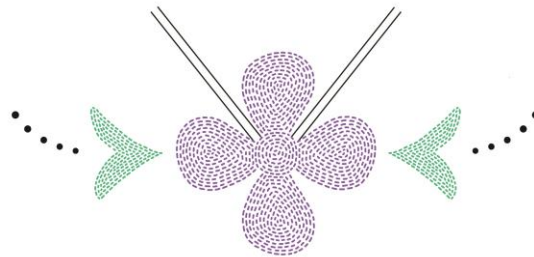


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--- Upon commencing on Saturday, November 17, 2018 at 1:01 p.m.

MS. CHANEL BLOUIN: This is Chanel Blouin, a statement taker with the National Inquiry into Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls. We're currently in Timmins, Ontario. It's November 17th, 2018 and the time is 1:01. Today I'm speaking with June Black of the Wahgoshig Nation and she resides in Wahgoshig. June is here to tell her truth for her niece, Mary Alice Diamond who died in winter 1976 in Cochrane, Ontario. June is also here to share her truth as her -- as a survivor. Also present in the room is Sam Kabbara and Christine Simard Chicago.

You're here voluntarily to provide your truth and you agree to the videotaping and audio taping of your truth. You also understand that at the end of your truth you'll be able to determine whether you'd like your truth to be public or private at that time.

MS. JUNE BLACK: Okay. So I just begin where ---

MS. CHANEL BLOUIN: Yeah.

MS. JUNE BLACK: --- wherever. Well, I guess how this all started for me was I -- I was driving, this is with my partner, and it occurred to me that, you know, I had a family member who -- who was killed in

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1 Cochrane. I -- I always knew but I -- I didn't realize how
2 -- how much it affected me and how much -- how much I was
3 actually involved in that that night. You know, being as
4 young as I was, I was only 12, you know, just a kid
5 basically, a youth. And life just goes on, you know.
6 Growing up as an Aboriginal woman, hardships and trauma was
7 just part of that. And this incident was no different, you
8 know, with all the other stuff that -- that I survived.

9 So it -- yeah, like I said, I was in the
10 vehicle and I started to break down. And I just -- I just
11 allowed myself to feel those feelings and I realized that I
12 needed to be making a call to the Murdered and Missing
13 Women -- Women Inquiry and sharing -- sharing my -- my
14 truth, mostly for my healing but also to help others,
15 others that are -- you know, have experienced what I've
16 experienced and like me may have forgotten, you know, about
17 -- about their -- their situation or their -- their --
18 their loved one.

19 I'm June Black. I grew up in -- I'm
20 originally from Abitibi which is -- it was formally Abitibi
21 No. 70 reserve. Abitibi Lake is pretty well our
22 traditional own land. Our people are -- our community was
23 actually Lovish (ph.) River which was 45 miles east of
24 Cochrane, Ontario and the only way to get there was by
25 train. That's where we lived before we moved to the

1 reserve before the Treaty was signed and everybody was --
2 everybody had their -- their reserve base.

3 Our people didn't move. We stayed in
4 Lovish. We stayed in our traditional homelands. This is
5 where my parents were married. My father was [Father],
6 which was Mary Alice's godfather. My mother was [Mother].
7 They married on Abitibi Lake. There was a -- there was a
8 trading post there that -- this is where they had all their
9 weddings and the priest would come there and -- and do all
10 the wedding ceremonies.

11 It was my dad's second marriage. He -- he
12 married -- he was married before. His first wife passed
13 away and my mom was his second marriage. I had a sister --
14 he had children from the first marriage. He had three
15 girls and -- and a boy. One of the girls was -- was Mary
16 Alice's mom, which is my sister. My dad -- because they
17 were married, he was married twice, my sister was older
18 than me, much older than me. So I'm the last of the -- of
19 -- from the second marriage. We had a big family. We had
20 12 in our family, in my mom's family. And I'm the youngest
21 of everyone. I have deceased brothers and sisters as well.

