARY BASS: And then we never had a lot -- like, he  
22 retired fairly early --

23 JENNIFER EVANS: Yes, he did.

24 GARY BASS: -- on this, too, so.

25 JENNIFER EVANS: And I think he was unwell --

26 GARY BASS: That's right.

27 JENNIFER EVANS: -- through a bit of it, so.

28 GARY BASS: Yeah, he took all this pretty hard.

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1 GARY BASS: Yeah. I think it's, it's huge. Well, not,  
2 not just the course, the accreditation process.

3 JENNIFER EVANS: The accreditation.

4 GARY BASS: Yes. Uhm, because, you know, we've got just  
5 exceptional people, like, from all police agencies  
6 now --

6 JENNIFER EVANS: Hm-hmm.

7 GARY BASS: -- who, you know. The kind, the kind of  
8 issues that you talk about when, you know, there  
9 is shortfalls in organizations are usually people  
10 issues, not usually systems issues, right? So, I  
11 mean, it comes back, I think, to the, getting the  
12 right person in the chair on these cases.

11 JENNIFER EVANS: Because we talked earlier about how, in  
12 February, I think it was '99, you know, they went  
13 and spoke to Brian Honeybourn and he said, "Okay,  
14 that's really good that you got Pickton, but  
15 unless you can tie him to a body or other multiple  
16 bodies of a homicide, that we're not going to get  
17 involved." And he's a VPD guy.

18 GARY BASS: Right, yes.

19 JENNIFER EVANS: And the missing women had been gone over -- I  
20 mean, in Kim Rossmo's stats, it showed it was over  
21 a considerable period of time. So, you could say  
22 they were historical. And I think that's why  
23 officers from Coquitlam and Vancouver kept saying,  
24 "We should get the Unsolved Homicide Unit to take  
25 this over, because we know they have been killed,

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1                   or we suspect" --

2    GARY BASS:        Right.

3    JENNIFER EVANS:  -- and they're over a period of time, so

4                   they're unsolved.

5    GARY BASS:        Yes.

6    JENNIFER EVANS:  But you still had members from the Unsolved

7                   Homicide Team saying, "We don't have a body."

8    GARY BASS:        Yes.

9    JENNIFER EVANS:  Like, I mean, that theme came up a lot, no

10                   body, no evidence --

11   GARY BASS:        Yes.

12   JENNIFER EVANS:  -- so, no proof there is a crime.

13   GARY BASS:        Yes.

14   JENNIFER EVANS:  Did you hear that as well?

15   GARY BASS:        Well, I've heard that, but I mean, certainly

16                   nothing that we ever talked about. That's --

17   JENNIFER EVANS:  Okay.

18   GARY BASS:        You know, that's -- as a matter of fact, some

19                   of the first cases that the Unsolved Homicide Unit

                  solved were without bodies.

20   JENNIFER EVANS:  Oh, okay.

21   GARY BASS:        Right? Several of their early cases, they had

22                   undercover operations, operators being taken to

                  grave sites, you know.

23   JENNIFER EVANS:  Hmm.

24   GARY BASS:        So, that's never been a way that we, that

                  we've thought.

25                   But, but, you know, I think, you know, if you

                  go back to the question of, like, when do you

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1                   involve the Unsolved Homicide Unit, it's really  
2                   not a question of when you involve them, I think  
3                   if you have got accredited team commanders.  
4                   It's --

5                   JENNIFER EVANS: Right now it's not an issue?

6                   GARY BASS:           It's not, because you can get --

7                   JENNIFER EVANS: Okay.

8                   GARY BASS:           -- the right guy, or gal, in charge of the  
9                   investigation and you, you have got -- you know,  
10                  everyone is human, but you've got your best chance  
11                  of it going right, if you start from there.  
12                  So, you know, if you can go and get that  
13                  person from wherever, it doesn't really matter  
14                  that they're from the Unsolved Homicide Unit.

15                  JENNIFER EVANS: Hm-hmm.

16                  GARY BASS:           The other thing, the way the Unsolved Homicide  
17                  Unit worked, as Doug probably told you, very much  
18                  project based, very heavy on wiretap and  
19                  undercover operations. So, once you started a  
20                  file, like, you're committed --

21                  JENNIFER EVANS: Yeah.

22                  GARY BASS:           -- for major resources, major dollars. A lot  
23                  of the files, the homicide undercover technique  
24                  that was being developed through that time, they  
25                  would routinely run 15 or 20 to 40 scenarios where  
26                  you would have meets between the targets and the  
27                  operators spread out over usually a year to two  
28                  years, before you would get the confession.

29                  JENNIFER EVANS: Right.

30                  GARY BASS:           So, you know, with 24 people, they have each  
31                  got one of them.

32                  JENNIFER EVANS: Yes, it's a lot of work.

33                  GARY BASS:           So, you know, uhm, you really I think have to  
34                  put your faith in your people that they're, that  
35                  they're making the right decisions, you know, risk  
36                  managing it. And as I say, I go back to the point

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1 JENNIFER EVANS: I think people were doing it for their  
2 homicides --

3 GARY BASS: Right.

4 JENNIFER EVANS: -- and they were submitting it for the sex  
5 assaults.

6 GARY BASS: Yes.

7 JENNIFER EVANS: But it wasn't until, all of a sudden, they  
8 realized, "Okay, we're getting more missing women  
9 than we should. Maybe we should start submitting  
10 it to ViCLAS and reach out to ViCLAS" --

11 GARY BASS: Yes.

12 JENNIFER EVANS: -- "and see if they can help us."

13 GARY BASS: Yes. Yeah, I mean, I think, you know, it's  
14 probably the place for it, --

15 JENNIFER EVANS: Hm-hmm.

16 GARY BASS: -- that you have got the expertise, you've got  
17 the structure around it. Uhm, and so, yeah, the  
18 province could -- I know the province supports  
19 ViCLAS. But in terms of whether or not there's  
20 actually a directive out provincially, I don't  
21 know.

22 JENNIFER EVANS: Okay. I'll check that with the ViCLAS people.

23 GARY BASS: ViCLAS will know.

24 JENNIFER EVANS: So, I'm just showing you Inspector Schouten's  
25 report. So, I think, just to confirm, I think you  
already answered this, this is not something you  
would have had access to? You didn't see this in

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1                   2004?

2   GARY BASS:        No. That's just the cover. Okay, okay.

3   JENNIFER EVANS:  Yeah, that's the cover. It's a 54-page

4                   document. It comes out with a bunch of

5                   recommendations. I think, I think Doug LePard

6                   said there was 50 recommendations.

7   CHERYL TOBIAS:  Does it have a date? October 2004?

8   JENNIFER EVANS:  Yes, so. Uhm --

9   GARY BASS:        Yeah, I mean, the -- I don't know. This

10                   surprises me somewhat. You know, like, maybe it

11                   wasn't adopted. I don't know. But I mean, it's

                  the kind of thing, obviously, that should have

                  come up at BC chiefs.

12   JENNIFER EVANS:  Well, and that was the other thing I talked

13                   about. Somebody had said they go to the BC chiefs

14                   meetings, and even back then, the missing women

15                   investigation didn't seem to be a big priority.

16                   It was discussed, but it was never discussed as

17                   the way of, "Hey, we need your help here because

18                   we're not working together."

