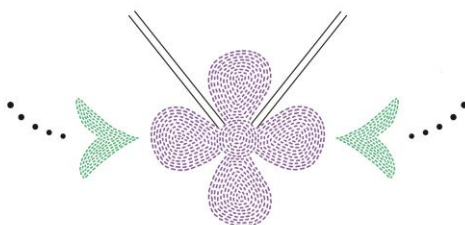


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Part 1 Statement Gathering  
Encore Services Plus Hotel  
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**Sunday March 18, 2018**

**Statement - Volume 306**

**Coreen Ahnassay & Kenneth Tecomba,  
In relation to Olivia Honey Kay Ahnassay**

**Statement gathered by Wendy van Tongeren,  
Commission Counsel**

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**II**

**ORDER**

Pursuant to Rule 7 of Legal Path: Rules of Respectful Practice, Chief Commissioner Marion Buller ordered that some names in this transcript and related documents be rendered anonymous. This order was made November 22, 2018.

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#### **IV**

#### **NOTE**

The use of square brackets [ ] in this transcript indicates that amendments have been made to the certified transcript in order to replace information deemed inaudible or indecipherable by the original transcriptionist. The use of a strikethrough mark indicates where an error was found in the original transcription. Amendments to this transcript were made by Susan Grant, Legal Assistant with National Inquiry into Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women, Girls and 2SLGBTQ on October 9, 2018 at Vancouver, British Columbia. To make the amendments, Ms. Grant listened back to the source audio and video recordings of the proceeding.

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4 WENDY VAN TONGEREN: Okay so, for the sake of the  
5 recorder, Wendy van Tongeren here and I'm in the  
6 Hotel Services Plus in Grande Prairie and it's  
7 the 18th day of March 2018. It's about 10  
8 minutes -- oh five minutes to 10:00 in the  
9 morning and Coreen Ahnassay and Kenneth Tecomba  
10 are about to come in. That's A-h-n-a-s-s-a-y for  
11 Coreen and Kenneth T-e-c-o-m-b-a. And they will  
12 be talking about the death of Olivia Honey Kay  
13 Ahnassay who was killed on November 18th, 2010.  
14 She was born on March 18, 1983.

15 So, I'll bring those people in and get the  
16 consents signed.

17 ROSANNE MORPHY: Oh, you're back okay.

18 WENDY VAN TONGEREN: Okay.

19 ROSANNE MORPHY: Do you want me to call them in?

20 WENDY VAN TONGEREN: Yes.

21 ROSANNE MORPHY: Okay, perfect.

22 WENDY VAN TONGEREN: And the lady who came in is  
23 Rosanne Morphy. I'll have everyone introduce  
24 themselves when they come.

25 ROSANNE MORPHY: So, we're just going to come in here.  
26 Right in here. Just grab -- Wendy, this is  
27 Kenneth.

28 WENDY VAN TONGEREN: Hi Kenneth. Nice to meet you.  
29 Wendy is my name.

30 ROSANNE MORPHY: This is Coreen.

31 WENDY VAN TONGEREN: Hi Coreen. Nice to meet you.

32 ROSANNE MORPHY: And this is Michelle MacIsaac, she's  
33 with (indiscernible), so she'll be the supporting  
34 (indiscernible) here.

35 WENDY VAN TONGEREN: Yeah, so good to meet you.

36 MICHELLE MACISAAC: So, where do you want me to sit,  
37 beside you or across from you? Or where were you  
38 sitting? Are you sitting --?

39 ROSANNE MORPHY: Okay, I will see you guys later.

40 WENDY VAN TONGEREN: I'm going to sit right here.

41 MICHELLE MACISAAC: Okay. Thank you.

42 WENDY VAN TONGEREN: So, I'm going to tell you right  
43 off the start that the -- this is a video camera  
44 and it's already on, because I -- I just wanted  
45 to record everything and this is an audio and  
46 that we'll be getting -- asking for your consent,  
47 actually signing a consent.

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1                   So, but we'll kind of go -- it's good to see  
2                   you. I was trying to reach you yesterday.  
3                   MICHELLE MACISAAC: Oh.  
4                   WENDY VAN TONGEREN: As well as 50 other people,  
5                   because I know you're so busy organizing this,  
6                   but it's lovely to meet you too.  
7                   MICHELLE MACISAAC: Thank you, nice to meet you.  
8                   WENDY VAN TONGEREN: So, we're just waiting for  
9                   Rosanne. So, maybe we could start with the  
10                   consents.  
11                   MICHELLE MACISAAC: And I'm just going to warm up my  
12                   coffee and then I'm good.  
13                   WENDY VAN TONGEREN: Okay, and would you like  
14                   something, there's coffee and then there's a  
15                   muffin if you'd like one, and -- or even if you  
16                   had some water --  
17                   MICHELLE MACISAAC: Want some water?  
18                   WENDY VAN TONGEREN: I guess that would nice.  
19                   MICHELLE MACISAAC: Mixed with the ginger ale, hey.  
20                   KENNETH TECOMBA: Yeah.  
21                   WENDY VAN TONGEREN: So, the idea of a consent is that  
22                   because we're recording this both visually and --  
23                   and audio, it may be that you want this to be  
24                   private and that you don't want people to see.  
25                   And so, you're going to choose what you want,  
26                   because I -- I already know that you want to --  
27                   to speak to somebody from the commission. And,  
28                   but we need to be a little bit more detailed  
29                   about exactly what you want to do.  
30                   And I should tell you who I am. My name is  
31                   Wendy van Tongeren and I actually don't have  
32                   cards, so I just wrote this out, so you could at  
33                   least see my name in writing. I'm -- I'm married  
34                   to a man who's from Holland so that's a Dutch  
35                   name. And I'm a lawyer with the National Inquiry  
36                   and I have actually been a lawyer in British  
37                   Columbia for about almost 40 years, 39 years.  
38                   And I -- I know because --  
39                   MICHELLE MACISAAC: I couldn't hear her, sorry. You  
40                   can hear her though?  
41                   WENDY VAN TONGEREN: I've got these two --  
42                   MICHELLE MACISAAC: I know she's really looking at  
43                   your eyes --  
44                   COREEN AHNASSAY: How you been?  
45                   WENDY VAN TONGEREN: So, I -- I actually for -- was  
46                   with the inquiry, I actually worked as a  
47                   prosecutor in British Columbia for 33 years. So,

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1 I know that you're going to be talking about your  
2 daughter and step-daughter and what happened.  
3 And so, I -- I'm very familiar with the court  
4 system, because I worked as a prosecutor. So, I  
5 am very sorry as well to hear about your loss.  
6 And I have had the experience of listening to  
7 people about these things.

8 COREEN AHNASSAY: Mm-hm.

9 WENDY VAN TONGEREN: And I promise you I'll do my best  
10 to listen to you (indiscernible). So, so that's  
11 who I am.

12 So, back to the consent. I'm just going to  
13 read this and then I'll put it into language that  
14 is easier to understand, so. The -- it says  
15 here, consenting to allow the National Inquiry to  
16 record or take your statement for use and the  
17 inquiry may disclose your name, your face, your  
18 voice and other identifying -- identifying  
19 features. So, for example, you were talking  
20 about your daughter whose name is the same last  
21 name as yours. So, that would be an -- an  
22 identifying situation okay.

23 So, in this one, you're consenting that all  
24 to be disclosed including your family, any  
25 photographs that you may have brought today, any  
26 audio or visual documents and the consent also  
27 applies to any applicable freedom of information  
28 and privacy laws. So, in other words, if -- if  
29 somebody asks through channels that are available  
30 to them for something that went on that you're  
31 also prepared to provide that to them as well.  
32 And if any identifying information is publicly  
33 televised or available, social media, I cannot  
34 later withdraw my consent.

35 You see this is -- this is a public inquiry.  
36 So, everything is supposed to be public unless  
37 somebody asks that it not be public. And the  
38 purpose is that normally with an inquiry the  
39 government has provided the funds and appointed  
40 people to inquire into things that are going  
41 horribly wrong. And the public has a right to  
42 hear what it is what's going horribly wrong and  
43 to hear how the -- the government might try to  
44 make it better. Okay, so that's -- that's why  
45 it's public.

46 So, that's option number one. So, option  
47 number one is right here. Is that we may

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1 disclose information, okay? And your identity.

2 That's supposed to be an "N", so that you may  
3 disclose. So, let's see what option number two  
4 says, okay?

5 The second one says, that you agree that we  
6 record it, or take the written statement, but we  
7 may not disclose your name, your face, your  
8 voice, or any other information that might  
9 identify you, because you -- although you want to  
10 speak to the Commissioners you don't really want  
11 anyone else to know. And similarly, with your --  
12 any photographs or video, so the only exception  
13 would be in -- if there is an application under  
14 the information of privacy laws. Some people go  
15 through a process of applying for information and  
16 then it would be -- go to them, but it would be  
17 with conditions. So, this one is that no --  
18 except under the law.

19 So, this one people get to see your lovely  
20 faces if they want. They get to hear about the  
21 members of your family that you talk about. They  
22 hear your voice. So, basically, they will know  
23 who you are. In this one, no, they don't it's  
24 private.

25 So, which one do you want? Do you want  
26 number one or do you want number two?

27 MICHELLE MACISAAC: People to hear what you're saying,  
28 is it okay for people to hear what you're saying,  
29 and they'll see your face on there? You wanted  
30 things to be different.

31 WENDY VAN TONGEREN: They'll -- they'll know it's you.

32 MICHELLE MACISAAC: They'll know it's you talking, but  
33 it will -- are you okay with that?

34 COREEN AHNASSAY: Mm-hm. Yeah.

35 MICHELLE MACISAAC: One?

36 WENDY VAN TONGEREN: Okay. You've probably -- have  
37 you spoken public before about what happened to  
38 your daughter?

39 COREEN AHNASSAY: No, this --

40 MICHELLE MACISAAC: Should I shut that door or are we  
41 still waiting for someone?

42 WENDY VAN TONGEREN: It's -- it's Olivia.

43 COREEN AHNASSAY: Yeah, just --

44 WENDY VAN TONGEREN: Did you call her Olivia?

45 KENNETH TECOMBA: Just for some people that -- some of  
46 our friends that did know her.

47 WENDY VAN TONGEREN: Yeah, sorry about -- the door was  
48 open, it makes a big difference doesn't it?



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1 KENNETH TECOMBA: We -- we told her like, how come I  
2 don't see her around and stuff like that, and we  
3 -- we told them just it's Olivia (indiscernible).  
4 She's -- she's got lots of friends who phone her  
5 and some -- sometimes people came across us and  
6 said, how come I don't see her around anymore?  
7 What does he go, going to school or something?  
8 She -- she told them like she was killed and they  
9 just -- sometimes they break down and so -- it's  
10 all -- (indiscernible).  
11 WENDY VAN TONGEREN: It's terrible. That's not my  
12 pen. Sorry, I'm just getting a -- I actually,  
13 there's a pen that I like to use.  
14 MICHELLE MACISAAC: Oh, yeah, I'm like I have a  
15 certain pen too.  
16 WENDY VAN TONGEREN: Are you like that -- there's --  
17 MICHELLE MACISAAC: Yeah.  
18 WENDY VAN TONGEREN: -- a pen that you like to use.  
19 So, when people noticed that Olivia was  
20 missing because you hadn't -- they would ask you  
21 where is she? And those are the people that you  
22 spoke to mostly about it?  
23 KENNETH TECOMBA: It was, yeah.  
24 WENDY VAN TONGEREN: Okay. Because I did -- I did  
25 check online to see if there was a story, like in  
26 the media, and I couldn't find one. Was -- was  
27 there newspaper stories about her death, or was  
28 there anything on TV?  
29 KENNETH TECOMBA: The -- they put it on Echo and stuff  
30 like that. I know that, Echo.  
31 WENDY VAN TONGEREN: Okay.  
32 KENNETH TECOMBA: Yeah.  
33 WENDY VAN TONGEREN: So, what is that? I haven't  
34 heard of that before?  
35 KENNETH TECOMBA: It's the news. Local newspaper.  
36 WENDY VAN TONGEREN: I see, okay. Okay, so what --  
37 what do you think, and I'll ask you individually.  
38 So, Coreen, what -- and I know that you  
39 spoke to Michelle about it at little bit here.  
40 So, you're going to tell your story and -- and if  
41 people are looking at it, if the media wants to  
42 see it or something and -- and report on it, are  
43 you okay that they would know who it is, who's  
44 telling the story? Or would you prefer that it's  
45 -- it's private, that people, they may hear the  
46 story, but they don't know who you are?  
47 COREEN AHNASSAY: (indiscernible)  
48 KENNETH TECOMBA: (indiscernible)

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1 WENDY VAN TONGEREN: Okay, so is it, is it this one,  
2 where they can see your beautiful face and you'll  
3 hear about your family? Or is it this one where  
4 you just prefer that you keep your identity  
5 private? Is it number one you want, or do you  
6 want number two?  
7 COREEN AHNASSAY: This one. Should I -- should I that  
8 one?  
9 WENDY VAN TONGEREN: This one? Everyone agrees, it's  
10 this one? Number one?  
11 MICHELLE MACISAAC: Number one?  
12 COREEN AHNASSAY: Yeah.  
13 WENDY VAN TONGEREN: Yeah. And Kenneth, what about  
14 you?  
15 KENNETH TECOMBA: I should say both for me.  
16 COREEN AHNASSAY: Yeah, both.  
17 KENNETH TECOMBA: 'Cause sometimes they  
18 (indiscernible). People that know -- know her,  
19 came across me as how come I don't see her and I  
20 just take it, let's go for a walk and you start  
21 to tell -- they'll tell the guy so what happened.  
22 I -- I didn't -- I don't tell them that she got  
23 stabbed, but just -- I just told them that she's  
24 deceased.  
25 WENDY VAN TONGEREN: So, if it -- it can't be both.  
26 If you wanted both, we'd have to go to number  
27 two.  
28 KENNETH TECOMBA: Okay, well number one is to be good,  
29 yeah.  
30 COREEN AHNASSAY: Number one should be. One.  
31 WENDY VAN TONGEREN: You want number one? And --  
32 KENNETH TECOMBA: Yeah.  
33 WENDY VAN TONGEREN: Number one? Okay. So, Michelle  
34 could you help me with -- and I'll talk to you  
35 Kenneth over here.  
36 Okay, so here's the form, so it says this  
37 one here that you want. That's like number one.  
38 KENNETH TECOMBA: Yeah.  
39 MICHELLE MACISAAC: The first one --  
40 WENDY VAN TONGEREN: And then we need to fill this  
41 out.  
42 MICHELLE MACISAAC: -- this is the first one. It says  
43 I'm here by consent, you're allowing --  
44 WENDY VAN TONGEREN: Do you want me to fill this out  
45 for you or -- or are you?  
46 KENNETH TECOMBA: Yeah (indiscernible)  
47 WENDY VAN TONGEREN: You want me to fill it out?  
48 Okay. Here you go.

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1 KENNETH TECOMBA: Mm-hm.  
2 MICHELLE MACISAAC: -- the National Inquiry into  
3 missing and murdered Indigenous women to record  
4 and take a witness statement.  
5 WENDY VAN TONGEREN: What's that?  
6 KENNETH TECOMBA: (indiscernible)  
7 MICHELLE MACISAAC: By the use of the MMIWG.  
8 KENNETH TECOMBA: (indiscernible)  
9 WENDY VAN TONGEREN: What's that?  
10 MICHELLE MACISAAC: The MMIWG may disclose your face,  
11 they may see your face, your voice and other  
12 identifying information about me and my family,  
13 my statement and my photographs, audio visual.  
14 WENDY VAN TONGEREN: And then you just write your  
15 name.  
16 MICHELLE MACISAAC: So, this is number one.  
17 COREEN AHNASSAY: Yeah.  
18 MICHELLE MACISAAC: So, you'll have to sign here and  
19 then I'll put your -- your name here.  
20 WENDY VAN TONGEREN: You have nice printing.  
21 MICHELLE MACISAAC: So, witness, okay, so, your name  
22 is C-o-r -- one "R"?  
23 COREEN AHNASSAY: C-o-r-e-e-n Ahnassay.  
24 MICHELLE MACISAAC: A-h-n-a-s-s-a-y?  
25 KENNETH TECOMBA: What's today the 21st?  
26 WENDY VAN TONGEREN: No, it's the 18th.  
27 KENNETH TECOMBA: Mm-hm.  
28 COREEN AHNASSAY: Yeah.  
29 MICHELLE MACISAAC: And your address?  
30 COREEN AHNASSAY: [Address redacted].  
31 MICHELLE MACISAAC: [Community name].  
32 COREEN AHNASSAY: Yeah.  
33 KENNETH TECOMBA: I used to be an employee EMR --  
34 WENDY VAN TONGEREN: Hm?  
35 KENNETH TECOMBA: I used to work for emergency medical  
36 services.  
37 MICHELLE MACISAAC: And your postal code?  
38 COREEN AHNASSAY: [Postal code].  
39 MICHELLE MACISAAC: So, you'll have to sign it right  
40 here, your name. Today is March 18.  
41 WENDY VAN TONGEREN: Which services?  
42 KENNETH TECOMBA: Emergency medical services.  
43 WENDY VAN TONGEREN: Oh, did you?  
44 KENNETH TECOMBA: Yeah.  
45 COREEN AHNASSAY: That's my --  
46 MICHELLE MACISAAC: Your baby's birthday.  
47 COREEN AHNASSAY: On my baby's birthday.

