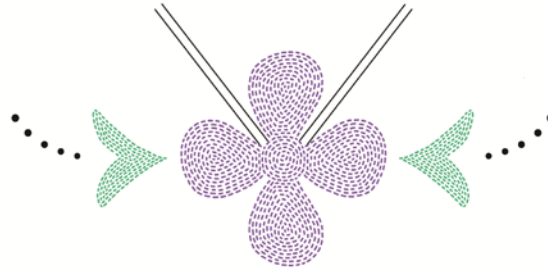


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1 Montreal, Quebec

2 --- Upon commencing on Thursday, March 15, 2018, at 10:20
3 a.m.

4 **MS. SHEILA MAZHARI:** Hello, my name is Sheila
5 Mazhari and I'm with the National Inquiry into Missing and
6 Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls. It's March 15, 2018,
7 and we're at Hotel Bonaventure in Montreal, Quebec, and
8 Anny Villeneuve from Stop Santé is in attendance.

9 **MR. YVAN PETIQUAY:** My name is Yvan Petiquay,
10 I was born on [date of birth], 1966, in La Tuque. I'm here
11 regarding the case of... The death of my sister, Marie-
12 Paule Petiquay. I'll tell you the story of her accident;
13 they said it was an accident, but my grandmother and mother
14 said that it was a murder they experienced, my sister
15 Marie-Paul, Julie Amand, my aunt and the other three
16 related to the two other Petiquays.

17 There's another witness who knows the whole story, my
18 older brother Daniel, because he had a bunch of stuff in
19 the van. He told me he had seen a gun in the van, and
20 knives. Maybe that's what was used to kill the five people.
21 But I always heard that there was lots of blood, but there
22 were many signs of violence. Whenever my brother told me
23 the story, he always thought it was a murder, not an
24 accident. They were murdered. Because my sister was so
25 young, only 14, and it looks like she was the most badly

1 mistreated, I think. That's what my brother told me, and I
2 believe him. Because my father was still alive when we lost
3 my sister and my father was murdered; he was stabbed while
4 out drinking. And my brother kept telling me he felt really
5 bad about my sister's death, and my grandmother kept
6 telling me, when I was 20, 22, she kept telling me to do
7 something about it. Once she said: "You know the legal
8 system; you've been to court a few times. Why don't you
9 start an investigation?" she asked. My grandmother used to
10 say she got murdered. They could see, because there were
11 witnesses because... Because there were no coroners in
12 1977. There were no coroners and when they forgot about the
13 five deaths, it happened in the gymnasium (inaudible). It
14 happened... When they dressed her, there were three, four
15 people, Indigenous people who robbed bodies. Apparently,
16 those four Indigenous people who robbed the bodies said
17 that murders were happening all over the place. Of course,
18 my brother has no idea what... In 1977 it was very
19 different than today; it's different and investigations go
20 further. My brother keeps talking to me about it. It's like
21 he's seeking help. They rely on me to say things because
22 they don't understand very well. They don't know much
23 French; they have a hard time, and they get people, like
24 handling a case, but they weren't aware because it hasn't
25 been that long; she's only been in my family 22 years;

1 married to my little brother. She doesn't know the story.
2 Well, she knows my older brother's version of the story and
3 he regularly... He regularly tells her the stories from
4 before. But now, I think that my sister-in-law wants to do
5 something about this because she really wishes she had
6 known her dead sister-in-law. That's why if she gets a
7 hearing today, she'll be really emotional, it'll be hard
8 for some people to talk. My older brother (inaudible). Even
9 yesterday, there are still new versions that he never
10 shared, that he kept to himself; he isn't able to tell the
11 whole story of what he went through.

12 **MS. SHEILA MAZHARI:** Can you spell your
13 sister-in-law's name?

14 **MR. YVAN PETIQUAY:** My sister-in-law is

15 **MS. SHEILA MAZHARI:** Can we spell it for the
16 recording?

17 **MS. ANNY VILLENEUVE:** His sister who
18 disappeared or his sister-in-law? His sister-in-law is
19 support now. She has been in the family for 22 years, but
20 the person who disappeared is your sister.