19   GARY BASS:        Yeah.

20   JENNIFER EVANS:  That never came up?

21   GARY BASS:        No, no. I mean, you know, there were never

22                   alarm bells raised, you know, that, that a

23                   reasonable person should have said, you know,

24                   someone is missing something or, uhm -- and, you

25                   know, maybe, I mean, maybe that's part of the

                  triggering mechanism that you are getting at is,

                  is, uhm -- well, I mean, you know, lots changed

                  with the policy, so.



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1 JENNIFER EVANS: Yeah.

2 GARY BASS: You know.

3 JENNIFER EVANS: Well, and I think part of the struggle was  
4 that there was no bodies. If he had 24 bodies, I  
5 think it may have been quicker to say, "Let's put  
6 a task force together and work on this together  
7 because we all know they're going missing from  
8 Vancouver." But I think the issue, from what I am  
9 gathering, is the fact that there was no bodies,  
10 and that was unusual for policing, because most  
11 homicide cases, or most serious crime cases start  
12 with a crime scene or a body.

13 GARY BASS: Yeah. You know, uhm, like I said, that's  
14 certainly not the way we were operating.

15 JENNIFER EVANS: Okay.

16 GARY BASS: Uhm, and, you know, I, you know, like, Doug  
17 Henderson, or some of those people, could get you  
18 the numbers, but huge numbers, not only his unit,  
19 but the Serious Crime Unit cases that were being  
20 solved with no bodies.

21 JENNIFER EVANS: Okay.

22 GARY BASS: So, uhm, I'm not suggesting that wasn't said  
23 by someone. I didn't know that it was Honeybourn  
24 that was speaking on that until today.

25 JENNIFER EVANS: Yeah. And Honeybourn said it in February but  
I think, from what Connor says, I think later on,  
he felt it was Rinn and Henderson who kind of had  
put a stop to it. But that's not the impression I

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1                   get from Doug Henderson.

2   GARY BASS:        No.

3   JENNIFER EVANS:  Doug Henderson said, "I phoned Daryll Pollock

4                   and Daryll Pollock said, 'No, we're good to work

5                   on this on our own. You can have Henley and

6                   Ballantyne back,'" so.

7   GARY BASS:        Yeah. I mean, part of that might have just,

8                   you know, might have been -- well, I don't know

9                   what it was. I wasn't aware of that discussion,

10                  but, uhm, you know, the comment about nothing to

11                  work on, with no body, I mean, it could have been

                  made in the context that, you know, if you have

                  two cases, one with no body and no investigative

                  leads, and another with investigative leads, which

                  one are you going to work on?

12   JENNIFER EVANS:  Yeah.

13   GARY BASS:        You know.

14   JENNIFER EVANS:  That's right. And Doug Henderson I think

15                   talked about that, --

16   GARY BASS:        Yeah.

17   JENNIFER EVANS:  -- saying, "I have got a body here and I've

18                   got the old suspicions of a missing person

19                   here," --

20   GARY BASS:        Yeah.

21   JENNIFER EVANS:  -- "I'm going to go with the body one first,"

22                   so.

23                   At one point, if I can find my question here,

24                   Brian Oger was a young student who was --

25   GARY BASS:        Brian?

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1 JENNIFER EVANS: Brian Oger or Ojer (phonetics) -- O-g-e-r --  
2 he wrote a report. You know, he was, like, he was  
3 on Project Evenhanded, but he had been hired as a  
4 summer student by Vancouver PD and then he went  
5 over to Evenhanded to work, and at one point he  
6 wrote a report about the fact that there's a  
7 serial killer here and no one is really doing much  
8 about it. I wasn't sure if you ever saw that.

9 GARY BASS: I don't think so. I don't recognize that  
10 name. We had, we had two or 300 students hired at  
11 various times. I think we had 200 up at the farm  
12 alone.

12 JENNIFER EVANS: Yeah. No, and this was post -- this is pre-  
13 Pickton being identified and arrested.

14 GARY BASS: Yeah. It would be of course, yes.

15 JENNIFER EVANS: Let me see if I can find it here.

16 GARY BASS: It's not ringing a bell, but I wonder if he  
17 was working with Rossmo.

18 JENNIFER EVANS: No, he was on Evenhanded. Uhm --

19 GARY BASS: Well, that doesn't make sense. If he was on  
20 Evenhanded, I mean, that's the whole reason  
21 Evenhanded was set up, was because we were looking  
22 for a serial killer.

22 JENNIFER EVANS: He writes a serial killer theory paper --

23 GARY BASS: Yeah.

24 JENNIFER EVANS: -- on 23rd of August, 2001. So, Evenhanded is  
25 in mid-swing. They're going.

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1 GARY BASS: Yeah.

2 JENNIFER EVANS: And he writes this paper.

3 GARY BASS: Well, we knew we had a serial killer in the  
4 Valley, right?

5 JENNIFER EVANS: Yeah. But he's working for Evenhanded at the  
6 time and he writes this paper, and I'll just find  
7 it here.

8 GARY BASS: God, something is ringing a bell about someone  
9 Don Adam had to get rid of.

10 JENNIFER EVANS: I think this is it. This is the guy. The  
11 Serial Killer Theory: A Report on the Downtown  
12 Eastside. So, he writes this paper. And when I  
13 interviewed him, he says that when he was  
14 photocopying it, because, you know, he was trying  
15 to give it to Don Adam, --

16 GARY BASS: Yeah?

17 JENNIFER EVANS: -- some senior commander of the RCMP, and he  
18 wasn't sure if it was you or not, came and said,  
19 "Hey, what are you working on there? Well, I'll  
20 grab a copy of that." And it was one of those,  
21 "Oh, oh, the boss is getting it before my direct  
22 boss is getting it." And because he was a summer  
23 student, he didn't realize the implications of  
24 that.

25 So, as soon as he started telling me that

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1 story, I started feeling very sorry for him  
2 because he was a young summer student and he says,  
3 "You know, what put me in such a position that  
4 this, you know, the commanding officer comes in  
5 and says, 'Hey, what are you working on? That  
6 looks interesting. I would like to read that.'"   
7 And then the commanding officer phones over to VPD  
8 saying, "Hey, like, is this your summer student?  
9 He's writing this paper. What's going on?" And  
10 apparently everything kind of breaks free from  
11 then.

12 CHERYL TOBIAS: So, is this document from?

13 JENNIFER EVANS: This is a document, and I'll have to find it.  
14 I've got it in binder 9, page 433, and I will be  
15 able to find the first --

16 CHERYL TOBIAS: Is it from our disclosure or VPD's?

17 JENNIFER EVANS: I believe it's Evenhanded. It's --

18 CHERYL TOBIAS: Okay.

19 GARY BASS: Yeah, it will follow up on an earlier report  
20 made by Kim Rossmo.

21 JENNIFER EVANS: He, he had read Kim Rossmo's statistical  
22 analysis and he was doing this on his own time.  
23 And so he writes this well-written report saying  
24 there is not enough being done to solve these  
25 missing women cases, not enough resources. And I

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1 think, unfortunately, the ball kind of got away  
2 from him because he is, from what I believe, his  
3 idea was he was going to present it to Don Adam or  
4 Wayne Clary.