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1 WENDY VAN TONGEREN: So, you were filling out forms  
2 about people's health and --  
3 COREEN AHNASSAY: So, on my baby's birthday.  
4 KENNETH TECOMBA: Yes, I used to take care of sick  
5 people, seeing them taken to the hospital.  
6 MICHELLE MACISAAC: And then I have to print my name  
7 here that you understand.  
8 WENDY VAN TONGEREN: It's too -- I -- I read an  
9 article recently that people who worked in health  
10 care it's they're -- they're the most popular  
11 profession of all.  
12 MICHELLE MACISAAC: Okay. So.  
13 WENDY VAN TONGEREN: People, the public really like  
14 people who work in healthcare.  
15 KENNETH TECOMBA: What -- what --  
16 WENDY VAN TONGEREN: Did you find that?  
17 KENNETH TECOMBA: But -- but I got sick and I didn't  
18 go back.  
19 MICHELLE MACISAAC: Let's put the Kleenex right here  
20 for you. Is that okay or do you prefer --  
21 WENDY VAN TONGEREN: Oh. Michelle you're --  
22 MICHELLE MACISAAC: Can I keep the Kleenex closer  
23 here?  
24 WENDY VAN TONGEREN: Oh, yes, of course.  
25 MICHELLE MACISAAC: Okay.  
26 WENDY VAN TONGEREN: And are you consenting to being  
27 on there as well?  
28 MICHELLE MACISAAC: Yes. I need to fill one out too  
29 or?  
30 WENDY VAN TONGEREN: Okay.  
31 MICHELLE MACISAAC: Okay.  
32 WENDY VAN TONGEREN: Well probably.  
33 MICHELLE MACISAAC: Whatever they choose I will  
34 follow, so...  
35 WENDY VAN TONGEREN: Yeah, like I'll get yours at the  
36 end if you --  
37 MICHELLE MACISAAC: Okay. So, I'm going to leave this  
38 here just in case it gets hard for you. Warm up  
39 -- do you want to warm up in there?  
40 COREEN AHNASSAY: No, it's okay. I'm good.  
41 WENDY VAN TONGEREN: So, how's everybody feeling? Do  
42 you have questions? Would you like some  
43 questions to begin?  
44 KENNETH TECOMBA: I'm a little bit tired. I woke up  
45 at five o'clock and then fell - fell off the bed.  
46 WENDY VAN TONGEREN: You fell out of bed?  
47 KENNETH TECOMBA: Yeah.  
48 WENDY VAN TONGEREN: Oh, boy.

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1 KENNETH TECOMBA: Yeah, just too cold in there. Maybe  
2 looking for a blanket or something.  
3 WENDY VAN TONGEREN: Was it today that you had your  
4 long drive or was that yesterday?  
5 KENNETH TECOMBA: Yesterday.  
6 WENDY VAN TONGEREN: Oh, okay. So, yeah, so you were  
7 in a bed you weren't used to.  
8 KENNETH TECOMBA: Yeah.  
9 MICHELLE MACISAAC: Today's a --  
10 COREEN AHNASSAY: This -- this is the one that she got  
11 murdered.  
12 WENDY VAN TONGEREN: Okay.  
13 COREEN AHNASSAY: And today's her birthday.  
14 WENDY VAN TONGEREN: Yes, she'd be 28 today or? Let's  
15 see, how old was she when she -- no sorry, she  
16 was born in 1983, so she'd be in her 30's.  
17 COREEN AHNASSAY: Huh?  
18 WENDY VAN TONGEREN: She was born in 1983 I think is  
19 it?  
20 MICHELLE MACISAAC: 1983 she was born?  
21 COREEN AHNASSAY: Yeah, 1983. March 18, 1983.  
22 WENDY VAN TONGEREN: Yeah, so, she'd be 35?  
23 MICHELLE MACISAAC: Five, 35 today, so.  
24 COREEN AHNASSAY: Yeah, she'd be, yeah.  
25 WENDY VAN TONGEREN: Yeah.  
26 COREEN AHNASSAY: And she's got one daughter.  
27 WENDY VAN TONGEREN: Does she? And where is the  
28 daughter now?  
29 COREEN AHNASSAY: Her daughter lives with his dad.  
30 And her uncle killed my daughter and I didn't  
31 like -- I was -- I was quite angry with him, but  
32 he's in jail. The one that killed my daughter,  
33 he's in jail. And two months ago, he got out and  
34 he rape another person and then he went back to  
35 jail. And March 23 he's going to court in High  
36 Level and that now I get the letter from where  
37 he's going to be and stuff like that. But no  
38 contact, no -- no contact my family.  
39 WENDY VAN TONGEREN: Mm-hm.  
40 COREEN AHNASSAY: And I know, like they tell us --  
41 they tell me where he's going and where he's at  
42 cause he can't go near me.  
43 WENDY VAN TONGEREN: So, I --  
44 COREEN AHNASSAY: And today's my -- her birthday.  
45 WENDY VAN TONGEREN: So, let's write some important  
46 things --  
47 COREEN AHNASSAY: When -- when it's March coming, my  
48 mom's birthday March 5 and she passed away too.

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1 And when March comes up, I feel like this loss  
2 every time I go. I call my daughter, happy  
3 birthday and every time my mom's birthday too. I  
4 phoned her, or I called her, I hugged my mom and  
5 I kissed my mom. Happy birthday. There's no  
6 more. Every time is March comes up, I tell my  
7 husband, it's March, when it's March coming up.  
8 I feel like I'm lost. Cause I don't say happy  
9 birthday to my daughter no more. It's kind of  
10 hard for me. But he -- I always talk to him, and  
11 now he's always beside me.  
12 WENDY VAN TONGEREN: He's a good man.  
13 MICHELLE MACISAAC: Mm-hm.  
14 COREEN AHNASSAY: And I don't cry. Like the day she  
15 died I went in the hospital, I never cried. I  
16 don't know why I don't cry. It's -- even my mom  
17 died, I don't cry, I don't know why. I always  
18 pray -- prayed when I talked to God last time I  
19 prayed, and I talk to my mom and my daughter that  
20 I loved them, I love you and stuff like that.  
21 It's kind of --  
22 WENDY VAN TONGEREN: So, as we go, I'm going to write  
23 some important things on here just to make sure I  
24 get them right, okay? So, I'm just going to  
25 check. So, so your -- your daughter's name is  
26 Olivia --  
27 COREEN AHNASSAY: Olivia Honey Kay Ahnassay.  
28 WENDY VAN TONGEREN: Honey?  
29 COREEN AHNASSAY: Honey Kay.  
30 WENDY VAN TONGEREN: So, that is spelled like honey  
31 that the bees make?  
32 KENNETH TECOMBA: Yeah.  
33 WENDY VAN TONGEREN: Yeah?  
34 COREEN AHNASSAY: Olivia Honey -- Honey Kay.  
35 WENDY VAN TONGEREN: Kay, K-a-y?  
36 KENNETH TECOMBA: Yeah.  
37 COREEN AHNASSAY: And Ahnassay.  
38 WENDY VAN TONGEREN: And that's -- I think that's  
39 A-h --  
40 COREEN AHNASSAY: A-h-n-a-s-s-a-y.  
41 WENDY VAN TONGEREN: Excellent, thank you so much.  
42 And she was -- today would be her birthday.  
43 COREEN AHNASSAY: Yeah, today's her birthday.  
44 WENDY VAN TONGEREN: So, it's March 18th?  
45 COREEN AHNASSAY: Yeah, March 18, 1983. And she died  
46 on November 18, 2010, she died.  
47 WENDY VAN TONGEREN: Thank you very much. And --

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1 COREEN AHNASSAY: I always remember that day she died.  
2 And my other brother she -- he died November --  
3 October 11 my brother died, and my mom died --  
4 WENDY VAN TONGEREN: Do you want -- do you want me to  
5 write these dates too? October 11th your brother  
6 died?  
7 COREEN AHNASSAY: My brother?  
8 WENDY VAN TONGEREN: Mm-hm.  
9 COREEN AHNASSAY: I lost my brother Malcolm Ahnassay  
10 and I lost my sister Tina Rita and my mom, Mary  
11 Jane Ahnassay (*indiscernible*) [my mom].  
12 WENDY VAN TONGEREN: Okay, so mom is Mary Jane. Yeah,  
13 and so you said that she died in March too which  
14 is why March is a sad month for you. Your mom  
15 died in March?  
16 COREEN AHNASSAY: My mom's birthday?  
17 WENDY VAN TONGEREN: Or is it her birthday?  
18 MICHELLE MACISAAC: Birthday, your mom's birthday's in  
19 March, right?  
20 COREEN AHNASSAY: Yeah, March 5.  
21 WENDY VAN TONGEREN: Oh, okay. So, her --  
22 COREEN AHNASSAY: 1946.  
23 WENDY VAN TONGEREN: Okay. March 5, 1946. And she's  
24 -- she's passed now? Is your -- is your mom --  
25 is your mom still alive?  
26 COREEN AHNASSAY: She died already.  
27 WENDY VAN TONGEREN: Yes, right.  
28 COREEN AHNASSAY: In 2000 -- you got it there -- it  
29 was four, three years ago. 2015.  
30 KENNETH TECOMBA: 2015.  
31 COREEN AHNASSAY: Somewhere around there she died.  
32 WENDY VAN TONGEREN: So, you've told me about a lot of  
33 people that you would talk to.  
34 COREEN AHNASSAY: My little brother she got -- my  
35 brother Malcolm he -- he -- my brother, other  
36 brother murdered him so.  
37 WENDY VAN TONGEREN: Oh.  
38 COREEN AHNASSAY: He stab him -- he stab him with a  
39 knife.  
40 WENDY VAN TONGEREN: Oh.  
41 COREEN AHNASSAY: When we're out.  
42 WENDY VAN TONGEREN: I'm so sorry.  
43 COREEN AHNASSAY: And when I'm out in treatment and  
44 then we had -- we had a phone call and my brother  
45 died. So, that's why I had to come here. And I  
46 never finished my -- my treatment.

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1                   And then 2007, we both we went to treatment.  
2                   From there we don't -- we don't drink no more,  
3                   'til today we don't drink, so.  
4                   But I miss my daughter a lot. This is my  
5                   heart, yeah.  
6           WENDY VAN TONGEREN: I -- I have two daughters. One  
7                   was born in 1982 and one was born in 1984.  
8           MICHELLE MACISAAC: It's right in between Olivia.  
9           COREEN AHNASSAY: Yeah.  
10          MICHELLE MACISAAC: One older, one younger than  
11                   Olivia.  
12          COREEN AHNASSAY: Yeah.  
13          WENDY VAN TONGEREN: So, you know God was making sure  
14                   that good babies were being born in 1982, 1983  
15                   and 1984.  
16          COREEN AHNASSAY: Yeah. My daughter -- my daughter's  
17                   daughter --  
18          WENDY VAN TONGEREN: Mm-hm.  
19          COREEN AHNASSAY: We named her [Granddaughter 2]. And  
20                   she's my heart. When I come over -- when I come  
21                   over I always take I always take him -- take her  
22                   and spend the night with me in a hotel. And then  
23                   after we go home and then when her mom's driving  
24                   her around to see her sometimes, she said let's  
25                   go see grandma right then and then that's the  
26                   hotel that grandma goes.  
27          WENDY VAN TONGEREN: So, when -- when -- how old is  
28                   she now, [Granddaughter 2]?  
29          COREEN AHNASSAY: She's about three, four? Three  
30                   years old.  
31          WENDY VAN TONGEREN: So, does -- what does she call  
32                   you, do she call you grandma?  
33          COREEN AHNASSAY: Yeah, grandma. She always say  
34                   grandma.  
35          WENDY VAN TONGEREN: And does she put her arms like  
36                   this and run, run, run, run, run?  
37          COREEN AHNASSAY: Yeah. I see -- when I see her it  
38                   just seems like my daughter's right there.  
39          WENDY VAN TONGEREN: Yeah, oh good.  
40          COREEN AHNASSAY: Always my heart and yesterday I went  
41                   to visit her. She said, grandma where are you  
42                   going? Are you going home? Yeah. Not -- not  
43                   home, but over here. Grandma can I come, and she  
44                   start crying then I have to tell her I'll be back  
45                   tomorrow visit you. I'll lend you my tablet, so  
46                   okay and that she was just playing on it. And  
47                   then I left. I always come with it.



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1 WENDY VAN TONGEREN: I'd love to meet her, I can just  
2 imagine it.  
3 COREEN AHNASSAY: Yeah, she's my heart now.  
4 WENDY VAN TONGEREN: Brings warmth to your heart.  
5 COREEN AHNASSAY: She -- yeah, we named her  
6 [Granddaughter 2], that's why. It seems like  
7 just my daughter's is like that. If I see her,  
8 she's my heart, but that's now grandma, grandma,  
9 she comes to me and then she hugs me, and she  
10 kisses me and stuff like that. And it's so  
11 wonderful for me.  
12 WENDY VAN TONGEREN: I know, doesn't it feel  
13 wonderful? I have grandchildren too. I know  
14 what that's like.  
15 COREEN AHNASSAY: I've got 12 grandchildren.  
16 WENDY VAN TONGEREN: Oh, that's way more than I have.  
17 COREEN AHNASSAY: Three kids and my two. No, three.  
18 Three kids of mine and three -- all together we  
19 have grand -- 12 grandchildren.  
20 WENDY VAN TONGEREN: Wow, that's a lot of food when  
21 you bring them all together for Christmas.  
22 COREEN AHNASSAY: But never -- they never even visit  
23 us in [Community 1].  
24 WENDY VAN TONGEREN: Oh.  
25 COREEN AHNASSAY: Only sometimes like if somebody  
26 going a gathering or something, only that time  
27 they visit us.  
28 WENDY VAN TONGEREN: Is it far away from where they  
29 live or?  
30 KENNETH TECOMBA: Edmonton. Edmonton.  
31 WENDY VAN TONGEREN: Oh, okay. Yeah.  
32 KENNETH TECOMBA: I got two boys and one girl. And my  
33 daughters got a little boy, when she was 30 years  
34 old. Yeah, and my oldest boy is in Grande  
35 Prairie and what -- what he's doing up there is  
36 something to do with oil.  
37 WENDY VAN TONGEREN: Oh, not surprising.  
38 KENNETH TECOMBA: And Ken, my youngest one is -- he's  
39 -- I don't know he's just -- he's got open heart  
40 surgery when he was small, so he just can't work  
41 or can't lift any heavy stuff. All he does is  
42 just play games all day and that's all he does.  
43 WENDY VAN TONGEREN: Well it keeps his mind active I  
44 guess. So, so what about you guys? So, the --  
45 your -- the little girl, [Granddaughter 2], when  
46 was she born? So, she's about four, she was  
47 probably born about 2014?  
48 COREEN AHNASSAY: My granddaughter?