22 Most of my siblings are residential school
23 survivors. Mary Alice was a residential school survivor.
24 From what I understand she was. I really -- because I was
25 younger I didn't really know my -- my nieces and nephews

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1 from my -- my dad's first marriage, his -- my sister. I
2 knew of the brother and I knew of -- of Mary Alice's uncle
3 and Mary Alice's other aunt. She had two aunts. So I knew
4 of the one aunt and the one brother that I had -- or the
5 uncle, which was my brother and my sister. I knew of two
6 of them but I didn't know Mary Alice's mom as she -- she
7 passed very early in life.

8 Yeah, we -- we were, like, you know, grew up
9 in an alcoholic home. So yeah, it was an alcoholic home,
10 which was very common for parents that lost all their kids
11 to residential school. And my home was no different. And
12 so one day, my brother and I, we were in school and we were
13 going to school in Cochrane. After -- after we left -- all
14 left Lovish my mom brought us into town so that we could go
15 to school. And we attended the Catholic schools in town.
16 My brother and I. And we lived four miles out of Cochrane.
17 We had several -- we had lived in Iroquois Falls and
18 Kirkland Lake and finally in Cochrane. And we would go to
19 school and we would take the bus in the morning and then
20 come home after school.

21 It was one of those times where my mom was
22 drinking and -- well, we would get ourselves to school.
23 You know, I would get us to school. Me and my brother
24 would go to school. And we'd still get up even while
25 people were drinking or whatever. We'd still get up and

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1 we'd go to school. We came home -- we went to school as
2 usual and we came home and we had just a little house on --
3 on the side of -- outside of Cochrane. Four miles outside
4 of Cochrane on the south highway. And we walked in the
5 door and as I entered the house you would walk into the
6 kitchen and then over to the left was my grandmother's
7 room, and my grandmother lived with us. And she was a
8 survivor of a stroke so she couldn't walk, but she could
9 walk with a cane but she had difficulty walking if she
10 drank and -- and they were drinking. And there was a -- a
11 young woman in there with her drinking. And we walked in
12 and I looked in the room and I seen, you know, a woman in -
13 - young woman in there with long hair. She had long, black
14 hair. And she was talking with my grandma. And when
15 people were drinking in the house we really didn't pay
16 attention to them, you know. It was just how we were, my
17 brother and I. So we really didn't pay -- of course we
18 noticed but, you know, we didn't say anything. You know,
19 we were still good -- pretty good kids when adults were
20 drinking, whatever, we just kind of, you know, stayed away
21 and did what we needed to do in the house.

22 So that day she was drinking in the room
23 with -- with my grandma and nobody told us who she was. We
24 didn't know who she was. And my mom wasn't -- my mom
25 wasn't home. I don't know where my mom was. But we came -

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1 - we got home. There was only the two of them in that room
2 and they were sitting on the bed and -- side by side and
3 they were drinking. And I really didn't pay attention too
4 much to who she was. To me she was just another person
5 drinking, you know, with my grandma. That was it.

6 And so we were just in the house, my brother
7 and I, doing what we always do after school. Just, you
8 know, getting ready to make ourselves something to eat and
9 look what we're going to have for supper for ourselves.
10 And then it started to -- they were in there for a few
11 hours in the room just sitting on the edge of the bed and -
12 - and they, you know, were getting -- they were getting
13 drunk. They were getting very drunk. And finally my
14 grandma was -- was, you know, too intoxicated now that she
15 was just kind of -- because she couldn't walk around or she
16 would just -- with her legs over the edge of the bed, she
17 would just kind of go backwards like that and just lay back
18 in the bed with her -- her feet on the ground -- on the
19 floor. And she would lay back. She was too drunk. And
20 the same with -- with the young woman that was with her.
21 It was the same thing. They were just laying there, you
22 know, just intoxicated.