5 GARY BASS: Hm-hmm.

6 JENNIFER EVANS: But he comes back from the photocopier going,  
7 "Oh, oh, the commanding officer just got this"  
8 and --

9 GARY BASS: It wasn't me.

10 JENNIFER EVANS: -- he's phoning over to VPD. And the next you  
11 know, he's getting called in by VPD saying,  
12 "You're working over there and you're writing this  
13 paper and you're working on this and you're not  
14 telling anybody?" So, you don't recall reading  
15 any of that?

16 GARY BASS: No.

17 JENNIFER EVANS: Okay.

18 GARY BASS: I haven't seen this. But I know there was  
19 someone, it seems to me it was a student that Don  
was having some trouble with.

20 JENNIFER EVANS: Well, later on, there was a leak to the fifth  
21 estate on Don Adam's operational report. So, this  
22 kid was one of the suspects for the leak.

23 GARY BASS: Oh, yeah.

24 JENNIFER EVANS: And he comes in and says, "I didn't do it, I  
25 didn't do it. I will take a polygraph." And VPD,

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1 GERAMY FIELD: Well, they --

2 JENNIFER EVANS: -- to look forward?

3 GERAMY FIELD: They were right in our office, so they knew  
4 that Pickton was -- like, a formal thing? No.

5 JENNIFER EVANS: Okay.

6 GERAMY FIELD: But in terms of discussions and -- you would  
7 have to ask them when Pickton became a topic, but  
8 they would, they would be fully aware of  
9 everything that -- not everything, but most of  
10 what had gone on regarding Pickton.

11 JENNIFER EVANS: Okay.

12 GERAMY FIELD: Because they are 10 feet away from where we  
13 work.

14 JENNIFER EVANS: Okay. And do you recall ever having  
15 conversations with Don Adam about Pickton once  
16 everything starts going forward --

17 GERAMY FIELD: No.

18 JENNIFER EVANS: -- in Evenhanded?

19 So, then we're backdating here. I've got  
20 December 13, you had a conversation with Daryll  
21 Pollock. Did he give you an explanation as to why  
22 Pickton's DNA hadn't been sent sooner?

23 GERAMY FIELD: Uh-uh. Not that I recall, no.

24 JENNIFER EVANS: Okay. So, then I've got January 17th, 2001,  
25 you attended a meeting. Kingsbury was there from  
RCMP; Davidson is there, RCMP; Don Adam; Mike  
Kervers (phonetics) I assume is RCMP?

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1                   one, from what I understand, so, I'm going to look  
2                   at all the information and assess him as to the  
3                   priority"?

4   GERAMY FIELD:    I wouldn't have interfered with it at that  
5                   point. Uhm, you know, they were taking over. Don  
6                   was running it. So, whatever, however he told  
7                   them to look at suspects or prioritize, I would  
8                   have left that all up to him. I wouldn't have  
9                   made any of those decisions.

10   JENNIFER EVANS: Okay. And at what point do you go back to VPD  
11                   as opposed to you are not in Evenhanded?

12   GERAMY FIELD:    Uhm --

13   JENNIFER EVANS: Or were you still in Evenhanded in February  
14                   '02 when it all broke open?

15   GERAMY FIELD:    Well, hmm.

16   DAVID CROSSIN:  Is your question, when was all of the  
17                   information, including all of the information on  
18                   Pickton, made available to Evenhanded?

19   JENNIFER EVANS: Yes. Is she aware of when it would have been  
20                   made available to them?

21   GERAMY FIELD:    No, I can't -- I mean, I would -- I guess it's  
22                   an assumption that because Little and McKnight are  
23                   aware that we had looked at Pickton, Don Adam  
24                   would be aware that we looked at Pickton,  
25                   Henderson would have been aware that we looked at  
26                   Pickton, and all those things, that if you are  
27                   going to have a priority list, who is the guy you  
28                   looked at the most is Pickton, I am not going to  
29                   go and say, "Have you guys looked at Pickton," or  
30                   "What are you doing about Pickton?" I wouldn't be  
31                   doing that to them or asking those questions.

32   JENNIFER EVANS: But to play the devil's advocate on that, --



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1 GERAMY FIELD: Yes.

2 JENNIFER EVANS: -- someone would say that you had a piece of  
3 the pie, and then Don had a piece of the pie, and  
4 Henderson had a little bit more. Everyone knew a  
5 little piece --

6 GERAMY FIELD: Yes.

7 JENNIFER EVANS: -- as opposed to one person saying they're  
8 aware of all the source information that came  
9 forward, all the interviews and, other than Mike  
10 Connor had it all over in the Coquitlam file.

11 GERAMY FIELD: Hm-hmm.

12 JENNIFER EVANS: That's what I was trying to figure out.

13 GERAMY FIELD: Hm-hmm.

14 JENNIFER EVANS: Did, at any point, someone say, "Let's get  
15 that package over from Coquitlam" --

16 GERAMY FIELD: I don't know.

17 JENNIFER EVANS: -- "and bring it over to Evenhanded and hand  
18 it to Little and McKnight, because they're in  
19 charge of suspects"?

20 GERAMY FIELD: I don't know.

21 JENNIFER EVANS: And say, "start with this guy"?

22 GERAMY FIELD: I didn't.

23 JENNIFER EVANS: Okay. On March 14th, 2001, you wrote a JFO,  
24 missing persons duties and --

25 GERAMY FIELD: Hm-hmm.

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1 JENNIFER EVANS: Okay. So, Al Boyd doesn't want you leaving  
2 with this file is basically what he's saying?  
3 GERAMY FIELD: Yes. But that's why, and I (inaudible) --  
4 JENNIFER EVANS: And understandably, before an MOU is done,  
5 he's saying --  
6 GERAMY FIELD: Yeah, let's get that in place.  
7 JENNIFER EVANS: -- nobody is going --  
8 GERAMY FIELD: Yeah.  
9 JENNIFER EVANS: Let's get it all locked up first.  
10 GERAMY FIELD: He's a very organized individual.  
11 JENNIFER EVANS: Okay. Uhm, on March 20th, you receive a memo  
12 from Don Adam outlining his operational mandate.  
13 GERAMY FIELD: Hm-hmm.  
14 JENNIFER EVANS: Let me make sure you have it.  
15 GERAMY FIELD: Yes.  
16 JENNIFER EVANS: Let's see if I can pull it up. So, my  
17 question is, did you agree with the plan, as laid  
18 out?  
19 GERAMY FIELD: Hm-hmm. But, I mean -- yes. I mean, what  
20 else can I say? This is his plan. He's going  
21 ahead with it and he's asked me to look at it and  
22 it looks very good but --  
23 JENNIFER EVANS: But if someone asks you to look at their  
24 plan, --  
25 GERAMY FIELD: Yeah.  
26 JENNIFER EVANS: -- I would like to think that they're going to

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1                   be open to criticism --

2   GERAMY FIELD:     Yes.

3   JENNIFER EVANS:  -- or even constructive criticism to say,

4                   "Hey, I don't like this, I don't like this idea"?

5   GERAMY FIELD:     No, it looked good.  Yes.  But, I mean, I also

6                   have to look at this, this is going to an RCMP-run

7                   thing and they -- he's got way more resources,

8                   knows how these things all work, and if he says,

9                   "this is how I am planning to do things," and I

10                   look at it and I say, "it's good," then that's the

11                   way it goes.