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1 WENDY VAN TONGEREN: Mm-hm.  
2 COREEN AHNASSAY: I got a phone from her mom. You  
3 see, but it's in January or something?  
4 KENNETH TECOMBA: [Granddaughter 1] I think  
5 (indiscernible).  
6 COREEN AHNASSAY: [Granddaughter 1]. [Granddaughter  
7 1] my other granddaughter [Granddaughter 1], her  
8 name has got on -- that's Olivia's daughter, and  
9 she's about 15, 16 now.  
10 WENDY VAN TONGEREN: Oh, okay.  
11 KENNETH TECOMBA: 15, 16.  
12 COREEN AHNASSAY: Or maybe 13?  
13 KENNETH TECOMBA: 12 or 13.  
14 COREEN AHNASSAY: She's 12 or 13 now, around there.  
15 WENDY VAN TONGEREN: Okay, so, what I'm really trying  
16 to get at is how old you guys are. So, because  
17 you know when I -- when my grandson was born, if  
18 you can believe it, I was 60 years old. So, he's  
19 going to be, let's see, seven this year, and I'm  
20 going to be 67 this year. So, it's very easy for  
21 me to remember my age because I just always know  
22 my grandson's age, and I just add 60. That's  
23 easy math, right?  
24 MICHELLE MACISAAC: Yeah.  
25 COREEN AHNASSAY: Yeah. Yeah.  
26 WENDY VAN TONGEREN: So, do you have easy math for  
27 your grandchildren? Like can you -- can you --  
28 when you figure out the age of your  
29 grandchildren, can you go, ah ha, now I remember  
30 how old I am?  
31 COREEN AHNASSAY: Me -- my grandchildren is hard,  
32 there's more (indiscernible). My grandson,  
33 oldest one, he's about 11 years old.  
34 WENDY VAN TONGEREN: Okay.  
35 COREEN AHNASSAY: And from there they're all like  
36 that.  
37 KENNETH TECOMBA: You're not talking about  
38 (indiscernible)?  
39 COREEN AHNASSAY: Huh?  
40 KENNETH TECOMBA: You're not talking about  
41 (indiscernible)?  
42 COREEN AHNASSAY: Mine is 1964 October 8th, 55 years  
43 old, I'm going to be 55 this year. Almost few  
44 more years, 60.  
45 KENNETH TECOMBA: You've got to guess.  
46 WENDY VAN TONGEREN: And how about you Ken?  
47 KENNETH TECOMBA: Guess.  
48 COREEN AHNASSAY: May 16, 1961.

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1 KENNETH TECOMBA: It's 57 years old.  
2 WENDY VAN TONGEREN: Okay. So, Michelle I don't need  
3 to ask you your age.  
4 Okay, so I'm just going to talk a moment  
5 about what the commissioners would like to see  
6 out of this session that we're having.  
7 KENNETH TECOMBA: Mm-hm.  
8 WENDY VAN TONGEREN: They were appointed by the  
9 government, but they're not part of the  
10 government.  
11 KENNETH TECOMBA: Yeah.  
12 WENDY VAN TONGEREN: It's -- it's separate. They were  
13 appointed to look into the -- the fact that there  
14 have been so -- there's been so much violence  
15 towards Indigenous woman and girls and -- and  
16 also lesbians and gays and trans people who are  
17 Indigenous.  
18 So, it's -- is it okay if I use the word  
19 Indigenous or would you prefer not to use it?  
20 KENNETH TECOMBA: Doesn't matter.  
21 WENDY VAN TONGEREN: Is it okay? Okay. So, they need  
22 to look into that. And when you think about it,  
23 like you just think about our lives every day and  
24 what you experience, and you probably know  
25 Indigenous women and girls who are involved in  
26 domestic violence situations. You probably know  
27 some who have disappeared. You may know some who  
28 have been sexually assaulted or raped like you  
29 say. There -- there may be some who actually  
30 have been assaulted by other Indigenous women or  
31 other women.  
32 There -- there -- if you think about it and  
33 I'm sure you could tell me many, many more types  
34 of violence that Indigenous women and girls have  
35 experienced.  
36 So, that's a big job for the -- for the  
37 commission to figure that out. Because it's not  
38 just -- it's not just one type of person who is  
39 going around doing all these things. There are  
40 many different types of people and different  
41 events that happen that result in violence  
42 against women.  
43 You probably saw it when you were working  
44 with the health world --  
45 KENNETH TECOMBA: Yeah.  
46 WENDY VAN TONGEREN: -- as well, hey Kenneth? Yeah.  
47 So, what the commissioners are supposed to do is  
48 inquire. And one of the ways they inquire is by

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1 starting with the family hearings, which is  
2 listening to family members who have lost loved  
3 ones. And so, you're exactly in the right place.

4 It -- it also includes however the women and  
5 the girls or their relatives who talk about --  
6 they're still alive and so they're -- they call  
7 them survivors. They may have experienced  
8 violence in residential school or -- or in a job  
9 that they had or just walking down the street and  
10 something awful happened. Like there's many  
11 opportunities [abuses] that people take.

12 So, it's lost loved ones as well as people  
13 who are survivors we call it. And what they're  
14 -- what the commissioners want to know, what is  
15 going on and -- and the word is, I'm going to  
16 write it on the board. Here's some words that  
17 are important. One is systemic, the other one is  
18 vulnerable, and I think the other one is  
19 violence. And these are the words that are used  
20 in writing the job description of what the  
21 commissioners are supposed to do.

22 So, number one they're saying well we have  
23 these -- these women and girls, Indigenous women  
24 and girls, who have suffered violence and it  
25 could be in a scenario where they've been  
26 kidnapped or, you know, they've disappeared. It  
27 could be that they're victims of homicide, like  
28 what your daughter was. It could be that it's  
29 still ongoing even, and they're survivors or  
30 they're talking about something in the past.

31 So, the thing is they're -- they're talking  
32 about these. They want to know, using these  
33 examples, what is going on systemically. Which  
34 means when you look to whether it be the police,  
35 or child welfare, or education, or the coroners,  
36 or health. If this was a big safety net, and you  
37 know what a safety net is like? You know, like  
38 if you -- if you have a trapeze person and they  
39 fall off the trapeze and they bounce on the  
40 safety net, but they're okay because there's a  
41 safety net? They're saying, if there are these  
42 health, police, child welfare, education,  
43 coroners, other peoples whose job it is to keep  
44 Indigenous women and girls safe, where are the  
45 holes in the -- in the safety net? Where are  
46 the examples of over and over and over again,  
47 girls become vulnerable, which means that -- an

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1 example of vulnerable would be a first-born baby,  
2 first-born baby cannot look after itself.

3 But we grow up and we can look after  
4 ourselves, but sometimes there are things that  
5 are created by the government or the systems that  
6 are designed to look after us that create holes  
7 in our safety net. So, we get -- we get -- and  
8 these vulnerable women become victims of violence  
9 because of the holes in the safety net.

10 So, that's what they're trying to figure  
11 out. So, an example -- I think one of the  
12 examples that I've heard that -- that people  
13 might not think of and -- and sometimes we  
14 consider it kind of normal because we see it  
15 every day, but we have to question these things.

16 So, an example is you -- a woman has  
17 children say, and then for whatever reason child  
18 welfare decides that she isn't a good mother and  
19 so they want to take the children away and they  
20 take the children away, and what that means is  
21 that she doesn't get money anymore. And  
22 therefore, she can't even afford a place to live.  
23 So, she -- or she doesn't have enough money to  
24 look after herself. So, she ends up vulnerable,  
25 because as long as you have a woman who doesn't  
26 have the money to pay for an apartment, to find a  
27 safe place to live, or even if you -- you don't  
28 have enough money to find a place where someone's  
29 not going to kick in your door or you know cause  
30 you trouble, like a neighbour or something.

31 So, that's an example, so, one thing that we  
32 need to look at is, is it really a good idea when  
33 you take a woman's children away that she loses  
34 all her money, so she doesn't have a place to  
35 live. So, that's an example.

36 But there's many other examples too, because  
37 that's just one agency that's giving out money.  
38 But there's the other agencies about what police  
39 do when crimes are reported to them. How they  
40 investigate for example. There's -- there's  
41 examples of coroners when they're determining a  
42 cause of death. Examples of education where, you  
43 know our -- all the Indigenous girls getting a  
44 good education so that they can look after  
45 themselves when they are -- are -- are adults and  
46 teenagers and adults.

47 So, what -- what I'm going to ask you to do,  
48 and -- and I'm going to close up the zipper on my

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1 mouth so that you do all the talking, is to tell  
2 your narrative about what happened to your  
3 daughter right from, you know you can start even  
4 from the time she was born and some of the things  
5 that happened in her life that may have  
6 contributed to -- to make her vulnerable or may  
7 have contributed to make her strong. Because  
8 we're also trying to identify the things that are  
9 working, so that we can do more of that.

10 COREEN AHNASSAY: Mm-hm.

11 WENDY VAN TONGEREN: So, tell us about your daughter  
12 and then tell us about, you know the weeks before  
13 and then the day that you found out that a  
14 horrible thing had happened.

15 And then tell us what happened after that,  
16 like how did the people around you who have this  
17 safety net, this job of the safety net, how did  
18 they deal with it? How did they help you? How  
19 did they help solve it? How did they help make  
20 your life better?

21 Like for example Michelle, it's so obvious  
22 to me, Michelle with her beautiful pink sweater,  
23 like it's sort of like, hey, I'm here to help  
24 you, and I have a beautiful pink sweater and I  
25 have a wonderful smile. And so, I can tell  
26 already that she helps, right?

27 COREEN AHNASSAY: Yeah.

28 WENDY VAN TONGEREN: Exactly.

29 COREEN AHNASSAY: I am so glad that she helps me a lot  
30 when I'm sad and I don't how to thank you.

31 MICHELLE MACISAAC: Oh, you know, don't --

32 WENDY VAN TONGEREN: And I think you too.

33 MICHELLE MACISAAC: Thank you.

34 COREEN AHNASSAY: Yeah.

35 WENDY VAN TONGEREN: So, so yes. Tell us the stories  
36 about what has helped, but also tell us the  
37 stories about, you know, why did that happen,  
38 that -- that doesn't feel right the way that  
39 happened. And go right through to through the  
40 court system and I -- and I -- another important  
41 thing I want to write here is the name of the  
42 person who was found responsible, what is -- what  
43 is his name?

44 COREEN AHNASSAY: I don't know.

45 KENNETH TECOMBA: Arthur.

46 COREEN AHNASSAY: Arthur Gallant.

47 MICHELLE MACISAAC: Gallant.

48 COREEN AHNASSAY: Gallant.

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1 WENDY VAN TONGEREN: G-a-l-l-a-n-t?  
2 COREEN AHNASSAY: I think so.  
3 KENNETH TECOMBA: G-a-l-l-a-n-t -- e-n-t.  
4 WENDY VAN TONGEREN: Say again?  
5 MICHELLE MACISAAC: He's not sure if it's "E" or "A".  
6 WENDY VAN TONGEREN: Okay. Yeah, so and no one's told  
7 me that I'm -- I need to hurry in any way, so we  
8 can take breaks, we can -- you can talk for a  
9 while and Kenneth can talk for a while, but just  
10 don't interrupt each other okay? Like just --  
11 COREEN AHNASSAY: No, that's all --  
12 WENDY VAN TONGEREN: -- we're going to have a rule  
13 where no interruption, we just --  
14 MICHELLE MACISAAC: Can I ask them questions if I want  
15 to know more to or not?  
16 WENDY VAN TONGEREN: As long as -- as long as -- as  
17 Coreen and Kenneth agree to questions, yeah.  
18 COREEN AHNASSAY: (indiscernible).  
19 WENDY VAN TONGEREN: And if they need the help of  
20 questions that's -- sometimes questions help.  
21 MICHELLE MACISAAC: Yeah, that's what I was thinking  
22 sometimes.  
23 WENDY VAN TONGEREN: Yeah.  
24 MICHELLE MACISAAC: I want to know about when she was  
25 small and growing up and.  
26 COREEN AHNASSAY: Yeah, yeah. Talk about my day  
27 Olivia -- when she was -- she was born to the day  
28 she died, that's what I'm going to talk about?  
29 MICHELLE MACISAAC: Yeah.  
30 WENDY VAN TONGEREN: And then well even beyond the day  
31 that she died. You're going to talk about how  
32 the police dealt with it, how people at victim  
33 services dealt with it, how hospitals dealt with  
34 it, how the courts dealt with it. So that -- it  
35 -- it goes beyond the day she died.  
36 And I also want you to cover -- and we're  
37 going to have sort of like chapters in a book,  
38 right? And so, the chapters might be, we've done  
39 an introduction of who you are. The next chapter  
40 will be kind of a statement of what you're going  
41 to talk about, which is what we're talking about  
42 now and then you go to -- and you've introduced  
43 your family, so that's really helpful.  
44 You probably could tell us more about where  
45 you live and -- and where your daughter lived and  
46 -- and so that we have a -- a good sense of your  
47 community. Like how large your community is and  
48 what services are -- are available to you.

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1                   And then we go to the -- the life of Olivia.  
2                   And so, I like Michelle's idea about starting  
3                   from the time that she was born, was a little  
4                   girl, got older and older, where she lived, where  
5                   she went to school, how she did, did she have any  
6                   health problems or any problems that -- that you  
7                   needed help with and were you able to get help.

8                   And then -- and then if Arthur was involved  
9                   in her life earlier then you could mention that  
10                  as well or if he was just --

11               COREEN AHNASSAY: Yeah.

12               WENDY VAN TONGEREN: And then -- and then you go to --  
13                  so that's a chapter, and then the next chapter is  
14                  -- that's -- let's call that background. It's  
15                  like setting the stage.

16                  And then the next part is how she died and  
17                  everything you know about that and tell us if you  
18                  know it directly because you saw it or heard it,  
19                  or if somebody told you about it. Because most  
20                  parents aren't present when something happens to  
21                  their daughters.

22               COREEN AHNASSAY: I had a phone call that's why I know  
23                  my daughter she died.

24               WENDY VAN TONGEREN: Okay.

25               COREEN AHNASSAY: She's in the hospital that's why we  
26                  went to hospital, and then she died already.

27               WENDY VAN TONGEREN: And then the next chapter might  
28                  be dealing with the courts.

29               COREEN AHNASSAY: Olivia about 11:00 at night, that's  
30                  when she died. Was November 18th, 2012. 11:00  
31                  o'clock at night she died. And I think she  
32                  already died when I went up to hospital and she  
33                  died. I think the guy poke him in his heart or  
34                  she just died right there. She died before that  
35                  happened, she always come to his grandma in  
36                  Chateh. Sometimes she comes to me, she phones  
37                  me, she said, mom I need something to eat. She  
38                  said just come over here and have something to  
39                  eat or grab something to -- to take to your  
40                  grandmas. And then she comes to my house  
41                  sometimes and sometimes she needs a ride to go to  
42                  High Level. They -- they lived in Bushe, living  
43                  with his dad, my ex and -- and we have to take  
44                  him -- take her back to High Level. She was  
45                  doing okay and she -- she had her (indiscernible)  
46                  [car].

47                  Sometimes she end up in Assumption, Chateh,  
48                  whatever. Sometimes she end up there drinking



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1            somewhere else. Next day she comes, she calls  
2            me. And then after that we went to treatment  
3            then -- and then after we came back she calls me  
4            to take her back to Bushe and she said, mom did  
5            you quit drinking? Yeah, I said, yeah. That  
6            (indiscernible) to me mom, don't ever drink, love  
7            you so much. Yeah, I listen to you, I said to  
8            her and then we were coming -- we were bringing  
9            her back to Bushe, on the way she was so happy.  
10           And I told her not to drink and go back to  
11           Assumption.

12           And then ever since, I never talked to her  
13           for quite a while. And then next -- next thing I  
14           have a phone call that Olivia's got stabbed. Her  
15           sisters that -- her sister told me that in the  
16           phone she said that she's trying to take her, to  
17           take her and go home with her sister. But Olivia  
18           said that I just want to stay. And then she --  
19           my -- her sister went home and that Arthur and  
20           his wife, they're arguing, and she tried to stop  
21           them.

22           Like Olivia she's a nice person and care  
23           about peoples and she's helping people a lot.  
24           And she's -- then like saving Arthur's wife and I  
25           don't know -- then she stabbed my daughter maybe  
26           three or four times.

27           And then I got call, them saying like my  
28           daughter, she phoned me then as soon as she  
29           phoned me I went to High Level, 11:00 o'clock at  
30           night and then there she died.

31           And I didn't even cry. If I'd have seen  
32           her, it was really hard for me. But I don't want  
33           to -- she's a nice person. She -- she did  
34           (indiscernible) [her] college, she went to grade  
35           12, she's a nice girl. She's nice person.