23 And she was crying, this -- this young woman
24 was crying. And she was saying, "My baby. My baby." And
25 her -- and you could see her stomach because I -- because I

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1 -- the -- the crying got my attention so I wanted to check.
2 And her top was kind of up here because she -- it's just
3 the way she was laying, right, her -- her top is kind of
4 lifted up from laying like that. And she was so drunk and
5 my grandma was drunk. And she was saying, "My baby" and my
6 grandmother was telling her to shut up, "Just shut up", you
7 know, just -- whatever they were talking about. They were
8 drunk.

9 And she kept saying, "My baby." So I think
10 she was pregnant. I think. So she was crying
11 hysterically. Like, hysterically crying. Couldn't stop
12 crying. And I just stood there. I didn't know what was
13 wrong with her. I didn't know what was wrong with her. So
14 then she -- she got up and I was -- was trying to help her.
15 I was trying to help her. And she got up and she ran to
16 the door because the -- the door was right beside the room
17 door and she ran. And she ran outside. And I told my
18 brother we got to get her. I said, "She's too drunk." She
19 was very, very drunk and she was falling and she was
20 crying. And she was trying and she was running down the
21 driveway and she was falling in the snow everywhere. I
22 told my brother, "We got to stop her." So we grabbed her
23 arm and I tried to stop her to stay. Told her to stay, not
24 to go. And she was strong. I couldn't -- she was stronger
25 than me. She was stronger than both of us. And she just

1 ripped -- ripped out of our arms. And I was trying to stop
2 her. I was so scared for some reason. I was so scared for
3 her.

4 And she was running towards the highway and
5 I was scared that a car would hit her. I was terrified.
6 And she ran on the highway and she started going towards
7 town. And I told my brother, "We -- we got to do something
8 for her. We have to help her." And the -- the bus came,
9 the Ontario Northland bus came and stopped. It had all its
10 flashers going on and I just stood there and watched and
11 she -- she got on that bus. She got on that bus. So I was
12 relieved. Suddenly she was going to be safe. I couldn't
13 stop watching her. For some reason I couldn't stop
14 watching her. She had my attention from the moment she
15 started crying.

16 So that night there was a huge storm. Like,
17 it was really bad outside. The -- the wind was blowing and
18 the snow was going all over the place. And the wind was
19 just blowing the snow everywhere on the driveway. And it
20 was cold. So she went to town. And then we got a call, at
21 the store which was just up the road from us, in the
22 morning. They said she died.

23 And what happened to her was three men
24 picked her up in the bar and they took her to the dump and
25 they raped her. And she died there. And I understood why

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1 I was trying to stop her. I think my spirit knew something
2 was wrong and I tried to stop her.

3 And it hurt after because some of the men --
4 the one man that I knew of, because he was around Cochrane,
5 but I don't know who the other two were. And nobody -- and
6 nobody told me that she was my niece because there was
7 nobody there to tell me. And we didn't have a telephone so
8 I couldn't call the police. I was just helpless.

9 I don't know -- I don't know where her
10 brothers were. She had two brothers. And I can't even
11 remember the funeral. I think I just shut it all down
12 after that until -- until all this started, it came back to
13 me. I think a part of me tried to save -- I think I tried
14 to save her. And it was very cold that night. It was a
15 bad, bad storm. It must have been minus 40 outside. It
16 was so cold. So -- and I think she was pregnant.

17 I need to know. I need to know what exactly
18 happened to her on that night. I want to know what the
19 investigation brings to me. I need to know how they took
20 care of that and if they took care of it. Now that I'm an
21 adult I want to know what happened. I want to know who
22 those men are.

23 She didn't have much of a chance in life,
24 you know. She didn't have a chance at all. She went from
25 residential school and she came up, she was young. She was

1 just young. She didn't get a chance to know all of us, to
2 meet all of us. I don't even think she knew that I was her
3 young aunt. I don't think she knew that.

4 And I think, you know, it's so vivid in my
5 mind that night. It's so vivid. Like, I remember
6 everything that night. I remember her face too. And I
7 think there's a reason why I remember all this, you know.
8 There's a reason why I had to remember all of it. And I
9 think probably this is why. And even coming in here alone,
10 you know, without -- nobody knows that I'm doing this.
11 Because I just -- it's just to honour her, you know.