12                   If I -- I don't imagine if I said, "Well, we

13                   should change the priority of things," I don't

14                   think that he would have done that anyway.

15   JENNIFER EVANS:  But you didn't though?

16   GERAMY FIELD:     I didn't.

17   JENNIFER EVANS:  To be fair to him, --

18   GERAMY FIELD:     That's right.

19   JENNIFER EVANS:  -- you didn't say, "Hey, I think we should

20                   start looking at Pickton" --

21   GERAMY FIELD:     No.

22   JENNIFER EVANS:  -- "right away first"?

23   GERAMY FIELD:     No, that's right.

24   JENNIFER EVANS:  Okay.

25   GERAMY FIELD:     No.

26   JENNIFER EVANS:  And did anyone in VPD management see this

27                   operational plan?

28   GERAMY FIELD:     They would have, yes.  They would have to sign

29                   off on it.

30

INTERVIEW OF FRANK HENLEY

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1                   Unsolved Homicide Unit to the Coquitlam  
2                   investigation into Pickton? So, I'll say it  
3                   again.

4   FRANK HENLEY:    Yeah, slowly.

5   JENNIFER EVANS:  Do you believe your opinion --

6   FRANK HENLEY:    Hm-hmm.

7   JENNIFER EVANS:  -- on Caldwell and Ellingsen, and the  
8                   information they were providing, had a direct  
9                   impact as to what resources would be dedicated to  
10                  the Coquitlam investigation from the Unsolved  
11                  Homicide Unit?

12   FRANK HENLEY:    I don't know. I don't even know if they had  
13                   an investigation after, after this. I don't. I  
                    don't know if they continued on with it or --

14   JENNIFER EVANS:  Well, there's --

15   FRANK HENLEY:    -- or it went away.

16   JENNIFER EVANS:  -- almost like an underlying current that you  
17                   had this power --

18   FRANK HENLEY:    Me?

19   JENNIFER EVANS:  -- you had this power, that everything, like,  
20                   you took the wind out of the sails, --

21   FRANK HENLEY:    Oh, boy.

22   JENNIFER EVANS:  -- and the investigation derailed after this  
23                   whole interview. So, did you have that opinion  
24                   when you left that investigation?

25   FRANK HENLEY:    No. Jesus, they should have promoted me, if I  
                    was that important.

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1 Well, all I can say is that I tried to get  
2 her on the polygraph and she refused. I agree  
3 with what Jim Hunter -- and Jim Hunter said  
4 himself, in light of her denial in, in the  
5 statement that, that Bruce and I took, I mean,  
6 everything was there. Why didn't they -- if  
7 that's -- I don't understand why they didn't  
8 pursue it. If they felt that strongly, if they  
9 were that smart and they felt that strongly, then  
10 it's a very simple thing just to go forward. It's  
11 their file. Go get the bad guy. You know what I  
12 mean?

13  
14 JENNIFER EVANS: Yeah.

15 FRANK HENLEY: That's what I said from the outset of this.  
16 This finger-pointing business, that doesn't, that  
17 doesn't help at all, you know. It doesn't help at  
18 all.

19 JENNIFER EVANS: So, is there any truth to the comment that  
20 Unsolved Homicide Unit wouldn't take the case  
21 because there's no body, there's no evidence,  
22 there is no evidence of crime?

23 FRANK HENLEY: Bullshit. Absolute bullshit.

24 JENNIFER EVANS: Okay.

25 FRANK HENLEY: No. Having said that, it still isn't my job  
26 to take that case. It still ultimately goes to  
27 the boss of the Homicide unit. I'm not the boss,  
28 right?

29 JENNIFER EVANS: Right.

30 FRANK HENLEY: I'm Joe Schmuck. I'm just -- I'm, I'm the  
31 investigator. So, that's, like, that, that --  
32 aach, uuuhah (phonetics).

33 JENNIFER EVANS: Okay.

34 FRANK HENLEY: Yeah.

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1 JENNIFER EVANS: During or after that same timeframe, and I  
2 know that's going to be hard, were you assisting  
3 Coquitlam with another big investigation?

4 FRANK HENLEY: Yeah, it seems to me Connor had something  
5 going after that on a, yeah, on a crack house or  
6 something. He wanted, I think he wanted us to  
7 write the Part VI or something. I have very  
8 little -- actually, Jennifer, I have very little  
9 recollection of that.

10 JENNIFER EVANS: Okay.

11 FRANK HENLEY: But, but I, but I remember something going on  
12 but it fizzled out.

13 JENNIFER EVANS: Okay.

14 FRANK HENLEY: It fizzled out, as far as I recall anyway.

15 JENNIFER EVANS: So, you don't recall having conversations with  
16 them? And I'm not suggesting you did, I am just  
17 asking.

18 FRANK HENLEY: No. But, like, I know I went to Coquitlam for  
19 something. I remember, you know, Mike telling me  
20 a story about a house and he thought it was a  
21 crack house and something, and it might have even  
22 been a homicide, an old homicide there. And he  
23 was looking for, for enough information to put, I  
24 believe to put a Part VI together or something.  
25 And I don't, I don't know where it went from  
there, you know.

JENNIFER EVANS: Let me see. There is another statement. You  
gave a statement with regards to the Williams  
report. And I think that's where I found that  
information here.

FRANK HENLEY: Who is Williams?

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1                   is to do a review --

2   WAYNE CLARY:     Hm-hmm.

3   JENNIFER EVANS:  -- of the missing women files.  The file

4                   coordinator doesn't review any of the missing

5                   women files?

6   WAYNE CLARY:     Yeah.  Actually, my understanding is that Jim

7                   McKnight and/or Phil Little were doing that, and

8                   perhaps not so much reviewing, but getting them in

9                   order.  I mean, of course, as I came to know that

10                  they were on the SIUSS database and there was

                  problems with it, uhm, what I was waiting for, and

                  what we were waiting for is to get everything

                  organized so we could do a proper look at it, to

                  see what was there, what wasn't there.  Uhm --

11   JENNIFER EVANS:  Okay.  But didn't Jim and -- so, Jim and Phil

12                  had gone there in February.  So, they were there

13                  when you got there?

14   WAYNE CLARY:     Yeah.

15   JENNIFER EVANS:  I was led, just from the document review, I

16                  was getting the impression that they were in

17                  charge of suspect review.

18   WAYNE CLARY:     I think they looked at and organized some of

19                  the missings as well.

20   JENNIFER EVANS:  Okay.

21   WAYNE CLARY:     Uhm, and, and, you know, it's my understanding

22                  that there was, you know, documents missing and it

23                  was a bit of work to put it together.  Like I say,

24                  I didn't look at it.  And I know our, our focus on

                  that time was doing our sort of file reviews and,

                  uhm, you know, doing our DNA thing and looking at

                  persons of interest.

25   JENNIFER EVANS:  Yeah.

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1 WAYNE CLARY: Yeah, yeah.

2 JENNIFER EVANS: But how is it that Pickton wasn't in the RCMP  
3 files? That's what I'm getting at.

4 WAYNE CLARY: It, it could have been that, because I was  
5 waiting for those things to be organized on the  
6 Amelia files, we would identify provincial RCMP  
7 file, right? And once again, our initial focus  
8 was looking for DNA.