36           KENNETH TECOMBA: The -- they went to Victoria for a  
37           volleyball tournament.

38           COREEN AHNASSAY: (indiscernible) she knows him too.

39           KENNETH TECOMBA: They won -- they won. First  
40           aboriginal Indigenous games and they -- they won.  
41           All -- all the trophies and she's -- she's the  
42           MVP. She's a spiker hey? Five -- I think she  
43           was five foot, three only. But she's tall and  
44           she can jump and spike. Boy she can spike, she  
45           can spike.

46           WENDY VAN TONGEREN: So, this is Kenneth speaking and  
47           -- and so, where -- what was she competing in in  
48           Victoria?

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1 KENNETH TECOMBA: Volleyball tournament.  
2 WENDY VAN TONGEREN: Oh, volleyball.  
3 KENNETH TECOMBA: Volleyball tournament Indigenous.  
4 WENDY VAN TONGEREN: And they won.  
5 KENNETH TECOMBA: They won. Chateh girls won and she  
6 -- she's the MVP. Most valuable player.  
7 WENDY VAN TONGEREN: And you're saying that she was  
8 actually -- well how -- she was five, eight did  
9 you say?  
10 KENNETH TECOMBA: Five three I think.  
11 WENDY VAN TONGEREN: Oh, five three so -- so to be  
12 most valuable player she must have been hanging  
13 around the knees somehow.  
14 KENNETH TECOMBA: But she's -- she can jump high and  
15 she -- she just -- the serving, I don't know how  
16 she served but the ball just go down.  
17 WENDY VAN TONGEREN: Oh.  
18 KENNETH TECOMBA: It's hard to get and they -- they  
19 almost got beat by Winnipeg, but they won,  
20 anyways, they won. And they got a big trophy and  
21 all the gold ribbons. They -- they got back, and  
22 they were on the newspapers and everything. I  
23 was proud of her, yeah.  
24 MICHELLE MACISAAC: I have a question I didn't know.  
25 You said Olivia went to grade 12?  
26 COREEN AHNASSAY: Yeah.  
27 MICHELLE MACISAAC: So, where did she go to school?  
28 Like that's not common in Chateh, people don't go  
29 to grade 12 often. So, how did that happen?  
30 Where did she have to go out or?  
31 COREEN AHNASSAY: She -- she went to grade 12 in High  
32 Level.  
33 MICHELLE MACISAAC: Okay.  
34 KENNETH TECOMBA: The lake in the --  
35 COREEN AHNASSAY: What?  
36 KENNETH TECOMBA: What was that lake called? Northern  
37 lake.  
38 MICHELLE MACISAAC: Northern Lake, oh so as an adult  
39 she went back to school?  
40 KENNETH TECOMBA: Yeah.  
41 MICHELLE MACISAAC: Okay, as upgrading.  
42 COREEN AHNASSAY: Yeah.  
43 MICHELLE MACISAAC: That's good to hear. Cause they  
44 have an isolated community, very isolated your  
45 community.  
46 COREEN AHNASSAY: Yeah. Yeah. She -- I don't know,  
47 probably she worked somewhere too, but I, like, I  
48 don't stay with this dad no more, that's why I

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1 don't. Like they -- some day talk to me always  
2 in the phone, but they never even talk about  
3 their situation. Like I go out or stuff like  
4 that. But --  
5 MICHELLE MACISAAC: How -- sorry go ahead.  
6 COREEN AHNASSAY: But I know that day she got killed,  
7 just I mean, but when from like if I talk about  
8 it, I feel lonely without her or miss her a lot,  
9 especially in March. It's kind of really hard to  
10 talk about her life. It's just like me to talk  
11 about it, because I never talk about what  
12 happened or I just keep on living.  
13 WENDY VAN TONGEREN: Mm-hm.  
14 COREEN AHNASSAY: I just -- just don't talk about -- I  
15 don't really talk about it. My family or my  
16 kids, I don't -- I am always quiet person.  
17 Because I'm up -- when I was growing up my mom  
18 used to abuse me a lot. That's why I never talk  
19 about nothing. I'm an abused child, stuff like  
20 that and that's why I'm scared to talk about it.  
21 Because I used to -- my mom used to hit me with a  
22 broomstick when I was about this small.  
23 WENDY VAN TONGEREN: Okay and so that --  
24 COREEN AHNASSAY: That's why yeah.  
25 WENDY VAN TONGEREN: That's you know --  
26 COREEN AHNASSAY: About seven years old, or eight  
27 years old.  
28 WENDY VAN TONGEREN: About seven years old. Okay.  
29 COREEN AHNASSAY: That's why I don't even talk about  
30 my life and my kid's life. I just stay in my  
31 house.  
32 When I talk about it, it's just like, I  
33 don't know how to deal with it too. Because I  
34 don't really talk about it. When I talk about  
35 something, maybe they might like, I used to talk  
36 to my cousin Theresa and then she split it out  
37 all over.  
38 WENDY VAN TONGEREN: Now you can see --  
39 COREEN AHNASSAY: There I cut it off. I don't talk to  
40 no one. Even my husband, I don't talk to him.  
41 WENDY VAN TONGEREN: Mm.  
42 COREEN AHNASSAY: I come home, watch TV, I don't talk.  
43 Quiet person. Always quiet person.  
44 WENDY VAN TONGEREN: Have you always felt that the  
45 reason --  
46 COREEN AHNASSAY: It's hard, like it's hard for me to  
47 talk about things like that. But I try -- I try  
48 to talk about it, but it's so hard for me.

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1 MICHELLE MACISAAC: I'm happy you're talking about it  
2 today, you're letting it out.  
3 COREEN AHNASSAY: That's why -- I don't talk. About -  
4 - just scared or none of this maybe that's why,  
5 but I don't go anywhere. ~~(Indiscernible)~~ [In my  
6 life he's] from Assumption too. But ever since I  
7 was taking him I would travel around and show me  
8 where it is.  
9 WENDY VAN TONGEREN: And how long have you been with  
10 Kenneth?  
11 COREEN AHNASSAY: (indiscernible).  
12 WENDY VAN TONGEREN: How long have you been together  
13 with Kenneth?  
14 KENNETH TECOMBA: 25 years.  
15 WENDY VAN TONGEREN: Kenneth's right on top of it.  
16 MICHELLE MACISAAC: He knows.  
17 WENDY VAN TONGEREN: He knows, well since the time my  
18 life was really fine.  
19 COREEN AHNASSAY: I'm glad that she's here. She came  
20 (~~indiscernible~~) [to me, you want to] go to  
21 gather[ing?]. This is my first time that I went  
22 over here. My first time being -- gathering  
23 people like that.  
24 WENDY VAN TONGEREN: Right and you've got two more  
25 days, don't you?  
26 COREEN AHNASSAY: I never -- I never went like this  
27 before, never went. I don't even travel too,  
28 because I'm always working. I work five years,  
29 I've been janitor, five years.  
30 WENDY VAN TONGEREN: Mm. What -- what working? What  
31 do you work at?  
32 COREEN AHNASSAY: Huh?  
33 WENDY VAN TONGEREN: You said you were working?  
34 COREEN AHNASSAY: Yeah. Janitor.  
35 MICHELLE MACISAAC: Janitor.  
36 WENDY VAN TONGEREN: Oh, janitor. Oh, where do you do  
37 that?  
38 COREEN AHNASSAY: Five years.  
39 WENDY VAN TONGEREN: And -- and this --  
40 COREEN AHNASSAY: [Place of employment].  
41 WENDY VAN TONGEREN: Who -- who's your employer?  
42 COREEN AHNASSAY: Huh?  
43 MICHELLE MACISAAC: [Place of employment]. Where do  
44 you work?  
45 COREEN AHNASSAY: [Location].  
46 MICHELLE MACISAAC: Yeah.  
47 WENDY VAN TONGEREN: Oh, okay.  
48 MICHELLE MACISAAC: Tell her about your reserve.

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1 COREEN AHNASSAY: It's a small reserve, [Reserve  
2 name], they call {Reserve name}. It's good to  
3 live there.  
4 WENDY VAN TONGEREN: Great.  
5 COREEN AHNASSAY: Sometimes -- sometimes when people  
6 drink, and they walk even at night too.  
7 Sometimes scream. It's good place that we --  
8 sometimes we have vehicle, we go hunting.  
9 WENDY VAN TONGEREN: Mm-hm.  
10 KENNETH TECOMBA: This place --  
11 COREEN AHNASSAY: Hunting --  
12 KENNETH TECOMBA: This place they call there's a third  
13 prairie, second prairie --  
14 COREEN AHNASSAY: Town site.  
15 KENNETH TECOMBA: Town site, new town site and trailer  
16 court.  
17 COREEN AHNASSAY: Trailer court.  
18 KENNETH TECOMBA: There's five places and -- and two  
19 are nice. Somethings going around and they all,  
20 everybody knows. Like this one guy from third  
21 prairie, you probably don't -- he said about  
22 retaliate, something about -- she's I they --  
23 they -- they call her a third prairie newspaper.  
24 WENDY VAN TONGEREN: She's got all the news.  
25 KENNETH TECOMBA: Second prairie is a -- Robert Sochuk  
26 (phonetic) they call him a reporter for second  
27 prairie. And (indiscernible) Rosie they call a  
28 newspaper and trailer court and they call her a  
29 -- a land owner.  
30 Something going around even the cops go --  
31 go towards Prairie Road and learn about her with  
32 a siren on. Everybody knows like.  
33 We're just waiting for a phone call to say  
34 somebody's going to call me and see -- see what's  
35 going on. Sure enough they -- somebody got  
36 stopped and the truck is going to be towed away.  
37 Everybody knows it's too small a place. Whenever  
38 there's a check-stop, no vehicles are around.  
39 Because there's -- most people are driving  
40 without a license there. Yeah, so.  
41 WENDY VAN TONGEREN: Is -- is there a police office in  
42 -- in Chateh?  
43 KENNETH TECOMBA: Yeah.  
44 WENDY VAN TONGEREN: Yeah, and so I'd -- but I'd like  
45 you to explain, because you know, Michelle raises  
46 a really good point.  
47 KENNETH TECOMBA: Four cops.

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1 WENDY VAN TONGEREN: I have -- I have been to High  
2 Level because [personal information - redacted].  
3 And -- but I haven't been to -- so this might not  
4 work, but for example, I'll tell you that I live  
5 in -- near a place called [personal information -  
6 redacted] and it's about right here. And it's a  
7 long way to go to [personal information -  
8 redacted], like it takes -- it takes me a long  
9 time. Sometimes if I -- there was -- if I had  
10 the road all to myself it would be about 35  
11 minutes. But because there's always traffic  
12 sometimes it takes like an hour and a half for me  
13 to get to my job. And so, and coming home is  
14 even worse.

15 So, so that's a map. So, here's [personal  
16 information - redacted], here's my house, here's  
17 [personal information - redacted]. And the place  
18 that I -- places that I would like to know, I  
19 don't -- can you relate to this? Like can you  
20 tell me where Chateh is and where High Level is  
21 and where Prairie One -- first prairie and second  
22 prairie, those places are? Can you kind of draw  
23 it out?

24 KENNETH TECOMBA: I don't back in my head.

25 MICHELLE MACISAAC: From High Level.

26 WENDY VAN TONGEREN: From High Level.

27 COREEN AHNASSAY: My daughter was a good person. She  
28 was a nice lady. She's always smile. Friends,  
29 got lots of friends too.

30 WENDY VAN TONGEREN: Mm-hm. I'm just going to move  
31 this closer.

32 COREEN AHNASSAY: Even their friends they -- they  
33 misses her, every -- every -- everybody, like her  
34 friends, they know that day she born, they know  
35 their birthdays too. They connect to each other  
36 they're friends. She's got a lot of friends.  
37 And she's a -- she's always smile and like hey,  
38 likes to play games and stuff like that. Loves  
39 her daughter too. She's a nice person.

40 She never did -- she never did fight or  
41 nothing. Like she protecting people.

42 WENDY VAN TONGEREN: Mm-hm.

43 COREEN AHNASSAY: Like she wants to help people.  
44 That's all she does. She's always care about  
45 people. Loving people, loving person. She likes  
46 people, people like to love them. Stuff like  
47 that.

48 KENNETH TECOMBA: Never (indiscernible)

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1 MICHELLE MACISAAC: (indiscernible), I think it's  
2 important to say, like this is where I get  
3 groceries, our bank. Put all of your -- cause it  
4 shows you're isolated, right?  
5 KENNETH TECOMBA: Yeah.  
6 COREEN AHNASSAY: She never gets mad. She never like  
7 that. Not violent, she's not like that.  
8 WENDY VAN TONGEREN: Mm-hm.  
9 COREEN AHNASSAY: She's a happy girl. Ever since she  
10 was born. I love her so much.  
11 WENDY VAN TONGEREN: Yeah.  
12 COREEN AHNASSAY: She's pretty just like today she  
13 would have been with his dad, with her daughter  
14 or she must be somewhere today.  
15 WENDY VAN TONGEREN: Mm-hm.  
16 MICHELLE MACISAAC: So, the grocery store is here,  
17 bank, doctor, like everything, main area. How  
18 long from here to here?  
19 KENNETH TECOMBA: I do 30 minutes but four or five  
20 minutes.  
21 WENDY VAN TONGEREN: Can you -- can you walk up to the  
22 camera and let me just look in -- what up holding  
23 that picture so that we can make sure that we can  
24 see that picture. So, try -- oh yeah, that's  
25 much better. A little bit closer, see if you can  
26 come. There you go. Okay, I'm going to hold  
27 this, and you can see it there, you can see what  
28 the commissioners are going to see. Is that  
29 good?  
30 KENNETH TECOMBA: Yeah.  
31 COREEN AHNASSAY: Yeah.  
32 WENDY VAN TONGEREN: That's your daughter.  
33 COREEN AHNASSAY: Yeah, that's my daughter.  
34 WENDY VAN TONGEREN: And today would be her birthday.  
35 COREEN AHNASSAY: Yeah, her birthday.  
36 WENDY VAN TONGEREN: She would be 35 today.  
37 COREEN AHNASSAY: Yeah.  
38 WENDY VAN TONGEREN: Okay, thank you.  
39 COREEN AHNASSAY: Mm-hm.  
40 WENDY VAN TONGEREN: I'm so glad you brought this  
41 picture. But you -- you probably carry it with  
42 you all the time, do you or?  
43 COREEN AHNASSAY: That's -- I don't have no pictures  
44 of her, but this is my daughter's she gave -- she  
45 gave it to me, because she's the one that she's  
46 always hanging to each other.  
47 WENDY VAN TONGEREN: Mm-hm.

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1 COREEN AHNASSAY: They never left each other, they  
2 were always together.  
3 WENDY VAN TONGEREN: Oh.  
4 COREEN AHNASSAY: But now she's the only one and two  
5 boys, I have now.  
6 WENDY VAN TONGEREN: Right.  
7 MICHELLE MACISAAC: So, the school what grade does the  
8 school go to only?  
9 KENNETH TECOMBA: School's over right here.  
10 MICHELLE MACISAAC: And what grade does it go to?  
11 KENNETH TECOMBA: Let's see, up to 10 I think.  
12 COREEN AHNASSAY: My son got three daughters. Two  
13 girls and one boy. My son.  
14 WENDY VAN TONGEREN: Mm-hm.  
15 MICHELLE MACISAAC: So, you put high school over here,  
16 they have to go to high school.  
17 KENNETH TECOMBA: Mm-hm. Yeah. Our house.  
18 MICHELLE MACISAAC: There is one there.  
19 COREEN AHNASSAY: They live in High Level. And my  
20 oldest daughter, she lives in (indiscernible).  
21 So, she's got seven children.  
22 WENDY VAN TONGEREN: Really?  
23 MICHELLE MACISAAC: This is part of -- what's your  
24 nation called? Dene Tha?  
25 KENNETH TECOMBA: Yeah. I don't know. I don't know  
26 (indiscernible)  
27 COREEN AHNASSAY: (indiscernible) if I ask, when I  
28 come over I spend the night. I take only the --  
29 I always take [Granddaughter 2]. I like her so  
30 much. But I am -- I -- I miss her so much.  
31 She's always smiling, always smiling.  
32 WENDY VAN TONGEREN: Yes. Did you look like that when  
33 you were that age? Did she look like you?  
34 COREEN AHNASSAY: Huh?  
35 WENDY VAN TONGEREN: Does -- does she look like you?  
36 Olivia?  
37 COREEN AHNASSAY: Yeah, this is her tattoo.  
38 WENDY VAN TONGEREN: Oh, yes.  
39 COREEN AHNASSAY: Yeah, there's the other one. Yeah,  
40 she's a nice lady. Every time I got her  
41 picture --  
42 KENNETH TECOMBA: What's the name of our First Nation?  
43 COREEN AHNASSAY: -- and teddy bear in it, but I  
44 bought it and (indiscernible).  
45 KENNETH TECOMBA: It's on (indiscernible)  
46 COREEN AHNASSAY: She -- today is her birthday and I  
47 said, happy birthday girl. I say in my mind.  
48 WENDY VAN TONGEREN: Right.