12 And I don't know where this is going to take
13 me after this, how much more I'm going to talk about it.
14 Because this is the first step of healing for me. I didn't
15 realize how deep it was. I didn't realize how -- how much
16 it affected me.

17 One of those men that did that, I -- and I'm
18 not sure, he was from Iroquois Falls they said. That's all
19 I know. That's why I want to know. Because there is a man
20 in there, in Iroquois Falls that actually was -- there were
21 some men in Iroquois Falls that were actually raping women
22 and I want to know if it's the same person from the same
23 family. There were some men in Iroquois Falls. And if it
24 is, then that man needs to be -- he's still out there.
25 Because that's not going to be the first time for that man.

1 That's why I need to know the name of those people.
2 Because I think that man is alive and I think he is still
3 in Iroquois Falls.

4 **MS. CHANEL BLOUIN:** Can you share a little
5 bit about -- I know that you don't know a lot about the
6 investigation and that that's something that -- that you've
7 been waiting a long time to -- to have answers and that
8 that's something that you're seeking. Can you share what
9 you do know about the investigation? Like, how -- how --
10 was there a police report that was filed? How do they know
11 that there ---

12 **MS. JUNE BLACK:** I don't ---

13 **MS. CHANEL BLOUIN:** --- were three -- that
14 there were three men?

15 **MS. JUNE BLACK:** Because they went to court.

16 **MS. CHANEL BLOUIN:** They didn't go to court.
17 Okay.

18 **MS. JUNE BLACK:** Yeah, three guys went to
19 court. And it was only -- and I didn't see it myself. It
20 was just what I heard. I don't even know who I heard it
21 from. It may have been my mom. I don't know who said it.
22 I didn't follow it very much. It did -- yeah, I guess I
23 did follow it a little bit but not -- because it affected
24 me, right, so I was paying attention. And we wanted to
25 know when the call came in, I believe it was my mom that

1 took the call and then that's what she told me that they --
2 there were three men that -- that raped her and left her
3 there.

4 **MS. CHANEL BLOUIN:** Did they receive jail
5 time or a sentence?

6 **MS. JUNE BLACK:** I -- they went to court. I
7 think -- I'm not sure -- I -- I'm not positive how much
8 jail time. They may have got sentenced. I remember
9 hearing, and I don't know from whom, that there -- three
10 and a half years is what -- I don't know if all of them got
11 it. I know one for sure. I think -- I -- I -- I have to
12 see proof. I don't know really. I don't know. That's all
13 I heard.

14 **MS. CHRISTINE SIMARD CHICAGO:** How old was
15 she at that time?

16 **MS. JUNE BLACK:** She probably was 18 or 19.
17 Yeah. And I don't know where she was living.

18 **MS. CHRISTINE SIMARD CHICAGO:** No.

19 **MS. JUNE BLACK:** Or if she was even living
20 anywhere. Because I think she was just drinking. I -- I
21 don't even know because she'd been gone for so long from
22 the whole family.

23 **MS. CHANEL BLOUIN:** Was she close with your
24 grandmother?

25 **MS. JUNE BLACK:** Maybe. I don't know. I'd

1 never seen her. I never seen her before. And like I said,
2 she was in residential school so nobody seen her, right.

3 MS. CHANEL BLOUIN: Right. Do you know how
4 long she had been out of residential school?

5 MS. JUNE BLACK: No.

6 MS. CHANEL BLOUIN: Okay.

7 MS. JUNE BLACK: No. I don't know.

8 MS. CHANEL BLOUIN: All right.

9 MS. JUNE BLACK: And my mom's deceased now
10 so -- so are both of her brothers. Mary Alice's brothers
11 were residential school survivors. They're deceased. And
12 so was her father. He's deceased. Yeah. They all passed.
13 Like, her brother just passed about -- last year. Last
14 year. Yeah.

