

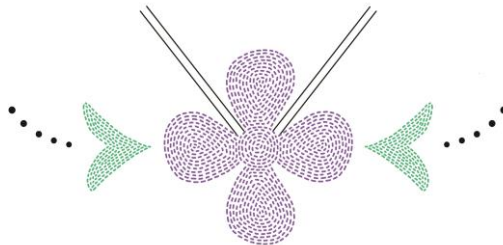
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1 NOVEMBER 21, 2017, 3:52 P.M.

2 FRANCINE MERASTY: This is Francine Merasty with the National
3 Inquiry into Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women
4 and Girls. Speaking on the record with --

5 JEREMIAH BOSSE: Jeremiah Bosse.

6 FRANCINE MERASTY: And he is from Saskatoon. We're here in
7 Saskatoon, Saskatchewan, and the date is November
8 21st, 2017. The time is 3:52 p.m. Jeremiah, you
9 are here to voluntarily give your statement in the
10 matter of Daleen Bosse.

11 JEREMIAH BOSSE: Bosse.

12 FRANCINE MERASTY: Bosse. And present with us in the room are.

13 LINDA BANKLY: Linda Bankly, Saskatoon.

14 VALERIE MORISSETTE: Valerie Morissette, Three River First
15 Nation.

16 FRANCINE MERASTY: Your statement will be audio recorded today,
17 and you've also allowed us to videotape your
18 statement. Can you please confirm that you agree
19 with this?

20 JEREMIAH BOSSE: Yes, I agree.

21 FRANCINE MERASTY: Okay. So what do you want to share with the
22 commissioners?

23 JEREMIAH BOSSE: I guess I'm here to share my story of my late
24 wife, Daleen Muskego Bosse -- well, she's just
25 Bosse by marriage. First of all, I guess I just

1 talk about, you know, how we met and everything. I
2 think the personal relationship between how I met
3 her and everything and how we got to be together is
4 important as well. I mean, it shows the person who
5 she is, so I'll just go from there.

6 It was Halloween. One of the weirdest
7 nights to meet somebody, I guess, because you're
8 all in costume. I had been out with my sister and
9 one of our family friends, and I was dressed up as
10 this big white ball, it was supposed to be a
11 snowman, and painted my face and had my hair white,
12 and that's how I met my future wife is dressed up
13 as a big old snowman and met her and we talked,
14 exchanged numbers.

15 I think she had called me first just to say
16 hi and we got to know each other on the phone and
17 then that didn't really go much further than that,
18 and then I met her again a few weeks later at a
19 different nightclub, and her and I started talking
20 again and was -- we really hit it off, like right
21 away, just instantly, got to the -- we were really
22 good right away, and we just -- from there, our
23 relationship just grew, and we just kept dating.

24 And I just remember her smile. The first
25 thing I seen was her smile. She had such a big

1 bright smile on her face and -- I didn't think I
2 was going to cry right away, but I just remember
3 her always being happy, and I miss that, I do, I
4 miss that a lot, but -- now, you know, I -- I wish,
5 you know, there was -- I could see that smile one
6 more time, you know, it was such a long time ago
7 and --

8 FRANCINE MERASTY: How long ago was this?

9 JEREMIAH BOSSE: Well, I met her in 1997, I believe, or -- it
10 was '97 or '98; it was quite a long time ago. I
11 can't even do the math. We were still young, and
12 we were so in love, and we just fell in love right
13 away. I started dating her and we started hanging
14 out quite a bit, and I met her parents, and that
15 was scary, and I guess, you know, you don't know
16 what to expect as a young guy like that. I was
17 like 19 or 20.

18 And I proposed to her the following year, I
19 think, after I met her. Yeah, it would have been
20 '97 I met her, and then '98 I proposed, and there
21 was some hesitation from my mother, and her mother
22 and dad were wanting us to get married first, then
23 move in, my mom wanted us to move in and get to
24 know each other, so we gave it a year, and I moved
25 in with her, with my late wife Daleen, we moved in

1 together and gave my mom her wish of letting us
2 spend a year together and then -- and then get
3 married, instead of getting married and then moving
4 together and start a family.