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1 COREEN AHNASSAY: Because she's wherever they have to  
2 go --  
3 WENDY VAN TONGEREN: Mm-hm.  
4 COREEN AHNASSAY: Their spirit. That's what one guy  
5 told me. They always go with --  
6 KENNETH TECOMBA: That's roughly but.  
7 WENDY VAN TONGEREN: Can you just write your name on  
8 it and the date on it -- on the bottom.  
9 MICHELLE MACISAAC: Your name.  
10 WENDY VAN TONGEREN: I'm looking to Kenneth when I  
11 said that.  
12 COREEN AHNASSAY: That's why every morning I pray to  
13 my mom. To my daughter. I love her so much.  
14 WENDY VAN TONGEREN: So, we're going to use what  
15 Kenneth drew because I just want to be clear  
16 about where people were living.  
17 KENNETH TECOMBA: March?  
18 MICHELLE MACISAAC: 18th today.  
19 COREEN AHNASSAY: Yeah. Okay.  
20 WENDY VAN TONGEREN: So, I'm just going to show this  
21 to the camera. I have no idea if this is going  
22 to work, but there we go. Okay, so, can you show  
23 that to Coreen, Kenneth and let's use -- what did  
24 I do with -- oh there it is. Just -- just this  
25 is a big thick one, so, just with a dot or maybe  
26 even numbers, is the place where Olivia was born  
27 there?  
28 COREEN AHNASSAY: Yeah, Assumption.  
29 WENDY VAN TONGEREN: Okay, can you put a one there?  
30 KENNETH TECOMBA: The whole hospital.  
31 WENDY VAN TONGEREN: Just a little one, not too huge  
32 because we -- but I want to be able to -- to see  
33 it.  
34 COREEN AHNASSAY: Which --  
35 MICHELLE MACISAAC: Number one.  
36 WENDY VAN TONGEREN: And then put a number one, you --  
37 you can use this pen if you like.  
38 COREEN AHNASSAY: Yeah.  
39 WENDY VAN TONGEREN: So, we don't make it too big.  
40 Okay, and think about from the time she was born  
41 until the day that she died in 2010. Were there  
42 different places that she lived?  
43 COREEN AHNASSAY: She goes to Bushe. She moved to  
44 Bushe. She grew up there.  
45 WENDY VAN TONGEREN: Okay.  
46 COREEN AHNASSAY: With his dad.

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1 WENDY VAN TONGEREN: So, I didn't hear the word you  
2 said, she's something there? What was the word  
3 you used? She worked there or what?  
4 MICHELLE MACISAAC: She moved to Bushe with her dad.  
5 WENDY VAN TONGEREN: She moved -- she moved to Bushe  
6 with her dad. So, why don't we mark that and put  
7 a number two.  
8 KENNETH TECOMBA: Number two.  
9 COREEN AHNASSAY: Huh?  
10 KENNETH TECOMBA: I got --  
11 COREEN AHNASSAY: Oh.  
12 KENNETH TECOMBA: Got cramps.  
13 WENDY VAN TONGEREN: Oh, well stand up.  
14 MICHELLE MACISAAC: Are you okay to stand up?  
15 KENNETH TECOMBA: Yeah, yeah, yeah.  
16 COREEN AHNASSAY: Yeah, she --  
17 KENNETH TECOMBA: It kills me.  
18 WENDY VAN TONGEREN: And exercise a little bit.  
19 KENNETH TECOMBA: Kills me.  
20 COREEN AHNASSAY: Yeah.  
21 WENDY VAN TONGEREN: Okay, so there, and then put a  
22 two there.  
23 COREEN AHNASSAY: Two?  
24 WENDY VAN TONGEREN: Yes, so one is where she's born  
25 and two is where she moved with her dad.  
26 COREEN AHNASSAY: One and two -- yeah, Bushe.  
27 WENDY VAN TONGEREN: And what -- what was her dad's  
28 name?  
29 COREEN AHNASSAY: My ex?  
30 WENDY VAN TONGEREN: Mm-hm.  
31 COREEN AHNASSAY: That's not his real dad. Natural  
32 dad -- her natural dad he's died.  
33 WENDY VAN TONGEREN: Oh, okay, so --  
34 COREEN AHNASSAY: His name is [Father 2] (phonetic).  
35 WENDY VAN TONGEREN: Okay [Father 2] was the real --  
36 COREEN AHNASSAY: He died too.  
37 WENDY VAN TONGEREN: Okay.  
38 COREEN AHNASSAY: He was drinking alcohol.  
39 WENDY VAN TONGEREN: And which -- which dad did she  
40 move to Bushe with? What was his name?  
41 COREEN AHNASSAY: That's my -- step-dad I think,  
42 [Father 1] (phonetic).  
43 WENDY VAN TONGEREN: [Father 1], [Father 1] okay.  
44 COREEN AHNASSAY: That's his dad. Step-dad.  
45 WENDY VAN TONGEREN: Okay. And is there a reason that  
46 she went there with [Father 1] instead of staying  
47 with you in Chateh?  
48 COREEN AHNASSAY: No.

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1 WENDY VAN TONGEREN: No?  
2 COREEN AHNASSAY: We split up together.  
3 WENDY VAN TONGEREN: Yeah.  
4 COREEN AHNASSAY: And I stay with this guy 25 years  
5 now.  
6 WENDY VAN TONGEREN: Okay. Okay.  
7 COREEN AHNASSAY: I split up with him, my ex. He's  
8 just I don't like him. I was stupid that's why I  
9 end up with staying with him.  
10 MICHELLE MACISAAC: How old was she when she moved to  
11 Bushe with him?  
12 COREEN AHNASSAY: Maybe 10, 11.  
13 MICHELLE MACISAAC: 10 or 11 years old? And she went  
14 and raised -- her step-dad raised her in Bushe?  
15 COREEN AHNASSAY: Yeah.  
16 MICHELLE MACISAAC: Okay.  
17 COREEN AHNASSAY: Yeah.  
18 MICHELLE MACISAAC: Okay, I didn't know that.  
19 WENDY VAN TONGEREN: Okay, and who decided that she'd  
20 go with her step-dad and not live with you?  
21 COREEN AHNASSAY: That's because she doesn't want to  
22 stay. I don't know.  
23 KENNETH TECOMBA: (indiscernible)  
24 COREEN AHNASSAY: Huh?  
25 KENNETH TECOMBA: (indiscernible)  
26 COREEN AHNASSAY: Huh?  
27 WENDY VAN TONGEREN: Who decided?  
28 KENNETH TECOMBA: Child -- child welfare.  
29 WENDY VAN TONGEREN: Oh, okay.  
30 COREEN AHNASSAY: I --  
31 MICHELLE MACISAAC: Okay.  
32 COREEN AHNASSAY: Yeah, she -- she -- they were by end  
33 child welfare and then her dad took them back.  
34 WENDY VAN TONGEREN: Okay. I see. [Father 1] took  
35 them back.  
36 COREEN AHNASSAY: Yeah, my --  
37 WENDY VAN TONGEREN: Is that right? Yeah.  
38 COREEN AHNASSAY: Yeah, my ex took them back.  
39 WENDY VAN TONGEREN: Your ex. Okay.  
40 COREEN AHNASSAY: Because I was drinking too much that  
41 time.  
42 WENDY VAN TONGEREN: Okay.  
43 COREEN AHNASSAY: And I can't handle them -- take them  
44 back because I was drinking.  
45 WENDY VAN TONGEREN: Okay.  
46 COREEN AHNASSAY: And from 2007 we went to treatment,  
47 both of us. From there we quit drink. And I  
48 realized that drinking is no good --

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1 WENDY VAN TONGEREN: Okay.  
2 COREEN AHNASSAY: -- for your life.  
3 WENDY VAN TONGEREN: I really like that too. I really  
4 like -- congratulations. Both of you.  
5 MICHELLE MACISAAC: 10 years.  
6 WENDY VAN TONGEREN: Yeah.  
7 MICHELLE MACISAAC: 10 years.  
8 COREEN AHNASSAY: Yeah.  
9 WENDY VAN TONGEREN: That's amazing.  
10 COREEN AHNASSAY: And --  
11 WENDY VAN TONGEREN: So, where else -- did she live  
12 anywhere else besides that as she got older, or  
13 -- tell us anywhere else she may have lived?  
14 COREEN AHNASSAY: She -- she used to live in towards  
15 to Fort McMurray, but it's just a little towards  
16 to Fort Vermilion for La Crete.  
17 WENDY VAN TONGEREN: Oh, yeah, I know that place.  
18 MICHELLE MACISAAC: La Crete, she lived in La Crete?  
19 COREEN AHNASSAY: Not really, not really La Crete --  
20 WENDY VAN TONGEREN: Oh, okay.  
21 COREEN AHNASSAY: -- but just towards to --  
22 MICHELLE MACISAAC: Tall Creek?  
23 COREEN AHNASSAY: I think so, but I don't know how to  
24 say it.  
25 MICHELLE MACISAAC: Here.  
26 COREEN AHNASSAY: While you're going --  
27 WENDY VAN TONGEREN: Is it on there?  
28 KENNETH TECOMBA: Lesque.  
29 WENDY VAN TONGEREN: Even if it's --  
30 COREEN AHNASSAY: Lesque, it's somewhere toward  
31 Lesque, like -  
32 KENNETH TECOMBA: Boyer?  
33 COREEN AHNASSAY: -- there's High Level, High Level  
34 and you go on your right here's Bushe and you go  
35 right is -- and then Fort -- here's Fort and La  
36 Crete here this way. Somewhere around here she  
37 would be.  
38 WENDY VAN TONGEREN: Okay. So --  
39 COREEN AHNASSAY: And right here is the bridge.  
40 WENDY VAN TONGEREN: So, Kenneth can you just write  
41 those places --  
42 COREEN AHNASSAY: That where she --  
43 WENDY VAN TONGEREN: -- that she's pointing out.  
44 COREEN AHNASSAY: She used to be doing like, they used  
45 to live with --  
46 KENNETH TECOMBA: (indiscernible)  
47 COREEN AHNASSAY: Mr. -- Mr. -- no, I forgot her name.  
48 But her daughter works at the nurses station.

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1 KENNETH TECOMBA: (indiscernible).  
2 COREEN AHNASSAY: No.  
3 KENNETH TECOMBA: Mrs. Rogers.  
4 COREEN AHNASSAY: I think this is Mr. -- but she's  
5 very old now, that lady that she used to keep  
6 them.  
7 MICHELLE MACISAAC: A white haired lady? A white  
8 lady?  
9 COREEN AHNASSAY: Yeah.  
10 MICHELLE MACISAAC: She works at the nurses' station?  
11 COREEN AHNASSAY: No, that one --  
12 MICHELLE MACISAAC: Oh the --  
13 KENNETH TECOMBA: Are you talking about Anya  
14 (phonetic)?  
15 MICHELLE MACISAAC: Yeah.  
16 COREEN AHNASSAY: You know, probably (indiscernible).  
17 MICHELLE MACISAAC: So, I have a question, when she  
18 lived there, was she in foster care? When she  
19 lived there, so she was apprehended and placed in  
20 foster care there?  
21 COREEN AHNASSAY: Yeah.  
22 MICHELLE MACISAAC: So, she stayed with that family  
23 for a while. Okay.  
24 COREEN AHNASSAY: Yeah.  
25 MICHELLE MACISAAC: Okay.  
26 WENDY VAN TONGEREN: And so, was that number three? I  
27 think that's number three, isn't it?  
28 MICHELLE MACISAAC: Yes.  
29 COREEN AHNASSAY: Yeah. Two -- two of them. Four of  
30 them.  
31 MICHELLE MACISAAC: All three.  
32 COREEN AHNASSAY: Four of them, four of them. [Child  
33 1], Olivia, [Child 3] and [Child 4].  
34 MICHELLE MACISAAC: You have four children?  
35 COREEN AHNASSAY: Two boys, two girls. And I lost  
36 Olivia, so one girl, two boys.  
37 MICHELLE MACISAAC: Okay.  
38 WENDY VAN TONGEREN: Right, okay. Okay, so, let's --  
39 but that's --  
40 COREEN AHNASSAY: Mrs. Williams. Yeah, that's the  
41 one.  
42 WENDY VAN TONGEREN: Williams. Okay.  
43 MICHELLE MACISAAC: Oh, okay.  
44 COREEN AHNASSAY: Mrs. Williams.  
45 KENNETH TECOMBA: Williams.  
46 COREEN AHNASSAY: Yeah, but Mrs. Williams --  
47 WENDY VAN TONGEREN: You keep that because you might  
48 need it again.

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1 COREEN AHNASSAY: Mrs. Williams she moved to  
2 Whitecourt.  
3 MICHELLE MACISAAC: Okay.  
4 WENDY VAN TONGEREN: Is that -- is that right here?  
5 COREEN AHNASSAY: Yeah.  
6 WENDY VAN TONGEREN: Okay.  
7 MICHELLE MACISAAC: Let me put right here -- excuse  
8 me?  
9 WENDY VAN TONGEREN: I know.  
10 COREEN AHNASSAY: Right there she -- Mrs. Williams,  
11 yeah, that's the one that she kept them.  
12 WENDY VAN TONGEREN: And how old was she then when she  
13 went there, Olivia?  
14 KENNETH TECOMBA: (indiscernible)  
15 COREEN AHNASSAY: So, she's about 16, 15 somewhere  
16 there. And their dad took them back on.  
17 WENDY VAN TONGEREN: Again, he took them?  
18 COREEN AHNASSAY: He quit drinking before us and so he  
19 took them back. I was (indiscernible) at that  
20 time.  
21 MICHELLE MACISAAC: So, how old was she when she went  
22 there?  
23 COREEN AHNASSAY: Maybe five, six years old.  
24 MICHELLE MACISAAC: And she stayed with that family  
25 for a long time?  
26 COREEN AHNASSAY: Yeah.  
27 MICHELLE MACISAAC: That's good to know. Now I'm  
28 starting to find out more about her.  
29 COREEN AHNASSAY: Yeah. Yeah.  
30 WENDY VAN TONGEREN: Yeah, okay. And so, was she with  
31 Mrs. Williams from the time she was five until  
32 when she was 15 or 16?  
33 COREEN AHNASSAY: Yeah.  
34 WENDY VAN TONGEREN: So that is a long time, isn't it?  
35 COREEN AHNASSAY: It's about -- she would -- yeah, I  
36 lost them, they were in care, but my ex used to  
37 beat me up, that's why. So, that's why I took  
38 off on him, that's why I left the kids with him.  
39 Then from there he start drinking too and then  
40 the kids has to go to a foster home.  
41 MICHELLE MACISAAC: Mm-hm.  
42 COREEN AHNASSAY: And then after that -- their dad  
43 took them back. Now they live in Bushe. She had  
44 a girl. She --  
45 WENDY VAN TONGEREN: Okay, so she went back to there.  
46 Have you -- so did she, I was trying to figure  
47 this out.  
48 MICHELLE MACISAAC: So, Bushe at four again.