15 MS. CHANEL BLOUIN: What about Mary Alice's
16 mother?

17 MS. JUNE BLACK: She -- she passed years and
18 years and years ago. I ---

19 MS. CHANEL BLOUIN: But she was still alive
20 when Mary Alice passed?

21 MS. JUNE BLACK: No. No.

22 MS. CHANEL BLOUIN: She ---

23 MS. JUNE BLACK: She was already gone.

24 MS. CHANEL BLOUIN: Okay.

25 MS. JUNE BLACK: Yeah. Yeah. She had to

1 have died just -- not long after she was born. Yeah. I
2 was born in '63 so I was very young.

3 MS. CHANEL BLOUIN: It must have -- you must
4 have felt very powerless when you were trying to keep her.

5 MS. JUNE BLACK: Yeah. Yeah.

6 MS. CHANEL BLOUIN: And that you weren't
7 able to, you know ---

8 MS. JUNE BLACK: Hold her.

9 MS. CHANEL BLOUIN: --- call the police or
10 hold her.

11 MS. JUNE BLACK: Yeah, because I didn't even
12 have a telephone. Well, it just -- all right there, that
13 bus stops so -- and she didn't get very far, like, on the
14 highway when that bus stopped to pick her up. And I don't
15 even know if the -- they know in the report that the bus
16 picked her up. I don't even know. I was too young.

17 MS. CHANEL BLOUIN: So the Commissioners
18 will be -- at least one Commissioner will be watching your
19 testimony. Our Commissioners watch the testimony of every
20 family member who shares their truth. Do you have
21 recommendations that you'd like to -- to share or things
22 that you've thought about in terms of either services that
23 could have been of -- you know, helped you or -- you know,
24 like, for instance, like, more serious sentencing and --
25 you know, and so you're saying that -- this is just an

1 example but ---

2 MS. JUNE BLACK: I -- well, yes, I just -- I
3 want my thoughts on -- I want to see all -- I want to see
4 the -- the investigation report. I want to know if she was
5 pregnant so that we can do a ceremony for her and a
6 ceremony for the baby. Because this is a very really
7 spirit if she was pregnant and then it was two lives lost
8 if the simple fact she was pregnant, but she kept saying,
9 "My baby. My baby." And she was holding her stomach and
10 she was saying, "My baby. My baby." So I'm suspecting she
11 was just by remember that.

12 Once I see the investigation report then
13 I'll know where it will go from then -- from there, I mean.
14 It will give me a better idea of what I need to do next for
15 me and for my niece. The fact that she's gone and, you
16 know, this gave me the opportunity to let that go, I guess.
17 You know, remembering all that, like I said, was for a
18 reason. And at least now, you know, she's honoured. She's
19 not forgotten.

20 Because I -- I don't know how many people
21 realized, you know, what happened to her. Because nobody
22 talked about it. My -- I had a relative who this was his -
23 - this was -- he said -- he talked to me and he talked
24 about her to me. And this is not -- he's passed on though
25 since but he told me, he said that -- we talked about her

1 and he said, "I was -- she was just like my sister", he
2 told me. And he said that him and his two brothers, oddly
3 enough three men, him and his two -- him and his brother
4 and his -- his cousin were in the town and they were
5 drinking.

6 And this -- this -- okay, this is what
7 happened. This -- now I know how it came about. He went
8 to jail. So did his brother and so did his cousin for six
9 months. And I asked him because the rumour was that they
10 had raped someone. And so I asked him the -- I wanted to
11 know the truth. I said, "I really respect you but I need
12 to know, you know, the truth here. Did you do that?" And
13 he said, "I'll tell you what happened", he said. He said,
14 "You know Mary Alice Diamond?" And I said, "Yes." And he
15 said, "Well, you know what happened to her?" And I said,
16 "Yes." He said, "I was very, very angry that that happened
17 to her." He said, "Because she was just like my sister in
18 school." And he said, "I loved her very, very much like my
19 sister. We were very close." And he said, "When she died
20 and -- and I found out how she died", he said, "I was very,
21 very upset."