21 **MR. YVAN PETIQUAY:** Yes, it's Marie-Paule
22 Petiquay.

23 **MS. SHEILA MAZHARI:** Can you spell that?

24 **MS. ANNY VILLENEUVE:** M-A-R-I-E dash P-A-U-L-
25 E Petiquay P-E-T-I-Q-U-A-Y. That's it?

1 **MR. YVAN PETIQUAY:** Yes. It's in the file.

2 **MS. SHEILA MAZHARI:** It's for the recording.

3 And her date of birth?

4 **MR. YVAN PETIQUAY:** My sister?

5 **MS. SHEILA MAZHARI:** Yes.

6 **MR. YVAN PETIQUAY:** I don't know. I don't
7 know because it might be a touchy subject, there may be
8 doubts about her birth.

9 **MS. SHEILA MAZHARI:** She was 14?

10 **MR. YVAN PETIQUAY:** She was 14.

11 **MS. SHEILA MAZHARI:** In what year?

12 **MR. YVAN PETIQUAY:** In 2007. (Inaudible) it's
13 14-16 years, I'm not totally sure.

14 **MS. SHEILA MAZHARI:** She was a teenager?

15 **MR. YVAN PETIQUAY:** A teenager, yes.
16 Because Marie-Paule stayed with... She was practically
17 fostered by my mother's sister. They raised her.

18 **MS. SHEILA MAZHARI:** (Inaudible)

19 **MR. YVAN PETIQUAY:** The moment she left,
20 they're the ones who sent her away. That happened and then
21 she died.

22 **MS. SHEILA MAZHARI:** And that happened in
23 Manawan?

24 **MR. YVAN PETIQUAY:** Yes. My aunt wanted to
25 take her to another town, and my aunt took her... There

1 were two Quebec men getting drunk, they were drinking. They
2 gave alcohol to the five Indians and they never made it to
3 their destination. I don't understand why the two white
4 men, the two Quebec men, lit a fire... I don't know where
5 they got the fire from and did they kill these five people
6 before they... I don't know. Maybe they killed the five
7 people before sending their car into the river? That's why
8 they lit a fire, it seems like... That's what people from
9 Manawan... That's what the people who followed the
10 investigation said... Why they lit the fire.

11 **MS. SHEILA MAZHARI:** These five people... Do
12 we have their names?

13 **MR. YVAN PETIQUAY:** Yes.

14 **MS. SHEILA MAZHARI:** What are the names of
15 these five people?

16 **MR. YVAN PETIQUAY:** Thérèse Flamand.

17 **MS. ANNY VILLENEUVE:** Do you want us to
18 spell Flamand?

19 **MS. SHEILA MAZHARI:** Yes.

20 **MS. ANNY VILLENEUVE:** F-L-A-M-A-N-D.

21 **MR. YVAN PETIQUAY:** Lionel Petiquay,
22 Denis Petiquay, Juliana Kitish and Marie-Paule Petiquay.

23 **MS. ANNY VILLENEUVE:** Juliana Petiquay?

24 **MR. YVAN PETIQUAY:** No. Juliana Kitish.

25 **MS. ANNY VILLENEUVE:** Kitish? K-I-T-I-S-

1 H.

2 MR. YVAN PETIQUAY: That was my aunt.

3 Kuitich is K-U-I-T-I-C-H.

4 MS. ANNY VILLENEUVE: She was Marie-
5 Paule's aunt?

6 MR. YVAN PETIQUAY: Yes, she was Marie-
7 Paule's aunt. Juliana was the one who wanted to go live in
8 town with Marie-Paule because Juliana had a young girl named
9 [Daughter] and she had a baby with a Quebec man. Juliana
10 wanted Marie-Paule to come live with her, because Marie-
11 Paule had nowhere else to go. She had been kicked out from
12 where she was staying.