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1 WENDY VAN TONGEREN: Bushe.  
2 MICHELLE MACISAAC: Two and then four.  
3 WENDY VAN TONGEREN: Oh two, so that was two times  
4 that she was in Bushe?  
5 MICHELLE MACISAAC: Yeah.  
6 WENDY VAN TONGEREN: Okay.  
7 COREEN AHNASSAY: Yeah Bushe. And now she live here,  
8 Bushe.  
9 WENDY VAN TONGEREN: And that's when she had a child  
10 you said? Did you, I'm sorry, yeah okay.  
11 MICHELLE MACISAAC: How old was she when she had her  
12 baby?  
13 COREEN AHNASSAY: Maybe 17.  
14 MICHELLE MACISAAC: So, right after.  
15 COREEN AHNASSAY: Me I had my first child when I was  
16 about 13 years old.  
17 MICHELLE MACISAAC: Mm, 13? And who's the oldest?  
18 COREEN AHNASSAY: [Child 1].  
19 MICHELLE MACISAAC: [Child 1]'s the oldest, okay.  
20 COREEN AHNASSAY: Yeah.  
21 MICHELLE MACISAAC: And then?  
22 COREEN AHNASSAY: Olivia.  
23 MICHELLE MACISAAC: So, you were young when you had  
24 Olivia too. How old were you when you had  
25 Olivia?  
26 COREEN AHNASSAY: They're one year apart.  
27 MICHELLE MACISAAC: 14? You had Olivia at 14?  
28 COREEN AHNASSAY: Well they're one year apart, so.  
29 MICHELLE MACISAAC: So, from when the time you were 14  
30 to 19 for the first five years, did Olivia live  
31 with you and your ex-husband? You raised her at  
32 that young?  
33 COREEN AHNASSAY: Yeah.  
34 WENDY VAN TONGEREN: And -- and that would have been  
35 -- I can't remember the first place, oh at  
36 Chateh.  
37 COREEN AHNASSAY: My -- my mom used to beat me up  
38 then. I got away. I run -- I run away and I  
39 hung out with my ex.  
40 MICHELLE MACISAAC: Yeah.  
41 COREEN AHNASSAY: I was staying with him when about  
42 12, 11, 12 years old, I started staying with him.  
43 MICHELLE MACISAAC: But you didn't stay with him long  
44 because you had another partner after.  
45 COREEN AHNASSAY: Yeah.  
46 MICHELLE MACISAAC: So.  
47 COREEN AHNASSAY: This was my first one.  
48 MICHELLE MACISAAC: Really, you were first?

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1 COREEN AHNASSAY: And then I went back to him. This  
2 was my first one.  
3 KENNETH TECOMBA: I was --  
4 MICHELLE MACISAAC: So --  
5 KENNETH TECOMBA: I was too busy on -- on the road.  
6 COREEN AHNASSAY: And now we went back --  
7 KENNETH TECOMBA: I -- I've got five brothers in a  
8 band and drove all over the places. Five  
9 brothers in a band. Rock and roll band.  
10 MICHELLE MACISAAC: Wow, I never even knew you were  
11 such a young mother. I never knew that.  
12 COREEN AHNASSAY: Yeah. I stayed with him 11 years  
13 though. And when I turned 13 I got my first  
14 time.  
15 MICHELLE MACISAAC: So -- I'm just going to draw this  
16 because it's easier to see.  
17 COREEN AHNASSAY: Okay.  
18 MICHELLE MACISAAC: So, 13 -- is this okay if I write  
19 here?  
20 WENDY VAN TONGEREN: Yes, yes.  
21 MICHELLE MACISAAC: Just because I know she likes to  
22 see things too and I --  
23 WENDY VAN TONGEREN: I try to get -- I actually tried  
24 to get paper because I -- I prefer to keep the  
25 paper, but --  
26 MICHELLE MACISAAC: So --  
27 WENDY VAN TONGEREN: I do have big pads.  
28 MICHELLE MACISAAC: I hope this is a white board.  
29 Okay, so, at 13 you had [Child 1]?  
30 COREEN AHNASSAY: Yeah.  
31 MICHELLE MACISAAC: 14 Olivia?  
32 COREEN AHNASSAY: Yeah.  
33 MICHELLE MACISAAC: Okay, so, what's -- what's their  
34 dad's name?  
35 COREEN AHNASSAY: [Child 1]?  
36 MICHELLE MACISAAC: Yeah.  
37 COREEN AHNASSAY: [Father 1].  
38 MICHELLE MACISAAC: [Father 1]. And Olivia's?  
39 COREEN AHNASSAY: [Father 2]'s her dad.  
40 (indiscernible)  
41 MICHELLE MACISAAC: And then you went with -- stayed  
42 with [Father 2] until you were how old?  
43 COREEN AHNASSAY: No, I didn't stay with him, but --  
44 MICHELLE MACISAAC: You went with the other man.  
45 What's his name?  
46 COREEN AHNASSAY: Huh? [Father 1].  
47 MICHELLE MACISAAC: [Father 1] come back.



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1 COREEN AHNASSAY: No, [Child 3] (phonetic) -- he's got  
2 another father, but not this -- not my ex-  
3 partner.  
4 MICHELLE MACISAAC: But [Father 1]'s --  
5 COREEN AHNASSAY: [Child 4] and [Child 1] got same  
6 dad, [Father 1].  
7 MICHELLE MACISAAC: Okay. Okay.  
8 WENDY VAN TONGEREN: I wasn't sure -- who's got the  
9 same dad, there's sorry?  
10 MICHELLE MACISAAC: [Child 1], Olivia -- and then who  
11 is next?  
12 COREEN AHNASSAY: [Child 3].  
13 WENDY VAN TONGEREN: [Child 3].  
14 MICHELLE MACISAAC: How old were you when you had  
15 [Child 3]?  
16 COREEN AHNASSAY: 16.  
17 MICHELLE MACISAAC: Wow, and the next one?  
18 COREEN AHNASSAY: 18. [Child 4].  
19 MICHELLE MACISAAC: And what was that -- what's name?  
20 COREEN AHNASSAY: 18, [Child 4].  
21 MICHELLE MACISAAC: So, [Father 1] is [Child 1].  
22 COREEN AHNASSAY: Yeah.  
23 MICHELLE MACISAAC: And Olivia's dad. [Father 2] is  
24 Olivia's.  
25 COREEN AHNASSAY: Yeah, [Father 2] is Olivia and  
26 [Child 4] and [Child 1] they got the same dad.  
27 MICHELLE MACISAAC: So, [Father 1] is all three?  
28 COREEN AHNASSAY: No.  
29 MICHELLE MACISAAC: But [Father 1]'s the one who kept  
30 -- raised them.  
31 COREEN AHNASSAY: This is -- this is [Father 3].  
32 MICHELLE MACISAAC: [Father 3], oh.  
33 COREEN AHNASSAY: No, this is right.  
34 MICHELLE MACISAAC: [Father 1], oh [Father 3].  
35 COREEN AHNASSAY: This is --  
36 MICHELLE MACISAAC: [Father 3], okay.  
37 WENDY VAN TONGEREN: Oh, is the father, you mean?  
38 MICHELLE MACISAAC: And --  
39 COREEN AHNASSAY: That's his dad.  
40 MICHELLE MACISAAC: Yeah.  
41 COREEN AHNASSAY: This and this is [Father 1].  
42 MICHELLE MACISAAC: Okay, I get it now.  
43 WENDY VAN TONGEREN: Okay, I'm just going to turn the  
44 camera around, so you can -- so I can see this.  
45 MICHELLE MACISAAC: Yeah, so this -- so this, so.  
46 COREEN AHNASSAY: Yeah.  
47 MICHELLE MACISAAC: [Child 1] and [Child 4] is [Father  
48 1]'s?

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1 COREEN AHNASSAY: Yeah. Two kids (indiscernible) and  
2 two kids.  
3 MICHELLE MACISAAC: And so, [Child 1] is a girl,  
4 Olivia obviously is a girl, and [Child 3] is a  
5 boy and [Child 4] is a boy?  
6 COREEN AHNASSAY: Yeah.  
7 WENDY VAN TONGEREN: And did we spell [Child 4]  
8 correctly? [*Spells name*]?  
9 COREEN AHNASSAY: [Child 4].  
10 WENDY VAN TONGEREN: How do you spell it?  
11 COREEN AHNASSAY: [*Spells name*].  
12 WENDY VAN TONGEREN: Okay.  
13 MICHELLE MACISAAC: [Child 4], okay.  
14 WENDY VAN TONGEREN: And this is the artist.  
15 MICHELLE MACISAAC: I -- I was getting confused and I  
16 know you like to see things too. I like to see,  
17 so, I was -- okay.  
18 WENDY VAN TONGEREN: Okay, there we go, what a team.  
19 COREEN AHNASSAY: Ever since that I grew up with  
20 [Father 1].  
21 MICHELLE MACISAAC: You were 11 years old?  
22 COREEN AHNASSAY: Yeah.  
23 MICHELLE MACISAAC: When you went with him? Ran away  
24 from home?  
25 COREEN AHNASSAY: Yeah. We used to go out together  
26 and they told [Father 1] to stay with me, so we  
27 did that. And then after that I left [Father 1]  
28 there and went back to him. That's my first  
29 love.  
30 MICHELLE MACISAAC: Oh.  
31 COREEN AHNASSAY: Maybe 10, 11, maybe 10 I went away.  
32 MICHELLE MACISAAC: 10 years old?  
33 COREEN AHNASSAY: Yeah, maybe around there.  
34 MICHELLE MACISAAC: Wow.  
35 COREEN AHNASSAY: And then you and two other person  
36 that's why he told [Father 1] to stay with me.  
37 So, I did. We loved each other. We broke up.  
38 So, he has another --  
39 MICHELLE MACISAAC: Yeah.  
40 COREEN AHNASSAY: -- lady to stay with. So, I didn't  
41 even say nothing. Then we were back together.  
42 We left our family, we were one family. I love  
43 her ex and her ex loves me. We talked to our ex,  
44 we're family. We're not jealous to each other.  
45 KENNETH TECOMBA: The reason why --  
46 COREEN AHNASSAY: We're one family.  
47 KENNETH TECOMBA: The reason why we -- we're not with  
48 each other I was always on the road, when she's

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1 pregnant I was always on the road. Three  
2 vehicles, go far away, to territories --  
3 WENDY VAN TONGEREN: They -- they're talking to you,  
4 so I need to put this wherever cause they're  
5 talking to you more than me. So, could you put  
6 it on the counter?  
7 MICHELLE MACISAAC: Okay.  
8 KENNETH TECOMBA: -- up to Peace River, bars, we'd  
9 play in the bars and outside. Barns, we play all  
10 over -- all over the place. Rock and roll, so we  
11 got jam sessions and battle of the bands. We --  
12 we -- we had a good time.  
13 MICHELLE MACISAAC: Mm-hm.  
14 WENDY VAN TONGEREN: What instruments do you play?  
15 KENNETH TECOMBA: I play drums. Like I still got  
16 nine-piece Tanner at home. But we're going to  
17 start playing again.  
18 My -- my brother died of pneumonia. He --  
19 he's a drummer, in July. We -- we takes turns  
20 playing drums. So, and on top of that my brother  
21 lost his -- his youngest -- no his oldest son due  
22 to pneumonia that too. So, he just got -- got  
23 \$50,000 worth of instruments just at a warehouse  
24 now. It's all paid for and everything. We -- we  
25 finance it and we have one -- one you'd play with  
26 -- paid the whole thing off and in five years we  
27 paid everything off.  
28 WENDY VAN TONGEREN: Good for you.  
29 KENNETH TECOMBA: 400 -- 400 keyboards it was still  
30 good.  
31 WENDY VAN TONGEREN: So, Kenneth do you mind if we  
32 just go back to the map for a moment?  
33 KENNETH TECOMBA: Yeah.  
34 WENDY VAN TONGEREN: Okay, so, what I'm wondering is,  
35 Arthur, like where did he live in all of this?  
36 KENNETH TECOMBA: Bushe River.  
37 MICHELLE MACISAAC: Bushe River.  
38 WENDY VAN TONGEREN: And where -- is that near Bushe?  
39 KENNETH TECOMBA: Bushe River's right here.  
40 COREEN AHNASSAY: Bushe store is there.  
41 KENNETH TECOMBA: Store is -- thought I had it --  
42 MICHELLE MACISAAC: Right here. Bushe's right here.  
43 COREEN AHNASSAY: Yeah Bushe.  
44 KENNETH TECOMBA: Oh, the other one.  
45 WENDY VAN TONGEREN: Well that -- that's my note,  
46 sorry. You don't need that one. It's on the --  
47 it's on the next page.

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1 KENNETH TECOMBA: I thought it was -- it's probably  
2 Bushe there.  
3 COREEN AHNASSAY: There's Bushe and the -- Bushe store  
4 (indiscernible)  
5 WENDY VAN TONGEREN: But you speak to each other is it  
6 (indiscernible) that you're working [speaking],  
7 is it?  
8 KENNETH TECOMBA: Yeah, yeah. Dene.  
9 WENDY VAN TONGEREN: Dene.  
10 KENNETH TECOMBA: (indiscernible).  
11 COREEN AHNASSAY: Bushe store.  
12 KENNETH TECOMBA: (indiscernible)  
13 WENDY VAN TONGEREN: Just move the two microphones.  
14 No, just you could put it there, but just make  
15 sure it gets both you and --  
16 KENNETH TECOMBA: What store, house. It was right  
17 here.  
18 WENDY VAN TONGEREN: Just for the record, it's 11:31,  
19 so we'll probably be taking a break in a while.  
20 Michelle's just left the room temporarily.  
21 KENNETH TECOMBA: It was right here.  
22 WENDY VAN TONGEREN: Okay.  
23 COREEN AHNASSAY: Where they live then right there.  
24 WENDY VAN TONGEREN: So, number five. Are these  
25 houses or something or different locations?  
26 KENNETH TECOMBA: There's -- there's hundreds and  
27 hundreds of them.  
28 WENDY VAN TONGEREN: Hundreds and hundreds.  
29 KENNETH TECOMBA: Lots of houses.  
30 WENDY VAN TONGEREN: So, what relationship was Arthur  
31 to you? Did you -- or did you know him? Like  
32 was he --?  
33 KENNETH TECOMBA: They're not related.  
34 WENDY VAN TONGEREN: He's what?  
35 KENNETH TECOMBA: They're not related.  
36 WENDY VAN TONGEREN: They're not related. Sorry I --  
37 earlier I thought it did, so I just wanted to  
38 make sure I got that straight. Not related.  
39 So, but did you know Arthur Gallant? Before  
40 he murdered Olivia?  
41 KENNETH TECOMBA: He -- his brother.  
42 COREEN AHNASSAY: Brother, his brother.  
43 KENNETH TECOMBA: His brother's got a -- baby by a --  
44 was Olivia, his brother got a baby from -- from,  
45 what the hell's his name?  
46 WENDY VAN TONGEREN: [Father 2]?  
47 KENNETH TECOMBA: Westly Gallant. That's his --  
48 Arthur's brother.

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1 COREEN AHNASSAY: Yeah, Westly.  
2 KENNETH TECOMBA: That's Arthur -- Olivia --  
3 [Granddaughter 1]'s dad.  
4 COREEN AHNASSAY: [Granddaughter 1]'s dad.  
5 WENDY VAN TONGEREN: Oh, okay.  
6 KENNETH TECOMBA: [Granddaughter 1]'s is the baby.  
7 WENDY VAN TONGEREN: Okay. So, he was like an uncle to  
8 the baby?  
9 KENNETH TECOMBA: Yeah.  
10 COREEN AHNASSAY: Or yeah, [Granddaughter 1]'s uncle.  
11 WENDY VAN TONGEREN: [Granddaughter 1]'s uncle?  
12 COREEN AHNASSAY: Yeah.  
13 WENDY VAN TONGEREN: All right.  
14 COREEN AHNASSAY: He stabbed her mom. Olivia.  
15 WENDY VAN TONGEREN: So, I just, again I just want to  
16 make sure that we get this right. So, here's  
17 Arthur and he has a brother whose name is --  
18 KENNETH TECOMBA: West -- West -- Westly.  
19 COREEN AHNASSAY: Westly.  
20 WENDY VAN TONGEREN: Westly. It's probably something  
21 like that.  
22 KENNETH TECOMBA: Yeah.  
23 WENDY VAN TONGEREN: And Westly has --  
24 COREEN AHNASSAY: He's Olivia's -- [Granddaughter 1]'s  
25 dad, and Olivia's husband, Westly.  
26 WENDY VAN TONGEREN: So, just so I have this straight,  
27 so, who is the -- the mother of [Granddaughter 1]?  
28 COREEN AHNASSAY: [Granddaughter 1]? Olivia.  
29 WENDY VAN TONGEREN: Olivia. And that's this same  
30 Olivia here?  
31 KENNETH TECOMBA: Yeah.  
32 COREEN AHNASSAY: Yeah.  
33 WENDY VAN TONGEREN: Okay, great. So, that means that  
34 he is kind of like a brother-in-law.  
35 KENNETH TECOMBA: Yeah.  
36 WENDY VAN TONGEREN: Yeah.  
37 COREEN AHNASSAY: Brother-in-law.  
38 WENDY VAN TONGEREN: Yeah, brother-in-law, okay. So,  
39 I'm just going to show my --  
40 COREEN AHNASSAY: Brother-in-law.  
41 WENDY VAN TONGEREN: So, if you can see that, it's  
42 right here. So, Arthur is the brother of Westly,  
43 and Westly and Olivia are the parents of  
44 [Granddaughter 1]. So, in fact Arthur is  
45 [Granddaughter 1]'s uncle and Olivia's brother-  
46 in-law, although they were never married, but --  
47 COREEN AHNASSAY: Yeah.