22 And he said that this woman that was
23 hitchhiking, actually hitchhiking or somewhere near the cab
24 where they were. And they went to the liquor store and
25 they went to get some beer and stuff and they were going

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1 back to their reserve which was just three miles out of the
2 -- out of -- out of the town where they were. And they
3 picked up a white woman and asked her if she wanted to go
4 party and -- and she said yeah. So they took her to -- to
5 the house and they drank. And he said, "Nobody knew what
6 happened", he said, "in -- in that house." He said, "Only
7 I do." He said, "I took that woman." He said, "I grabbed
8 her, you know, just really sternly", and he said, "And I
9 took my hand and I touched her -- her vagina. Just touched
10 it", he said, "I didn't want to do anything." And he said,
11 "And I looked at her straight in the eye", and he said,
12 "Now go call the police." So she did. She ran out, she
13 left the place and she went to call the police.

14 So the police came and they -- they got all
15 arrested based on whatever she said. And he said that's
16 all that happened. And when he went to court the judge --
17 "When the judge asked me if I had anything to say", he said
18 -- and he said, "Yes, I do." He said, "There were three
19 men that took Mary Alice Diamond down a road and they raped
20 her and they killed her", he said. He said, "I wanted to
21 show you guys how easy it is to do that but I also wanted
22 to show you that we're not like you. Could have killed her
23 and could have raped her but we didn't." And the judge
24 told him, "Well, you can't take the law into your own hands
25 like that." And he said, "Well, whatever. At least now

1 you know."

2 So he was someone that, you know, I
3 connected with on this whole -- of her losing her life. He
4 was the only one that felt like I did, you know. And even
5 then I didn't say too much. You know, I don't even
6 remember if I told him -- I don't even think I talked about
7 what happened that night because I wasn't ready to talk
8 about that.

9 Yeah. That's it. Yeah, so you know, I -- I
10 wanted to do this for my own healing. Also to help others,
11 you know, if -- if there was -- if they have any history
12 like this to -- to bring it out. You know, it's -- it's a
13 good healing. It's a good opportunity to heal, you know.

14 **MS. CHANEL BLOUIN:** How do you see your
15 healing process moving forward?

16 **MS. JUNE BLACK:** Well, I started it, you
17 know. It's -- it -- it's beginning now, you know. I've --
18 I've let -- I've actually said the story and it's helped me
19 tremendously to process, to bring it out. I -- I -- I
20 really brought it out, you know.

21 It's a horrible history. It's a painful
22 history for our people. I'd like to do -- I'd like to do a
23 ceremony for you. I'd like to -- somebody to help me with
24 that to honour her spirit. I actually went there, you
25 know. I went there where it happened not too long ago and

1 I sat in my car outside of Cochrane in that road and I sat
2 there where she died. I don't know the exact location. I
3 wish I knew. I need to know that too. But I sat there in
4 my car and I just offered some tobacco, talked to her.
5 It's not very long ago that I did that. Maybe a month ago.

6 And my brother, he's -- he doesn't remember
7 much. He -- I think it's just blocked because it's -- it's
8 terrible. It's a terrible thing for her.

9 **MS. CHRISTINE SIMARD CHICAGO:** How old was
10 your brother?

11 **MS. JUNE BLACK:** He was 13.

12 **MS. CHRISTINE SIMARD CHICAGO:** He was just a
13 year older, eh.

14 **MS. JUNE BLACK:** Yeah.

15 **MS. CHRISTINE SIMARD CHICAGO:** And you were
16 both just children.

17 **MS. JUNE BLACK:** Yeah.

18 **MS. CHRISTINE SIMARD CHICAGO:** Babies.