9 JENNIFER EVANS: Okay.

10 WAYNE CLARY: So, so that's why we took that file, and if  
11 his name comes up as a POI in that provincial  
12 file, and he's already in, --

13 JENNIFER EVANS: Okay.

14 WAYNE CLARY: -- so be it, right?

15 JENNIFER EVANS: So, if his DNA is excluded, is then he changed  
16 as a priority suspect?

17 WAYNE CLARY: I wouldn't -- maybe yes, maybe no. I mean --

18 JENNIFER EVANS: Well, how was it? I don't know.

19 WAYNE CLARY: I -- we don't know. I don't know if we ever  
20 got to that stage. It's very, very difficult to  
21 exclude anybody just on DNA when you have missing  
22 people and we have no bodies. You really can't do  
23 that. So, I mean, our goal here was to identify  
24 sort of an avenue to drive down, you know.

25 JENNIFER EVANS: Okay. But from what I understand, the plan  
26 was to seek out DNA because the belief, after that  
27 November homicide seminar and the information from  
28 Keith Davidson, and everyone kind of had the  
29 strong belief that it was either one or more  
30 serial killers out there, --



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1     WAYNE CLARY:     Right.

2     JENNIFER EVANS:  -- and that if we got DNA, that -- I thought

3                   the sole purpose of Evenhanded started out with

4                   getting DNA was, if we get DNA, we're going to

5                   compare it to the Agassiz homicides, and that's

6                   going to be our first starting; am I right on

7                   that?

8     WAYNE CLARY:     I'm going to say that was the thought, --

9     JENNIFER EVANS:  Okay.

10    WAYNE CLARY:     -- and a good thought --

11    JENNIFER EVANS:  But that didn't occur?

12    WAYNE CLARY:     Oh, yes.

13    JENNIFER EVANS:  Oh, yes.

14    WAYNE CLARY:     But also, uhm, if it doesn't compare or

15                   doesn't -- if the Valley killings, it doesn't mean

16                   it's, it's -- whoever DNA that belongs to didn't

                 kill some of the other girls.

17    JENNIFER EVANS:  Well, and that's, that was -- that's my

18                   question.

19    WAYNE CLARY:     So, the idea was, is to get these, these

20                   exhibits in the lab and identify a male DNA that

                 we could put a name to.

21    JENNIFER EVANS:  Yeah.

22    WAYNE CLARY:     And then, then you can really do a better

23                   assessment than when there is no hit, so. You

                 know what I mean?

24    JENNIFER EVANS:  Yeah. But what I'm saying is, Bob, Willie

25                   Pickton's DNA gets excluded April of 2001. Paul

INTERVIEW OF MARGARET KINGSBURY

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1 JENNIFER EVANS: Yeah.

2 MARG KINGSBURY: -- guy.

3 JENNIFER EVANS: He was the data-entry clerk.

4 MARG KINGSBURY: Yeah. And I know he came with us to, I think  
he came with us to Spokane.

5 JENNIFER EVANS: Oh, okay.

6 MARG KINGSBURY: Yeah. You know, I of course talked to him,  
but I don't remember that.

7

8 JENNIFER EVANS: You don't remember any of that?

9 MARG KINGSBURY: No.

10 JENNIFER EVANS: Okay.

11 JAN BRONGERS: Did he provide a name of who that alleged RCMP  
12 senior officer was?

13 JENNIFER EVANS: No, he didn't. He couldn't recall. And I  
14 spoke to -- and I have asked people about it.

15 JAN BRONGERS: Was he certain it was RCMP and not VPD?

16 JENNIFER EVANS: Yes.

17 In a meeting with the family members, I think  
18 you attended a meeting on the 14th of October,  
19 2001, Don Adam was addressing it, and then he  
20 talks about one of the issues facing, or the  
21 struggles facing the Evenhanded team, was the fact  
22 that if there is no bodies, there is no evidence,  
23 and he talks about the difficulties of the  
24 investigation. Do you recall, were you at that  
25 meeting?

INTERVIEW OF MARGARET KINGSBURY

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- 1 MARG KINGSBURY: Oh, yes.
- 2 JENNIFER EVANS: And how did the family take that news, that no  
3 bodies, no evidence, that news? I mean, they're  
4 realizing, "Hey, I have got my missing loved one  
5 and they're still not back yet." Do you recall?
- 6 MARG KINGSBURY: You know, all I recall at that meeting is that  
7 the families were quite angry at the beginning.  
Uhm --
- 8 JENNIFER EVANS: What were they angry about?
- 9 MARG KINGSBURY: Uh, a lot of it was to do with, uhm, you know,  
10 trying to report their person missing. I know a  
lot of focus was on that.
- 11 JENNIFER EVANS: Hm-hmm. And the difficulty they had in trying  
12 to report somebody missing?
- 13 MARG KINGSBURY: Yeah, yeah. You know, I remembered that was  
14 sort of the main focus of their -- afterwards,  
15 their question. And I know they, they did bring  
16 up the found human remains. "You know, oh,  
there's 130 found human remains or, you know, that  
the coroner has. Maybe those are" --
- 17 JENNIFER EVANS: Are my loved one?
- 18 MARG KINGSBURY: -- "are my daughter," you know.
- 19 JENNIFER EVANS: Hm-hmm.
- 20 MARG KINGSBURY: And I know that some of them wanted to go down  
21 to the morgue and open a drawer and actually look,  
thinking --
- 22 JENNIFER EVANS: Yeah.
- 23 MARG KINGSBURY: I remember that. You know, those are the main  
24 two things I recall on that.
- 25 JENNIFER EVANS: Okay. I've got the 24th of October, 2001,

INTERVIEW OF KIM ROSSMO

AUGUST 29, 2011

1 KIM ROSSMO: Uhm, well, if we go to the timeline, the last  
2 thing on my timeline is the October 30th meeting  
in Kelowna.

3 JENNIFER EVANS: And --

4 KIM ROSSMO: Sorry, November 5th to 8th.

5 JENNIFER EVANS: That's that seminar, that conference, that  
6 profiling conference?

7 KIM ROSSMO: Well, the (indecipherable) I wouldn't call it  
8 a crime meeting, but all the profilers were there  
and this was a case that was discussed. Geramy  
9 Field was there. And the one comment I would like  
to make about this is that the murders that had  
10 took place in Agassiz, uhm, were discussed at  
great lengths, and it was clear that the murders  
11 in Agassiz were done by a serial killer because of  
common DNA links.

12 JENNIFER EVANS: Right.

13 KIM ROSSMO: The timing and the victimology fit. What  
14 didn't fit was these bodies were found and the  
other bodies were not found.  
My understanding, uhm, subsequent  
15 understanding, is that one of the reasons Pickton  
got downplayed by the RCMP was that his DNA did  
16 not match the DNA from the victims from this, this  
group of murders. I know you are familiar with  
17 that.

18 JENNIFER EVANS: I am, but I am -- investigators are telling me  
19 in their interviews that it didn't rule him out as  
20 a suspect. It just meant he wasn't responsible  
21 for the Agassiz homicides.

22 KIM ROSSMO: Well, that would be the correct conclusion.  
23 The, uhm, I just want to say that, you know, if  
this case happened tomorrow, you would again look  
24 at that as a really good lead to follow up, but  
just because it is a really good lead, doesn't  
25 make it the only lead. Uhm, and certainly you  
don't put all your eggs in one basket. I have  
been involved with so many of these cases where

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1                   they had such a hot suspect that they were sure is  
2                   the person responsible and then, of course, it  
                  doesn't pan out.