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1 WENDY VAN TONGEREN: Same idea. Yeah. Wow, okay.  
2 Thank you so much. Did you want to take a break?  
3 KENNETH TECOMBA: Sure.  
4 WENDY VAN TONGEREN: Sure, take a break. So, it's  
5 12:35, how long would you like to take? Would  
6 you -- are you going to eat?  
7 KENNETH TECOMBA: I don't know. There's a restaurant  
8 here, hey?  
9 WENDY VAN TONGEREN: Have you got a -- have you got a  
10 -- a room now in this hotel?  
11 KENNETH TECOMBA: I don't know.  
12 WENDY VAN TONGEREN: You don't know.  
13 COREEN AHNASSAY: I don't know.  
14 WENDY VAN TONGEREN: Okay, I thought you were doing  
15 that, but it -- it, normally they don't let you  
16 in the rooms until three o'clock anyway.  
17 COREEN AHNASSAY: But Michelle knows how we're -- she  
18 -- she said she'll do something about it, so.  
19 WENDY VAN TONGEREN: Yeah, about the -- yeah. I'm --  
20 I'm just thinking in terms of making sure you get  
21 some lunch, where the best place would be for you  
22 to get some lunch. What kind of lunch would you  
23 like? What kind of food do you like? What  
24 restaurants do you like? Have you been in any of  
25 the restaurants here, in --?  
26 COREEN AHNASSAY: I don't think so.  
27 KENNETH TECOMBA: Not here. When I come here I  
28 usually go to Prairie Ball.  
29 WENDY VAN TONGEREN: Prairie Ball, what's that?  
30 COREEN AHNASSAY: Yeah.  
31 KENNETH TECOMBA: It's Chinese food.  
32 WENDY VAN TONGEREN: Oh, I see, so you like Chinese  
33 food.  
34 KENNETH TECOMBA: Just -- just pick -- pick whatever  
35 you want it.  
36 WENDY VAN TONGEREN: Yeah. Okay well let's -- we'll  
37 just wait for Michelle. But -- but I -- it is  
38 important that we -- we talk about what Arthur  
39 did and what happened to him. Do you know what I  
40 mean like?  
41 COREEN AHNASSAY: What happened to him is when after  
42 he stabbed my daughter, he took off. Ran away  
43 and then the cops found him, tower, somewhere  
44 tower in Bushe. And they apprehended and then  
45 found the -- after my daughter got stabbed they  
46 took him and he went to jail right there.  
47 And then he went to court. They only sent  
48 for about three years. I think he was in jail

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1           ever since that. And last few months he just got  
2           out and the guy raped -- raped another person.  
3           So, he went back to jail.  
4           And then now he's coming up to High Level  
5           for another charge. March 23 he's going to High  
6           Level. And I don't want to see him, I don't like  
7           him.  
8       WENDY VAN TONGEREN: When he went to court for -- for  
9           what happened to Olivia do you --  
10       COREEN AHNASSAY: Olivia yeah, first degree murder  
11           they charged first degree murder.  
12           (indiscernible) first degree murder charge. But  
13           I --  
14       KENNETH TECOMBA: It -- it -- I found it a little  
15           funny like if it was a white man done that, he  
16           would get life right there hey? But --  
17       COREEN AHNASSAY: Dene -- Dene --  
18       KENNETH TECOMBA: Us Dene people, they kill each other  
19           he's got three years to him.  
20       COREEN AHNASSAY: Three years murder.  
21       WENDY VAN TONGEREN: And so, it wouldn't have been  
22           first degree murder, because first degree murder  
23           is a mandatory at least 25 years.  
24       KENNETH TECOMBA: Yeah, but he only did three years.  
25       WENDY VAN TONGEREN: So, it must have been something  
26           else.  
27       COREEN AHNASSAY: Yeah.  
28       COREEN AHNASSAY: Three years.  
29       MICHELLE MACISAAC: It got dropped I think though,  
30           right? Wasn't it first -- first degree murder  
31           and then --  
32       KENNETH TECOMBA: Yeah.  
33       MICHELLE MACISAAC: -- it got dropped?  
34       COREEN AHNASSAY: Yeah.  
35       KENNETH TECOMBA: Yeah.  
36       MICHELLE MACISAAC: And what did it get dropped to,  
37           that's what she's --?  
38       KENNETH TECOMBA: Manslaughter.  
39       MICHELLE MACISAAC: Manslaughter.  
40       COREEN AHNASSAY: Yeah, manslaughter, yeah.  
41       WENDY VAN TONGEREN: Was his -- his wife hurt as well?  
42           He was trying to stab her I thought you said,  
43           right?  
44       KENNETH TECOMBA: Yeah.  
45       COREEN AHNASSAY: He was protecting his wife and --  
46           Arthur's wife. They were friends.  
47       KENNETH TECOMBA: (indiscernible) that woman Roberta.

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1 COREEN AHNASSAY: Roberta, that's her best friend.  
2 One of her best friends.  
3 MICHELLE MACISAAC: So, when you say her though, you  
4 mean Olivia was protecting Roberta?  
5 KENNETH TECOMBA: Yeah.  
6 COREEN AHNASSAY: Yeah, yeah. And that's why --  
7 MICHELLE MACISAAC: You said him though.  
8 COREEN AHNASSAY: -- Arthur --  
9 MICHELLE MACISAAC: Stabbed Olivia.  
10 COREEN AHNASSAY: Olivia.  
11 WENDY VAN TONGEREN: Okay. And was Roberta hurt?  
12 KENNETH TECOMBA: No.  
13 WENDY VAN TONGEREN: Did she get stabbed? No? Okay.  
14 KENNETH TECOMBA: Because she -- she took off.  
15 COREEN AHNASSAY: She -- she's tried (indiscernible).  
16 To stop Arthur to -- to fight his wife, and she's  
17 protecting Roberta. Cause she's always  
18 protecting people that's why she wants to be like  
19 -- terrible people, stuff like that  
20 and --  
21 WENDY VAN TONGEREN: I'm thinking --  
22 COREEN AHNASSAY: Yeah, she's protecting her best  
23 friend.  
24 WENDY VAN TONGEREN: I'm thinking for the manslaughter  
25 was it -- was there a trial? There was a full --  
26 like did people speak, like did Roberta come and  
27 tell the judge what happened?  
28 KENNETH TECOMBA: No, nobody --  
29 COREEN AHNASSAY: Nobody showed up.  
30 KENNETH TECOMBA: -- ever came there.  
31 WENDY VAN TONGEREN: So, it was probably a guilty  
32 plea. Did he -- did he admit that he did this?  
33 KENNETH TECOMBA: No, he's not guilty.  
34 WENDY VAN TONGEREN: Hm?  
35 KENNETH TECOMBA: He pleaded not guilty.  
36 WENDY VAN TONGEREN: Of -- of murder?  
37 KENNETH TECOMBA: Yeah, but nobody showed up for  
38 court.  
39 COREEN AHNASSAY: Nobody, even his wife didn't show  
40 up.  
41 KENNETH TECOMBA: He threatened the family. The  
42 family started threatening those --  
43 WENDY VAN TONGEREN: So, for him to go to jail for  
44 three years, he needs to have been found guilty  
45 of something.  
46 KENNETH TECOMBA: Mm-hm.  
47 WENDY VAN TONGEREN: Which probably meant he admitted  
48 it.



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1 KENNETH TECOMBA: The plea bargain.  
2 WENDY VAN TONGEREN: Right. So, the plea --  
3 KENNETH TECOMBA: Yeah.  
4 WENDY VAN TONGEREN: The plea that comes out of it --  
5 KENNETH TECOMBA: Even though there's nobody --  
6 WENDY VAN TONGEREN: -- is a guilty plea.  
7 KENNETH TECOMBA: -- nobody showed up, he was going  
8 nobody showed he still gets three years. That's  
9 the deal, so.  
10 WENDY VAN TONGEREN: Okay, so, they -- you say nobody  
11 showed up, nobody showed up where?  
12 KENNETH TECOMBA: Court.  
13 WENDY VAN TONGEREN: But on what day? For what day?  
14 KENNETH TECOMBA: Witness.  
15 WENDY VAN TONGEREN: As witnesses.  
16 KENNETH TECOMBA: Yeah.  
17 WENDY VAN TONGEREN: I see.  
18 KENNETH TECOMBA: I think it was December.  
19 WENDY VAN TONGEREN: So, the main witness would have  
20 been Roberta. So, Roberta didn't show up?  
21 COREEN AHNASSAY: No.  
22 KENNETH TECOMBA: Yeah.  
23 COREEN AHNASSAY: And for my family, [Granddaughter 1]  
24 -- he can't go near us.  
25 WENDY VAN TONGEREN: Mm-hm.  
26 COREEN AHNASSAY: Maybe 100 feet, he can't go near.  
27 The victim service protecting us not to him not  
28 to go near us.  
29 WENDY VAN TONGEREN: Okay, so, do you feel the same  
30 way about victim services that you do Michelle,  
31 that they're helping? Or are there things they  
32 could do more?  
33 COREEN AHNASSAY: From Saskatchewan -- it's in our  
34 letter (indiscernible)  
35 KENNETH TECOMBA: Yeah, Saskatchewan.  
36 COREEN AHNASSAY: I'll get the letter every time where  
37 he is and where he goes then I have to know where  
38 he is. That way he won't go near me.  
39 WENDY VAN TONGEREN: Right.  
40 COREEN AHNASSAY: Or I don't go near him.  
41 MICHELLE MACISAAC: I have a question.  
42 COREEN AHNASSAY: Cause he -- he might do something to  
43 us --  
44 MICHELLE MACISAAC: Yeah.  
45 COREEN AHNASSAY: -- or like that, that's why I get  
46 letters every --  
47 MICHELLE MACISAAC: Yeah.

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1 COREEN AHNASSAY: -- every time he goes to court or  
2 weekend pass or stuff.  
3 MICHELLE MACISAAC: Okay.  
4 COREEN AHNASSAY: I have to know, I like to know where  
5 he's going.  
6 MICHELLE MACISAAC: Mm-hm.  
7 COREEN AHNASSAY: And I get the letter.  
8 MICHELLE MACISAAC: So, has [Child 1] ever seen him  
9 after? No.  
10 KENNETH TECOMBA: No.  
11 MICHELLE MACISAAC: And those other witnesses that  
12 were part of that before, do you remember who  
13 they were? Who were supposed to show up for  
14 court?  
15 COREEN AHNASSAY: Roberta and (indiscernible).  
16 MICHELLE MACISAAC: There was a couple other  
17 witnesses, right?  
18 KENNETH TECOMBA: Michelle's one.  
19 COREEN AHNASSAY: Michelle -- Michelle, and Roberta,  
20 Michelle got -- she died too.  
21 MICHELLE MACISAAC: Mm-hm.  
22 COREEN AHNASSAY: But Michelle -- my sister's daughter  
23 got --  
24 WENDY VAN TONGEREN: Is -- is Michelle your sister's  
25 daughter?  
26 COREEN AHNASSAY: Michelle she died alcohol substance.  
27 Her die of the --  
28 KENNETH TECOMBA: She --  
29 COREEN AHNASSAY: -- liver cirrhosis she died with it.  
30 WENDY VAN TONGEREN: Mm.  
31 COREEN AHNASSAY: So, she never went to court. And  
32 Roberta's still around High Level. But she never  
33 went to court to tell the truth about my  
34 daughter. Nobody went to court.  
35 MICHELLE MACISAAC: Mm-hm. Nobody showed up.  
36 WENDY VAN TONGEREN: As far as you know, the only  
37 people that were in the house at the time were  
38 Roberta, your daughter and Arthur.  
39 COREEN AHNASSAY: Michelle.  
40 WENDY VAN TONGEREN: And Michelle was there too? You  
41 think? Yeah? Okay. But she was dead, so she  
42 couldn't go.  
43 Okay, so, so you've talked about some people  
44 and some you haven't mentioned. Did -- was there  
45 any issue about how she was looked after, how  
46 Olivia was looked after after she was hurt, like  
47 was she taken by ambulance to a hospital or what  
48 happened, or do you know?

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1 COREEN AHNASSAY: After she hurts?  
2 WENDY VAN TONGEREN: After she got stabbed. How did  
3 she get to the hospital?  
4 COREEN AHNASSAY: Oh, somebody call 9-1-1 and the  
5 police and then the ambulance took her to  
6 hospital.  
7 WENDY VAN TONGEREN: And --  
8 COREEN AHNASSAY: And in hospital she died.  
9 WENDY VAN TONGEREN: Right. And was the hospital --  
10 COREEN AHNASSAY: She couldn't make it.  
11 WENDY VAN TONGEREN: -- at High Level?  
12 COREEN AHNASSAY: Yeah, High Level Hospital.  
13 WENDY VAN TONGEREN: Is that a long drive from Bushe  
14 to High Level?  
15 COREEN AHNASSAY: Four miles.  
16 WENDY VAN TONGEREN: Four miles?  
17 COREEN AHNASSAY: Four, three miles.  
18 MICHELLE MACISAAC: It's close.  
19 WENDY VAN TONGEREN: Oh, it was very close. Okay.  
20 COREEN AHNASSAY: Yeah, right there. Four miles.  
21 WENDY VAN TONGEREN: So, --  
22 COREEN AHNASSAY: Then Arthur took off and they found  
23 him tower up the -- the internet towers like that  
24 kind.  
25 WENDY VAN TONGEREN: Mm-hm.  
26 COREEN AHNASSAY: Up there the cops found him.  
27 WENDY VAN TONGEREN: Oh, my goodness. Way up there?  
28 Okay.  
29 COREEN AHNASSAY: Yeah, he took off.  
30 WENDY VAN TONGEREN: Wow.  
31 COREEN AHNASSAY: So, at that time the cops took him  
32 away.  
33 WENDY VAN TONGEREN: Mm-hm. And then so, --  
34 COREEN AHNASSAY: But my mom -- my daughter she didn't  
35 make -- made it. She stopped. She's dead.  
36 WENDY VAN TONGEREN: Yeah. Right. Did the police  
37 speak to you?  
38 COREEN AHNASSAY: Huh?  
39 WENDY VAN TONGEREN: Did you ever speak to the police  
40 that were involved in investigating the homicide?  
41 COREEN AHNASSAY: No, I didn't do anything.  
42 WENDY VAN TONGEREN: No, but did -- did --  
43 COREEN AHNASSAY: Nobody tells me to go to court or  
44 nothing.  
45 WENDY VAN TONGEREN: Okay. Did the police ever  
46 explain to you what happened?  
47 COREEN AHNASSAY: No.