19 **MS. JUNE BLACK:** Yeah. [Speaking in
20 Indigenous language]. You know, I need to take care of
21 myself. I need to take that time to take care of myself.
22 I've been trying to do that since -- since I started this
23 whole thing, this -- since this woke up inside of me.
24 Like, I tried to figure out what am I going to do with
25 myself. I wanted to go somewhere. I just wanted to go and

1 not be alone. Just, you know, get some help with it and
2 prayers and ceremony and -- away from everybody, you know.
3 And when I really took open I was here.

4 Because it's, like, you know, it's -- it's a
5 big thing for a 12 year old. And I think, you know, I kind
6 of feel bad because I couldn't stop her. I was just too
7 young. And I guess she was just meant to go over. Though
8 I don't understand and maybe in my healing I will. But you
9 know, I haven't even got to the point of how I feel about
10 these men. Like, I haven't even gone there emotionally
11 yet. Just that this -- this part, it woke me and my role
12 and there -- that weight, you know, it was just what I
13 wanted to do today. Because I think it -- I've been
14 carrying it, you know, all these years. I'm -- I'm 55.
15 And it's very serious, you know. Because I've gone through
16 many hardships in life. Many, many hardships. Hard, hard
17 stuff. And this is really had an impact on me and I didn't
18 realize that. You know, didn't realize it at all. Had no
19 idea that it had this affect on me and that I needed to
20 deal with it. That's all I knew is that I needed to deal
21 with it and I needed to honour her. She's one of those,
22 you know, murdered women.

23 **MS. CHANEL BLOUIN:** Is there anything else
24 you wanted to share?

25 **MS. JUNE BLACK:** You got that I did want to

1 know about the investigation ---

2 MS. CHANEL BLOUIN: Yes.

3 MS. JUNE BLACK: --- and all that. Okay.

4 MS. CHANEL BLOUIN: Yes.

5 MS. JUNE BLACK: That's big for me. That's
6 huge. I -- I'll need to know something about that, like,
7 fast.

8 MS. CHANEL BLOUIN: The police reports,
9 okay.

10 MS. JUNE BLACK: Yeah. It will help me as I
11 heal from this, you know.

12 MS. CHANEL BLOUIN: Yeah. We have the
13 family liaison units who are ---

14 MS. JUNE BLACK: Yeah.

15 MS. CHANEL BLOUIN: --- who are working with
16 us and working with families to get the answers that they
17 need to help with their healing and their closure, so ---

18 MS. JUNE BLACK: Okay. And I always, you
19 know, growing up in an alcoholic home, you do things on
20 your own. You learn to be very independent and you do
21 things on your own. And that's how I'm dealing with this
22 right now, on my own. I did think about supports and I did
23 kind of reach out but I never -- I never saw it through. I
24 just did this on my own. That's how I do things. And
25 maybe that's where I need some healing, you know. But at

1 least it's a big step I just took. Yeah.

2 **MS. CHANEL BLOUIN:** It takes a lot of
3 courage, you know, to ---

4 **MS. JUNE BLACK:** Yeah. Yeah.

5 **MS. CHANEL BLOUIN:** --- to go back there and
6 to relive that.

7 **MS. JUNE BLACK:** Yeah.

8 **MS. CHANEL BLOUIN:** To -- these are horrible
9 events to go through as a child and that -- to carry that
10 sense of responsibility.

11 **MS. JUNE BLACK:** Yeah. Yeah. Yeah, I guess
12 that's what it was, you know. I don't want to -- feeling
13 like I have a lot of responsibility and it wasn't mine.
14 That's -- that's what it is. And that's very common in an
15 alcoholic home, you know, you take on a lot of
16 responsibilities that are not yours because there's nobody
17 there to do it, you know. And I did that. So her dying
18 has really affected me.

19 But I think, you know, just for my further
20 closure to see that report, you know, will help me do that.
21 Yeah. That's it.

22 **MS. CHANEL BLOUIN:** Okay. Thank you for
23 sharing today.

24 **MS. JUNE BLACK:** Thank you.

25 --- Upon adjourning at 1:55 p.m.

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