3                   So, with these types of cases, and maybe this  
4                   what happened with Fell and Wolthers. They're  
5                   looking at Niedermeyer and they're so hot about  
6                   Niedermeyer as a good suspect, but there is going  
7                   to be, unfortunately, no shortage of sick people  
8                   out there, so there's going to be a few dozen  
                  really good suspects. And, you know, you can't  
                  get tunnel vision and just focus on one of them.  
                  And if, if they're saying now that Pickton was not  
                  ruled out, that is interesting, because that's not  
                  what they said in the past, but okay.

9   JENNIFER EVANS: Well, and that's -- and I'm interviewing Phil  
10                   Little and Jim McKnight tomorrow, and then Don  
11                   Adam on Wednesday. So, I have yet to get that  
12                   from those people, those investigators, because  
13                   Jim McKnight was the primary on Evenhanded and Don  
14                   McKnight (sic) obviously, you know, was the team  
15                   commander. So, I have to wait to hear what they  
16                   say about that, but --

17   KIM ROSSMO:        Okay.

18   JENNIFER EVANS: So, I didn't want to, I don't want to mislead  
19                   you there, so.

20   KIM ROSSMO:        Okay. Uhm, I think one of the other things I  
21                   have to say is, one is a warning. I don't know if  
22                   you saw the RCMP Gazette article that came out  
                  about this case.

23   JENNIFER EVANS: I did.

24   KIM ROSSMO:        Okay. Before it was pulled back at the  
25                   request of the VPD?

INTERVIEW OF JIM MCKNIGHT

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1 JIM MCKNIGHT: And then -- but he would give that -- he would  
2 certainly review it. Brian, a very dedicated  
3 young man. He would look at stuff like that, but  
4 he would pass that back on to myself or to Phil or  
5 to one of the other persons doing the review that  
6 day, --

7 JENNIFER EVANS: Right.

8 JIM MCKNIGHT: -- to have a look at it.

9 JENNIFER EVANS: Okay. Uhm, specifically about Pickton, did  
10 you remember ever having a conversation with Lori  
11 Shenher about Pickton as a suspect, or what she  
12 thought of him when you began Evenhanded?

13 JIM MCKNIGHT: Well, I had conversations with Constable  
14 Shenher, but specific --

15 JENNIFER EVANS: Like, would you have said, "Okay, who is your  
16 top guy," or "Have you got any suspects in mind"  
17 or --

18 JIM MCKNIGHT: I am sure, I'm sure we did. I just can't  
19 recall specifically about that.

20 JENNIFER EVANS: Okay.

21 JIM MCKNIGHT: I am sure we did and -- I know there were,  
22 there were -- they did Amelia. Lori Shenher was  
23 obviously the coordinator for that file.

24 JENNIFER EVANS: Yeah.

25 JIM MCKNIGHT: I know that they had targeted some  
individuals.

JENNIFER EVANS: Okay.

JIM MCKNIGHT: And I also know that they failed, --

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1 JENNIFER EVANS: Okay.

2 JIM MCKNIGHT: -- that they had not resulted in the arrest or  
3 enough information where they could, they could go  
4 on his property or arrest him or --

5 JENNIFER EVANS: Yeah.

6 JIM MCKNIGHT: -- or search it, so.

7 JENNIFER EVANS: Did she ever talk to you about the fact that  
8 Coquitlam, they were involved with Coquitlam and  
9 dealing with the RCMP out there?

10 JIM MCKNIGHT: I remember hearing about it, but specifically  
11 talking to Lori about it, I'm not sure whether it  
12 was Lori or Geramy or one of the other  
13 investigators.

14 JENNIFER EVANS: Okay. And did you ever talk to -- did Geramy  
15 Field ever talk to you saying, "Hey, Pickton is a  
16 really good suspect I think you should look at"?

17 JIM MCKNIGHT: It's possible, but again, they -- the  
18 information is dated, they failed and he wasn't  
19 there, so.

20 JENNIFER EVANS: What about Chernoff?

21 JIM MCKNIGHT: Yeah I remember, yeah, all of them, Ron  
22 Lepine, Chernoff. I mean, when I say "them," I am  
23 talking to all --

24 JENNIFER EVANS: Okay.

25 JIM MCKNIGHT: -- of, of Amelia.

JENNIFER EVANS: So, why do you say they failed? Do you --

JIM MCKNIGHT: Well, I don't -- "failed" is perhaps a bad  
choice of words. They had not obtained sufficient  
links to the missing women that would allow us to  
target Mr. Pickton. Again, --

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1 JENNIFER EVANS: Okay.

2 JIM MCKNIGHT: -- I go back to that, it's easy to focus on  
3 one person but that's tunnel vision. You are  
going to lose every time, --

4 JENNIFER EVANS: Okay.

5 JIM MCKNIGHT: -- or most times.

6 JENNIFER EVANS: Well, on -- if VPD have a suspect for a  
7 missing women, or a priority suspect, or a person  
8 of interest they want to look at, what stops them  
9 from driving out to Coquitlam and start doing the  
10 investigation themselves in Coquitlam?

11 JIM MCKNIGHT: Uhm, I think it's just a matter of resources  
12 and what they have got on their plate. I mean, if  
I had an investigation -- I am going to just drop  
13 that and just answer your question relative to  
another investigation.

14 JENNIFER EVANS: Yes, absolutely.

15 JIM MCKNIGHT: If I had a file that I was investigating, I  
16 wouldn't have a problem going to one of the  
detachments or other municipalities and speaking  
17 to them of the file and investigating it --

18 JENNIFER EVANS: Right.

19 JIM MCKNIGHT: -- and asking for help from them. It's, to  
20 me, it's a non-issue.

21 JENNIFER EVANS: Right. It probably happens all the time,  
22 right?

23 JIM MCKNIGHT: It does. But, the problem is, resources,  
24 information, you know, manpower. What, what does  
the department or the agency have on their plate  
25 at the time. I mean, all these factor into that.  
So, I don't know what happened with Amelia. I am  
sure they communicated with Coquitlam and



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1 JENNIFER EVANS: Okay.

2 DON ADAM: Like, I actually, you know, that, that I would  
3 be the person running a task force, uh, was  
something that, that came to me later on.

4 JENNIFER EVANS: Okay.

5 DON ADAM: I never -- I already had a, a full-time  
6 important job.

7 JENNIFER EVANS: Okay.

8 DON ADAM: Like, you know --

9 JENNIFER EVANS: I was led to believe that it was Geramy Field  
10 was going to prepare -- she'd been dealing with  
11 Doug, and she was going to prepare all the file,  
12 and she was going to have somebody from the RCMP  
13 do a review of them, and that you were, because  
14 you were the special projects coordinator, you  
15 were the perfect person, also because of the skill  
16 set you had.

17 DON ADAM: Okay. And, and you know what? I can  
18 completely accept that they thought that. What I  
19 thought is, is, I was being asked to do a, a piece  
of work to figure this out.

20 JENNIFER EVANS: Okay.

21 DON ADAM: And, and that ideally, ideally, they would  
22 find somebody who actually had the skill set,  
because I would have disagreed with you that I had  
23 the skill set.