5 But kind of did it a little bit backwards
6 of what Pauline and Herb wished, and so we moved
7 in. We stayed there, the first apartment, for a
8 few months, five, six months, and then we moved --
9 she wanted to live on the end of the building near
10 the big window and whatnot, so we found -- an
11 apartment opened up and we moved down the hallway
12 there, and that's where we conceived our daughter,
13 [Daughter 1].

14 And you know, we didn't really want [Daughter 1]
15 growing up in that apartment, it was old and dingy,
16 and so we moved further, across town to a bigger
17 apartment, brighter, more clean, and my late wife
18 Daleen was unable to attend -- or no, she was
19 unable to get the -- what is it, the maternity
20 leave or whatever, so I had to take time off work
21 and actually be the stay at home dad and -- while
22 she went back to school and started her -- I think
23 it was her training in education.

24 Very good in school. She was always -- you
25 know, always doing good in school. I guess I -- I

1 just remember her really wanting to be a teacher,
2 like her mom and her dad. And then again [Daughter 1] was
3 getting a little older, and I was working for the
4 school board at the time, and we moved -- again we
5 moved closer to the school I was working at and
6 closer to the university for her, and ended up
7 moving again within the same area again, like,
8 wasn't quite satisfied, and we found something a
9 little cheaper for rent and closer to Aden Bowman
10 was the high school I was working at, which was a
11 walking distance, so it was kind of easier for us
12 to converse. I could walk and she could take the
13 car to school, and it worked out with daycare and
14 everything like that.

15 And I think I'm skipping ahead a little
16 bit, but I'm trying to get to the whole point of
17 where -- why I came here, but it was in -- it was
18 May -- May 18th, I believe, or May 17th, 2004, she
19 had been going to school, conversing back and
20 forth, and I was -- I was still at work, working
21 night shift. I would work 3 until 11.

22 And her brother was staying with us at the
23 time and -- with his girlfriend, and I think she
24 was -- his girlfriend was pregnant at the time, and
25 they -- his girlfriend and late Daleen went to FSI,

1 like their annual meetings downtown.

2 VALERIE MORISSETTE: Assembly.

3 JEREMIAH BOSSE: Assembly, yeah, First Nations meetings, and
4 late Daleen and Shauna went down there. They had
5 met some people that were from Onion Lake and came
6 back that evening more or less. You know, she was
7 excited to go back for the supper and maybe hang
8 out with some of the people she didn't see for a
9 long time, and so I said yeah, go ahead, you know,
10 I got [Daughter 1], I can take care of her, I don't work
11 until the following day, and her brother lives
12 there, too, so I also -- you know, I had extra
13 sitters.

14 And Shauna said, well, I'm not feeling up
15 to it, I'm not going to come with you, and so
16 Daleen, you know, helped [Daughter 1] get ready for her
17 bath, and I still -- you know, I still remember
18 her, you know, telling her that -- telling [Daughter 1]
19 that she'll see her tomorrow and be good for dad
20 and --

21 FRANCINE MERASTY: So how long were you married to her at this
22 point?

23 JEREMIAH BOSSE: At this point, we had been married -- '99 --
24 we got married in '99, and this was 2004, so yeah,
25 almost five years. I believe. Yeah. '99, we got

1 married and --

2 FRANCINE MERASTY: And how old was your baby?

3 JEREMIAH BOSSE: My daughter was four -- or three. Three years
4 old. She had just turned three in January, and
5 this was May so -- yeah, so just barely three.

6 FRANCINE MERASTY: M-hm.

7 JEREMIAH BOSSE: And so I remember Daleen putting her into the
8 bath and then talking to her and telling her that
9 she would see her tomorrow, then coming down,
10 hugging me and saying, you know, I'll see you later
11 tonight or I'll see you in the morning when you
12 wake up, and gave me a hug and a kiss, and last
13 time I remember seeing her was she was driving off
14 in our white car, our Cavalier, and it was the last
15 memory I have seeing her.

16 And what happened is that, you know, I knew
17 she was going out for drinks, I knew that, you
18 know, possibly she might have too much or something
19 and not come home, so I expected it, and when I
20 woke up the next morning, she's -- you know, I woke
21 up alone in the bed, and usually we phone each
22 other or whatnot, so I -- I had my morning coffee,
23 like regular, everything was the same, and so no
24 worries.