13 MS. SHEILA MAZHARI: Just to check, this
14 person died at the same time.

15 MR. YVAN PETIQUAY: Yes, at the same
16 time.

17 MS. SHEILA MAZHARI: In a fire?

18 MR. YVAN PETIQUAY: Huh?

19 MS. ANNY VILLENEUVE: In a car.

20 MR. YVAN PETIQUAY: In a car, yes.

21 MS. SHEILA MAZHARI: In a car.

22 MR. YVAN PETIQUAY: In a car that was
23 submerged in a river.

24 MS. SHEILA MAZHARI: In a river.

25 MR. YVAN PETIQUAY: Yes.

1 **MS. SHEILA MAZHARI:** Which river?

2 **MR. YVAN PETIQUAY:** Rivière du Milieu,
3 St-Michel-des-Saints.

4 **MS. SHEILA MAZHARI:** OK, and there was a
5 fire?

6 **MR. YVAN PETIQUAY:** They... Well, there
7 were two Quebec men; they said that it was an accident. When
8 the accident happened, they climbed high up the falls and...

9 **MS. ANNY VILLENEUVE:** In the gap there?

10 **MR. YVAN PETIQUAY:** Yes, so high up that
11 they took that path since they were soaked. You understand?

12 **MS. SHEILA MAZHARI:** Yes. Do you know
13 the names of the two Quebec men?

14 **MR. YVAN PETIQUAY:** But the other, no.
15 But the other is named [Person A], he died not long ago, and
16 I don't know who the other is. And I don't know who the
17 other is.

18 **MS. SHEILA MAZHARI:** OK. There was no
19 investigation?

20 **MR. YVAN PETIQUAY:** There was an
21 investigation, but they rejected it. They said there wasn't
22 enough evidence because it sounds like the Sûreté du Québec
23 of St-Michel-des-Saints, it seems that there wasn't... There
24 was an investigation, but they closed it. There was a
25 compensation for... The closing, but I don't know how that

1 compensation worked. I know that my mother received \$10,000.
2 My grandmother received \$10,000, the same amount. I don't
3 know what happened with the rest.

4 **MS. SHEILA MAZHARI:** You said that there
5 was no coroner?

6 **MR. YVAN PETIQUAY:** Huh?

7 **MS. SHEILA MAZHARI:** There was no
8 coroner?

9 **MR. YVAN PETIQUAY:** No, there were no
10 coroners yet, it was in 1977, a while back. Today... If it
11 was today, or at least in 1985-1990, there would've been
12 coroners back then. But 1977 is far back. So that's all I
13 had to say today. I have plenty of bad memories that...
14 Because I have my own issues with... I was a victim of a
15 residential school. My two kids were put in foster care.
16 They were mistreated as well. And it isn't over yet, there
17 is still... I filed another complaint about a second abuse
18 that happened to me in another Quebec residential school.

19 **MS. SHEILA MAZHARI:** What's the name of
20 the school?

21 **MR. YVAN PETIQUAY:** It's in Ste-Agathe-
22 des-Monts, La Calèche in Ste-Agathe-des-Monts. I'm even
23 going to file a complaint (inaudible) because I was
24 abused... Not abused, but mistreated. And my two sons were
25 mistreated in foster care, but they're 18 now. They're 18

1 now, one's gone and the other is still at the same place; he
2 isn't able to... He doesn't want to leave his foster home,
3 even though he was mistreated. Maybe they're buying his
4 silence. That's what I think. That's all I had to say today.
5 The reaping is coming, and there's going to be more reaping.

6 **MS. SHEILA MAZHARI:** (Inaudible).

7 **MR. YVAN PETIQUAY:** Yes.

8 **MS. SHEILA MAZHARI:** Did you consent to
9 make your hearing public?

10 **MR. YVAN PETIQUAY:** Yes.

11 **MS. SHEILA MAZHARI:** Did you want to add
12 anything else?

13 **MR. YVAN PETIQUAY:** No, there's nothing
14 else.

15 **MS. SHEILA MAZHARI:** Thank you.

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17 --- Upon adjourning at 10:36 a.m.

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3 I hereby certify that this is a true and
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10 September 12, 2018

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