24 JENNIFER EVANS: Okay.

25 DON ADAM: I knew -- you know, there's all sorts of  
things. But that they would find the right person

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1                   who would then run that file. It became clear to  
2                   me, as it started to evolve, that I was getting  
                  it.

3   JENNIFER EVANS:   Hm-hmm.

4   DON ADAM:            You know. But, but in no way did I think, the  
5                   moment I walked in there, that, "Oh, I now am  
                  going to, you know, take these files on."

6                    I have to say that, as I sat and thought  
7                    about that problem, the fact that I knew nothing  
8                    of years and years of investigation, and there  
9                    were people who did know about it, uh, the fact  
                  that I had no experience in a serial killer, you  
                  know, investigation, et cetera, I didn't view  
                  myself in any way as the right person to take that  
                  job.

10   JENNIFER EVANS:   Okay. So, the impression I was given from  
11                    Doug Henderson and from Geramy, was that Geramy  
12                    had been dealing with Doug most of the year, from  
13                    May I think 2000 on, trying to get the RCMP to  
14                    look into, to help them. Because Keith Davidson  
15                    had been trying to -- approached Gary Bass as well  
16                    saying that, "The increasing number of missing  
17                    women are not being found. There's, like, 27 and  
18                    they're not being found, and the likelihood is  
19                    that they're, if they are going to be located,  
20                    it's most likely they're going to be located in a  
21                    rural area, RCMP area, because the fact is, they  
22                    weren't being found in the city."

23                    So, from what I understand, Geramy was trying  
24                    to get the RCMP, at a low level -- you know, I am  
25                    not saying she was going upstairs to her

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1 management, who were going across -- she was  
2 trying to -- you know, she was dealing with the  
3 profilers, she was dealing with Coquitlam at one  
4 point, and she was reaching out to Doug Henderson,  
5 trying to get them involved.

6 So, what I understood, in November, when Doug  
7 Henderson, okay, great, and I think from an e-mail  
8 he says to Gary Bass, "There is an increasing  
9 number of missing women. I think the RCMP should  
10 look into this," and Gary says, "I agree. Make it  
11 happen." And this is in November.

12 Don Adam gets chosen. So, you are selected  
13 to, from what I understand, get this together and  
14 review what's gone on, and then kind of move it  
15 forward as a task force.

16 DON ADAM: And, and I would say that, you know, that,  
17 that is what happened.

18 JENNIFER EVANS: Yes.

19 DON ADAM: I had, I had always believed, and I ended up  
20 having lots of conversations with the new OIC,  
21 that, that they needed to find a proper team  
22 commander for that job.

21 What happened is, at a practical level, once  
22 I started talking to them, it was crystal clear  
23 that this was a group of people where they had had  
24 meeting after meeting after meeting, and no one  
25 took the bull by the horns and actually made  
things move forward. All right. So, I was  
willing to make things move forward --

25 JENNIFER EVANS: Okay.

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1     DON ADAM:            -- but I always believed that they, they  
2                            needed to find the right person --

3     JENNIFER EVANS:    Okay.

4     DON ADAM:            -- and then --

5     JENNIFER EVANS:    Okay, I didn't get that.  So, I didn't realize  
6                            that.  So, okay.

7     DON ADAM:            No.

8     JENNIFER EVANS:    That's important for me to understand.  
9                            So, when you met with Geramy, --

10    DON ADAM:            Yes.

11    JENNIFER EVANS:    -- was the intent then that they were going to  
12                            transfer the files for you to review and Marg  
13                            Kingsbury, and how did that team then all start in  
14                            January?

15    DON ADAM:            My, my memory of that, of the way it would  
16                            unfold, is that -- and I, I suppose I need to be,  
17                            to tell you, the nuances of those conversations,  
18                            I, I don't recall.

18    JENNIFER EVANS:    Okay.

19    DON ADAM:            I recall what my thinking was and I recall  
20                            what we ended up doing, if -- does that make  
21                            sense?

21    JENNIFER EVANS:    Yeah.

22    DON ADAM:            I ended up with the strong impression that,  
23                            that their file was in disarray, from Geramy, and  
24                            that, and that the producing of a report, or what  
25                            have you, that that wasn't going to happen.  So,  
                          when you say they were going to transfer them to  
                          me, that doesn't dovetail with, with what I  
                          thought.  That doesn't dovetail with what  
                          happened.

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2 JENNIFER EVANS: Okay.

3 DON ADAM: Does that make sense?

4 JENNIFER EVANS: Yes.

5 DON ADAM: Your, your point that I was concerned about,  
6 you know, have the missing stopped, all of those,  
7 you know, I think that is a hundred percent  
8 accurate. What, what I ended up deciding is that  
9 if we couldn't just go to the paper, you know, to,  
10 to review it, which is, to me, is what should be  
11 done. Like, I suppose -- let me take a step back.  
12 My belief in policing is that when you're  
13 given a, a file to review, a stalled  
14 investigation, if I can use that, and my  
15 understanding, very, very strongly, was both those  
16 were stalled investigations and that they believed  
17 that they were the same person. Like, that is  
18 what --

19 JENNIFER EVANS: So, the two stalled investigations were the  
20 Agassiz triple homicides --

21 DON ADAM: That's right.

22 JENNIFER EVANS: -- it wasn't a triple homicide, but the three  
23 homicides; as well as the missing women in, in  
24 VPD?

25 DON ADAM: That's right.

26 JENNIFER EVANS: Yeah, I saw you said that somewhere. I didn't  
27 understand -- I mean, I didn't get the impression  
28 from VPD that their investigation was stalled,  
29 just from reviewing their documents. I mean, they  
30 were still doing -- making inquiries and, and  
31 tracking down persons of interest and speaking to

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1 of 2000. And then Debra Jones was reported to VPD  
2 on the 25th of December. And then I see the 8th  
3 of January, Cynthia Feliks goes missing. And I  
4 know the last seen was November '97, but, and it's  
5 New Westminster Police. I mean, so that's a --  
6 that could be one that -- so, and really the next  
7 person that gets reported missing to Vancouver, if  
8 I just try to avoid this Surrey -- Elsie Sebastian  
9 one, because I can say Surrey really maybe wasn't  
10 aware of the task force, the Vancouver Police  
11 Department was. The 21st of March is when, all of  
12 a sudden, Yvonne Boen gets reported missing and  
13 she's last seen, like, just five days before. So,  
14 that's when Vancouver realized, "Hey, there's  
15 still people going missing." So there was that --

16 DON ADAM: No, that's not accurate.

17 JENNIFER EVANS: So, that's not accurate?

18 DON ADAM: Okay. So, in -- so, we start in December --

19 JENNIFER EVANS: Yes.

20 DON ADAM: -- that there hasn't been anybody gone missing  
21 since, you know, sometime in '99.

22 JENNIFER EVANS: Yeah.

23 DON ADAM: Then on the 31st, Geramy says, "Well, there  
24 are some new missing reports. There's Dawn Crey,  
there's Debra Jones, and, uhm --

25 JENNIFER EVANS: I think Brenda Wolfe was there, but she's --

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1 DON ADAM: No.