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1 WENDY VAN TONGEREN: And were you still living in  
2 Chateh at that time?  
3 KENNETH TECOMBA: Yeah.  
4 COREEN AHNASSAY: Yeah.  
5 WENDY VAN TONGEREN: Okay. Victim services, were they  
6 at High Level or some other place?  
7 COREEN AHNASSAY: Victim services -- that -- they're  
8 in Rainbow Victim Service.  
9 WENDY VAN TONGEREN: Rainbow?  
10 COREEN AHNASSAY: They -- they come to Assumption  
11 police office victim service.  
12 WENDY VAN TONGEREN: And what sort of things did they  
13 do that you found were helpful? The Rainbow  
14 Victim Services?  
15 COREEN AHNASSAY: They -- they contact me that victim  
16 service.  
17 WENDY VAN TONGEREN: And when they contacted you, what  
18 -- what did they have to tell you or what were  
19 they asking you?  
20 COREEN AHNASSAY: About Olivia and that guy.  
21 WENDY VAN TONGEREN: Okay.  
22 COREEN AHNASSAY: Not to go and that near families or  
23 even [Granddaughter 1] -- [Granddaughter 1] with  
24 -- live with his dad. And I told victim service  
25 that Arthur -- that I don't want Arthur to go  
26 near [Granddaughter 1].  
27 WENDY VAN TONGEREN: Right.  
28 COREEN AHNASSAY: And he lives with his dad there.  
29 And my family and me, victim service, they  
30 protect us.  
31 WENDY VAN TONGEREN: Okay. So, did you find them  
32 helpful?  
33 COREEN AHNASSAY: Huh?  
34 WENDY VAN TONGEREN: Was -- when they were with you  
35 and -- and told you things, or when you asked  
36 them questions --  
37 COREEN AHNASSAY: After what happened and --  
38 WENDY VAN TONGEREN: -- did you find that was helpful,  
39 was it good --  
40 COREEN AHNASSAY: After Arthur went to court --  
41 WENDY VAN TONGEREN: So that was after.  
42 COREEN AHNASSAY: -- and went to jail, after that they  
43 contact me.  
44 WENDY VAN TONGEREN: Right.  
45 COREEN AHNASSAY: First one.  
46 WENDY VAN TONGEREN: Did anyone contact you, you know,  
47 from the time that Olivia had been killed to when

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1           it went to the trial? Did anyone, any police or  
2           victim services contact you?

3           COREEN AHNASSAY: No.

4           WENDY VAN TONGEREN: No.

5           COREEN AHNASSAY: I just only got -- got the letter so  
6           they and they come to see me at the house, fill  
7           out those papers not to go near me and -- and  
8           they told me where Arthur goes or where he -- he  
9           comes, I have to know.

10          WENDY VAN TONGEREN: Yeah.

11          COREEN AHNASSAY: And so, I told them to -- to let me  
12          know where is he's going. So, I get the letter  
13          from Saskatchewan, his trial or his court or  
14          where he lives and where he goes. I have to  
15          know.

16          WENDY VAN TONGEREN: So, back to our consent issue, if  
17          -- if Arthur heard what you have told us today,  
18          would -- do you think that that would be a  
19          problem for you? No?

20          KENNETH TECOMBA: Nope.

21          WENDY VAN TONGEREN: Okay. And Michelle while you  
22          were out of the room, Arthur has a brother named  
23          Westly and [Granddaughter 1], who is the daughter  
24          of Olivia, is a product of their relationship.  
25          So, Westly and Olivia came together and -- and  
26          [Granddaughter 1] was born. So, the -- Arthur is  
27          [Granddaughter 1]'s uncle --

28          MICHELLE MACISAAC: Uncle.

29          WENDY VAN TONGEREN: -- and Olivia's brother-in-law.

30          MICHELLE MACISAAC: Okay.

31          WENDY VAN TONGEREN: So, that's the relationship.  
32          Okay, so, now you made comment Kenneth, and I --  
33          I just want to make sure that I understand,  
34          because you said about it was Dene man, et cetera  
35          and you were talking about his penalty, like  
36          or --

37          KENNETH TECOMBA: Yeah.

38          WENDY VAN TONGEREN: -- that the sentence that he  
39          received of three years for manslaughter. And  
40          so, do -- do you or do your Coreen have any  
41          concerns or thoughts about the fact that he  
42          received three years in jail?

43          KENNETH TECOMBA: Well it's like you know it's unfair  
44          to -- to me. Like, as I said, if it was a white  
45          -- white people, he would get automatically 25  
46          years and no chance of parole and stuff like  
47          that. The -- to think Gallant -- Gallant people

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1 spread the message around not -- tell -- telling  
2 people not to go to court. That's what happened.  
3 MICHELLE MACISAAC: You said before that the witnesses  
4 were too scared to go to court. So, how would  
5 you know that? Did someone tell you? Or is it  
6 just how you know, like did someone say?  
7 KENNETH TECOMBA: We hear his people --  
8 MICHELLE MACISAAC: Were -- as people being threatened  
9 like how do you know that?  
10 KENNETH TECOMBA: Like he -- well words get around.  
11 MICHELLE MACISAAC: Mm-hm.  
12 KENNETH TECOMBA: Words get around.  
13 MICHELLE MACISAAC: Yeah. And I believe you. I just,  
14 I think it's important that you let her know what  
15 you know or if you're still scared to say or? I  
16 don't know.  
17 WENDY VAN TONGEREN: So, I hear -- hear you have a  
18 situation and I -- I just want to make sure it's  
19 correct from what you've heard. First of all,  
20 did you ever go to court yourself? Did you watch  
21 any of the court proceedings?  
22 KENNETH TECOMBA: No.  
23 WENDY VAN TONGEREN: Did you go to High Level? Okay.  
24 COREEN AHNASSAY: I'm always angered to him. Towards  
25 to him. Why the innocent person got killed?  
26 Innocent person. She never done anything. She  
27 never like fight people. She's a loving person.  
28 She cares about people.  
29 WENDY VAN TONGEREN: You're right, it's very wrong.  
30 COREEN AHNASSAY: Why?  
31 WENDY VAN TONGEREN: It's very wrong. How --  
32 COREEN AHNASSAY: And I'm so --  
33 WENDY VAN TONGEREN: What have you heard about what  
34 happened?  
35 COREEN AHNASSAY: -- mad. Mad at him, towards him. I  
36 just don't like him to see him. I just don't  
37 like it.  
38 WENDY VAN TONGEREN: Right.  
39 COREEN AHNASSAY: What has she done to my daughter.  
40 WENDY VAN TONGEREN: So, you heard that --  
41 COREEN AHNASSAY: And this is --  
42 WENDY VAN TONGEREN: -- your daughter was killed  
43 because she was protecting her friend Roberta.  
44 And she was protecting her friend from Arthur,  
45 right? And Arthur had a knife? Is that right?  
46 COREEN AHNASSAY: Yeah.  
47 WENDY VAN TONGEREN: Do you know anything -- what --  
48 what have people told you about why Arthur may

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1           have been trying to stab his wife, like what was  
2           going on?  
3       KENNETH TECOMBA: Those two they drink, they always  
4           scratch each other. So, [Child 1], I mean Olivia  
5           is at the wrong place at the wrong time.  
6       MICHELLE MACISAAC: Mm-hm.  
7       WENDY VAN TONGEREN: Sorry? Oliva what?  
8       MICHELLE MACISAAC: Was that the wrong place at the  
9           wrong time.  
10       WENDY VAN TONGEREN: Oh, okay. Okay. Now, was Olivia  
11           -- was she drinking alcohol at that time in her  
12           life?  
13       KENNETH TECOMBA: Yeah, yeah.  
14       WENDY VAN TONGEREN: Yeah, okay.  
15       COREEN AHNASSAY: She likes partying and stuff like  
16           that. But she never get fight or -- it's just  
17           enjoy herself drinking.  
18       WENDY VAN TONGEREN: Yeah.  
19       COREEN AHNASSAY: But she never alcoholic when just  
20           only with these friends.  
21       WENDY VAN TONGEREN: Yeah.  
22       COREEN AHNASSAY: Was these best buddies or they were  
23           her -- her to live at. They used to drink all  
24           New Year's Day. One day only.  
25       WENDY VAN TONGEREN: Mm-hm.  
26       COREEN AHNASSAY: She never drink that much.  
27       WENDY VAN TONGEREN: Mm-hm.  
28       COREEN AHNASSAY: She drinks just with these friends  
29           all the time. Not often, just sometimes.  
30       WENDY VAN TONGEREN: Mm-hm. Did the -- anyone from  
31           probation contact you and ask you for a victim  
32           impact statement so that when he was sentenced  
33           they heard what Olivia's mother felt about the  
34           fact that she was gone? Did that ever happen?  
35           Did you -- did you speak to the judge either by a  
36           statement or any other way, a recording so that  
37           the judge knew how it hurt -- how much it hurt  
38           you that Olivia was gone?  
39       COREEN AHNASSAY: I don't know.  
40       KENNETH TECOMBA: No --  
41       COREEN AHNASSAY: I don't think so.  
42       WENDY VAN TONGEREN: Okay. Now, now in Canadian law,  
43           first degree murder actually requires proof that  
44           a person thought about it and planned it and it's  
45           actually hard to prove that because it's often  
46           just in the mind of a person.  
47           And -- and also if somebody is -- is quite  
48           drunk, the -- a murder charge can actually be

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1 reduced to manslaughter just cause somebody is so  
2 drunk. I don't know the situation here, so I  
3 don't know if that would apply.

4 Sometimes when you know when people are  
5 fighting and a -- and a death results, it's often  
6 that someone would be charged with second degree  
7 murder if they actually meant to kill somebody.  
8 But if it's accidental, like you know, pushing  
9 somebody and then they fell down and then they  
10 happen to fall on a gate that -- that stabbed  
11 them, then that could be like a manslaughter.

12 And so, there's many, many -- it's all  
13 called homicide, but there's many different types  
14 of homicide and it usually depends on what's in  
15 the -- the mind of the person. Cause you could  
16 have -- you could have someone driving down the  
17 street, du, du, du, du, du, du and then they look  
18 down on their cell phone and they -- when they  
19 look up they realize they've knocked somebody  
20 over and they didn't know. And so that would be  
21 like manslaughter.

22 On the other hand, you have someone driving  
23 down the street and they're like rrrrrrr I want  
24 to kill somebody, there he is, I remember what he  
25 did at me at the bar. Grrrr I'm going to go kill  
26 him. And that's actually murder, like first  
27 degree murder, because they intended to do it and  
28 they go -- and you can see the whole difference  
29 was what was in their mind.

30 KENNETH TECOMBA: Right.

31 WENDY VAN TONGEREN: Because in both cases, the -- you  
32 know whether the car hit the person in that scene  
33 or hit the person in that scene, it's the same  
34 type of act of the car being driven by somebody,  
35 hits a person and they die.

36 But the important thing is what was in their  
37 mind. And the police look to the evidence about  
38 how fast the car was going, what direction it  
39 was, if it was deviating from the route, road,  
40 did it make sense that -- if he tells a story,  
41 well I was on my cell phone and the cell phone  
42 was there. So, that's how the -- the police and  
43 the judge figure out which one. It's  
44 complicated.

45 And then the other thing that we have is  
46 we've got way too many Indigenous people in our  
47 jails. Way too many. When you think about the  
48 percentage of Indigenous people there are in



1 Canada, and the people that are in jail, it's  
2 just what we call disproportionate, right?  
3 There's way too many to justify. And -- and it's  
4 believed that's because of racism. And a lack of  
5 -- of police and the courts understanding the --  
6 the life of Indigenous people.

7 So, there's actually a -- a section in our  
8 -- our Code, I've got a *Criminal Code* upstairs,  
9 but I didn't bring it with me, but if you want to  
10 see it I'll show you.

11 It's -- it's in the section of the Code and  
12 the Code are basically the rules that the police  
13 and the courts must look to when somebody's in  
14 trouble to determine whether or not they should  
15 get in trouble for it. Like they should be  
16 sentenced to something or be found guilty for  
17 something and then sentenced.

18 And -- and because there are way too many  
19 Indigenous people in our jails, there's a -- a  
20 section right -- written there, right there, so  
21 if I were a judge, I'd have to read this. And it  
22 says to me putting somebody in jail is the very  
23 last thing I should do if I have an option. And  
24 this is particularly true for aboriginal people.

25 And the reason why that's in there is to  
26 remind people, think, be self-aware, are you  
27 making decisions because you're biased? Are you  
28 racist? Are you treating this man more harshly  
29 because he is a First Nations person? So, that's  
30 right in our Code.

31 And in order to help judges there is a  
32 process, it's called the Gladue Report, where  
33 there's a report that is written about a person's  
34 history as a First Nations person. And the judge  
35 must have that and read it and that helps him or  
36 her decide whether the fact that they are -- are  
37 an aboriginal person, should -- how that should  
38 be taken into consideration to make sure that  
39 they're dealt with fairly.

40 So, it's even more complicated. So, I just  
41 wanted to tell you that because one thing that I  
42 think that is really important here in your life  
43 and in the lives of all Canadians, all people,  
44 sometimes we are very happy based on information  
45 that is not true. And sometimes we're very sad  
46 and actually suffer based on information that is  
47 not true.

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1           So, an important part of the work of the  
2           inquiry is to try and encourage people to  
3           understand how things happened and what worked  
4           and get the true story, so that you can really  
5           decide that you're -- if you're going to be  
6           suffering you make sure that you're suffering for  
7           the right reason. That you actually have the  
8           right story.

9           COREEN AHNASSAY: Mm-hm.

10          WENDY VAN TONGEREN: Now in your case, there's no  
11          doubt at all that you've lost a beautiful young  
12          daughter way before the time she should have  
13          left. And it was the result -- it was -- there's  
14          a person who is responsible.

15          But there might be a whole bunch of more  
16          people responsible systemically who have  
17          contributed to this and this is why the  
18          commissioners are going to be very, very happy  
19          for the fact that even though you were -- were  
20          abused by your mom and you don't like to speak,  
21          you came, and you honoured us today with your  
22          story. And I hope you feel really, really good  
23          about that, because that is the truth. It is  
24          important that you've told your story. And we're  
25          very grateful.

26          And Michelle and lovely women like her and  
27          Kenneth, I -- I trust that they will continue to  
28          help you understand that you can still live a  
29          good life. Even though you have this awful  
30          suffering about your -- the loss of your  
31          daughter. Starting perhaps with your other  
32          beautiful grandchildren. When you look in their  
33          eyes, you're reminded of the good -- good life,  
34          the good things that recall of Olivia.

35          COREEN AHNASSAY: Yeah.

36          KENNETH TECOMBA: Thank you.

37          WENDY VAN TONGEREN: I'd love to buy you lunch, can I  
38          do that?

39          KENNETH TECOMBA: Sure.

40          MICHELLE MACISAAC: Oh, awesome.

41          WENDY VAN TONGEREN: You must be ready for lunch? But  
42          are you finished, because we can come back if  
43          you've got more questions or there's more you  
44          want to say?

45          KENNETH TECOMBA: It's up to you guys.

46          COREEN AHNASSAY: Well it's up to you guys if you  
47          think.

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1 MICHELLE MACISAAC: I -- I do want to mention  
2 something.  
3 WENDY VAN TONGEREN: Okay.  
4 MICHELLE MACISAAC: So, [Child 1] would like to talk,  
5 correct? But she has a baby.  
6 COREEN AHNASSAY: Yeah.  
7 MICHELLE MACISAAC: So, sometime could you guys  
8 schedule something while she -- she lives 20 or  
9 30 kilometres -- I think she's in town at the  
10 church now, right?  
11 COREEN AHNASSAY: She'll come.  
12 MICHELLE MACISAAC: You can keep the baby outside if  
13 you can schedule a little time to finish up  
14 sometime in the next day or two to hear her side  
15 of her sister?  
16 WENDY VAN TONGEREN: Oh, yes.  
17 MICHELLE MACISAAC: Okay.  
18 COREEN AHNASSAY: She knows a lot of more information.  
19 MICHELLE MACISAAC: Okay. She has more details and  
20 information.  
21 COREEN AHNASSAY: They were always together.  
22 WENDY VAN TONGEREN: Okay.  
23 COREEN AHNASSAY: Always together.  
24 MICHELLE MACISAAC: So, I think it's important and I  
25 -- I think it's --  
26 WENDY VAN TONGEREN: So, when would she be available?  
27 MICHELLE MACISAAC: Soon as she calls her and what  
28 works for you, you guys can make that  
29 arrangement.  
30 WENDY VAN TONGEREN: Okay.  
31 MICHELLE MACISAAC: She's in town now I think. She's  
32 in Grande Prairie now, right?  
33 WENDY VAN TONGEREN: Okay.  
34 COREEN AHNASSAY: She's --  
35 WENDY VAN TONGEREN: If you're -- if you're complete  
36 and even if you're not, we can open this up again  
37 and you can talk more.  
38 MICHELLE MACISAAC: Yeah.  
39 WENDY VAN TONGEREN: But -- but let's just turn the  
40 recorders off while we do some logistics, okay.  
41 So, it's -- look at the time -- it's five minutes  
42 after 12:00. Now for -- for a lady who doesn't  
43 talk. My goodness you did a wonderful job, high  
44 five.  
45 COREEN AHNASSAY: Yeah.  
46 MICHELLE MACISAAC: Special honour to Olivia.  
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48 (STATEMENT CONCLUDED)

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