2 JENNIFER EVANS: No?

3 DON ADAM: No, Brenda Wolfe wasn't there. Uhm, oh, the  
4 name is on the top of my --

5 JENNIFER EVANS: Yeah, I'm trying to think --

6 DON ADAM: These are VP -- it's a Chilliwack one. You  
7 don't have it here. Uh.

8 JENNIFER EVANS: Yeah, there's another one, you're right. I  
9 recall seeing it in one of the meetings.

10 DON ADAM: Oh, what's her name?

11 JENNIFER EVANS: Brenda Wolfe it is.

12 DON ADAM: No.

13 JENNIFER EVANS: Dawn Crey, Debra Jones and Georgina Papin?

14 DON ADAM: No, no.

15 JENNIFER EVANS: That's an April meeting that they get  
16 announced as the recent missing in a meeting.

17 DON ADAM: Hm-hmm.

18 JENNIFER EVANS: In the notes.

19 DON ADAM: Uhm, Wendy Crawford.

20 JENNIFER EVANS: Okay.

21 DON ADAM: Okay? So, so then there's Wendy Crawford.  
22 So, okay. Wow, they say this in a meeting. Well,  
23 that's very -- except then you get into this  
24 business of where they're explaining, well, you  
25 know, yes, women are always going missing. You  
know, you can't get excited about that because  
they go missing and then sometimes they return.  
But we need to look for them. And they had  
developed this concept of a confirmed missing  
which meant that they had been properly looked for

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1                   and then they would be added to the list.

2   JENNIFER EVANS:   Okay.

3   DON ADAM:           So, so, okay. You know, I don't know anything  
4                   about this. I'm going, you know, "Okay, how is  
5                   that going to look?" Well, they would do those  
6                   searches and they would tell us then, you know,  
7                   they're the canary in the mine. They're going to  
8                   tell us.

9                   Additionally, I'm sitting there thinking,  
10                   okay, what can you do and what can't you do, at  
11                   that point, --

12   JENNIFER EVANS:   Hm-hmm?

13   DON ADAM:           -- is what I'm thinking. And I'm thinking,  
14                   okay, we have a mass of material we need to  
15                   review. We don't know if, if there's a live hand  
16                   grenade inside that material. You know, we're  
17                   going to end up owning it, even though we can't  
18                   read it and potentially won't get to it for who  
19                   knows how long? We've also got, you know, this  
20                   here-and-now situation. And, and in my mind, I  
21                   go, okay, we're doing our review to figure out  
22                   what's going on. The here and now, you guys own  
23                   that. So, good. Yeah, they're good, they're  
24                   going to own that problem. Except what we find  
25                   out is that, for whatever reason, busy or  
26                   whatever, I don't know the internal workings,  
27                   although I understand there's a report on it, that  
28                   by the time, you know, Jim goes down there, Jim  
29                   McKnight, we find out they have never actually  
30                   confirmed anyone as missing.

31   JENNIFER EVANS:   Hmm.

32   DON ADAM:           You know. It is crystal clear to me now, in  
33                   hindsight, with my experience, that I should have,  
34                   as I'm getting this sort of, like, what's going  
35                   on, and we're slowly starting to put our own  
36                   people into that, if I had had more experience  
37                   with the whole situation, or what have you, or my  
38                   kind of experience now, I should have put more  
39                   bodies, my own bodies onto that, because the  
40                   moment we did put our own bodies onto it, we  
41                   started to learn a lot more.



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1 JENNIFER EVANS: Okay. Okay.

2 DON ADAM: Does that make sense?

3 JENNIFER EVANS: Yes.

4 DON ADAM: But that, that was that issue, yeah, is that  
5 this whole thing of confirmed versus -- and, and  
6 again, I need to say to you, Jennifer, I, I didn't  
7 -- I pictured, wow, if we start to run around  
8 trying to do that at this exact moment, then we're  
9 going to be just shotgunning out and we will have  
10 no focus whatsoever.

11 JENNIFER EVANS: Okay.

12 DON ADAM: That was my belief.

13 JENNIFER EVANS: On February 14th, there is an e-mail from  
14 Sergeant Field to Constable Williams, who I  
15 believe is a press person, saying -- regarding a  
16 press release for the missing person, Dawn Crey.  
17 So, Dawn went missing December 11th, was reported  
18 December 11th, 2000. The e-mail indicates that:  
19 After discussions with Sergeant Adam, they  
20 will tell the press all missing persons are  
21 being actively investigated by a VPD Missing  
22 Persons Review Team and Dawn Crey is being  
23 reviewed by Evenhanded.  
24 So, at that point, you are still in the  
25 review, and that's in February.

26 DON ADAM: Yeah, and I -- Geramy may have said that. I  
27 don't -- Dawn Crey had not been added to our list.

28 JENNIFER EVANS: Okay.

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1 JENNIFER EVANS: Right.

2 DON ADAM: I mean, John Cater had his master's in serial  
3 killers. Keith Davidson is available to us.

4 JENNIFER EVANS: Yes.

5 DON ADAM: It was just -- and he didn't think it was a  
6 good fit by the time we took -- because he didn't  
want to just do police work.

7 JENNIFER EVANS: Okay. October 14th, you meet with the  
8 families.

9 DON ADAM: Yes.

10 JENNIFER EVANS: And I know, at that time, you advised them  
11 there's a thousand suspects, there's 25 new  
12 missing women. Uhm, you tell them, the fact that  
13 there is issues and the fact that the  
14 investigation is being hampered by no bodies, no  
15 evidence. I know you told them a lot more. I'm  
16 just kind of synopsizing the --

17 DON ADAM: Yeah.

18 JENNIFER EVANS: -- to bring it all back into your mind, just  
19 to help you out.

20 DON ADAM: Hm-hmm, hm-hmm.

21 JENNIFER EVANS: Were you surprised at the number of complaints  
22 by -- about -- I guess they made -- well, I  
23 understand there's a lot of complaints about VPD.  
24 Were you surprised?

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2                   time, there was this whole disconnect because of  
3                   the missing issue, that they weren't treated as  
4                   victims of crime. They weren't getting what they  
5                   needed. So, that became a thing where I started  
6                   working with the ministry, you know, saying they  
7                   were murder victims --

8                   JENNIFER EVANS: Right.

9                   DON ADAM:           -- and saying blah, blah, blah. I simply  
10                   hadn't been alive to those issues properly before  
11                   that.

12                   JENNIFER EVANS: Okay. I've got here, October 14th, Evenhanded  
13                   notes from this meeting say:

14                   A profile was being done and profilers from  
15                   all over Canada were called in to examine the  
16                   case. The report is pending.

17                   Did you ever receive a report from profilers,  
18                   criminal profilers on this case?

19                   DON ADAM:           No, no, no. The profilers were working on the  
20                   Valley case.

21                   JENNIFER EVANS: Oh, okay. Okay, that makes a little more  
22                   sense.

23                   DON ADAM:           Yeah. No, it's the Valley. And I think we, I  
24                   think we told the family. We had the problem, of  
25                   course, that, you know, many of the families were  
26                   very aligned with, with the media and, and it was  
27                   like talking to the media. And I have to tell  
28                   you, Jennifer, it scared me to be telling, you  
29                   know, the media what we were planning, because I  
30                   believed that the killer --

31                   JENNIFER EVANS: Yeah.

32                   DON ADAM:           -- would be following that. I mean, and I had  
33                   been deliberately, right or wrong, deliberately