25 I think I still -- I had that day off, so I

1 didn't have to rush to work or anything. Oh, no,
2 wait. I think I did have to work that day, but it
3 was in the afternoon, so I don't start till 3 p.m.,
4 and I wasn't worried at all, just -- you know, I
5 was thinking, okay, she's probably hung over or
6 something, had crashed out at a friend's house, and
7 not to worry about it.

8 And came a little concerned, I guess, was
9 more or less I was kind of frustrated with her for
10 not calling by lunch hour, and I was thinking,
11 okay, you know, I gotta get [Daughter 1] ready, take her
12 to daycare, and leave her there, there's -- it was
13 a Tuesday, I believe, and -- excuse me. Tuesday or
14 Wednesday. I remember -- no, my Monday, Tuesdays
15 were off so it would have been a Wednesday.

16 And she didn't call by, you know, two
17 o'clock, and I think her brother, Dana, was staying
18 with us, but he wasn't at the house at the time, so
19 I had to take her somewhere, I had to take my
20 daughter on the bus somewhere to drop her off,
21 which was -- the only place was daycare, so I took
22 her to daycare at -- you know, that evening -- or
23 around two o'clock, and then bused back ready in
24 time for work.

25 And I began my shift, was kind of a little

1 bit upset that she didn't call, you know -- you
2 know, set up something so [Daughter 1] could be picked up,
3 and I was getting a little worried more or less to
4 see who was picking [Daughter 1] up at -- and I'd called
5 my house a few times, getting no answer.

6 And then I finally got ahold of Dana, my
7 late wife's brother, and I called him, I said, you
8 know what, have you talked to your sister, no, he
9 didn't talk to her, and I said well, I need
10 somebody to watch [Daughter 1], are you able to watch
11 [Daughter 1] tonight, I'll have to get a ride and pick her
12 up at daycare before it closes at six.

13 So he said yeah, he'd watch her, and I got
14 one of my coworkers to rush me over at break, our
15 coffee break at 5:30, rush back and drop her off
16 and then go back to work, and so we did that.
17 Luckily, you know, everything worked out where
18 [Daughter 1] was being taken care of.

19 And at that point, at 5:30, I was like
20 starting to get pretty concerned because she had
21 never left and not contacted me in that time
22 period. Or at least tried to contact me to say,
23 you know, something happened, I got a flat tire or
24 something, and didn't get any of that.

25 And then I talked to Dana again once -- on

1 one of my later breaks, closer to nine, and he's
2 like no, still haven't heard anything. Then I was
3 really concerned, and then I said, well, what
4 should -- I asked Dana, I remember asking him if we
5 should involve his mom and dad, and he said, well,
6 no, not yet, just give her some time, she'll
7 probably come forward and -- say maybe she's on a
8 two day bender or something and -- because she had
9 -- she had also had told me that she had some
10 reason to celebrate because she passed her third
11 year in education, so that was another thing I
12 forgot was -- she was planning to maybe have -- go
13 out with some friends and ended up doing that, but
14 -- ended up being something else -- so -- this is
15 so long ago, like some of the things that I -- it's
16 just hard to remember.

17 So we had got -- I got home, my shift had
18 ended, and I think that's where I was concerned
19 enough to phone the police, and the police kind of
20 seemed to brush it off, like it was not important,
21 and then I asked, you know, well, how long do I
22 have to wait until she's considered missing, and
23 they said, well, usually it's about 24 hours, and
24 we'll send somebody to talk to you either tonight
25 or first thing in the morning, and they said, you

1 know, by morning maybe she'll call you, so be okay
2 by then.

3 So I spent all night worrying, not knowing
4 anything, and still hadn't told Pauline and Herb
5 that their daughter was missing, and you know, my
6 daughter didn't -- she didn't really cry or
7 anything for her mom, but you know, she kept asking
8 where's mom, and I said I don't know, we'll see --
9 we'll probably see her tomorrow, stuff like that.

10 And -- I just remember not having like the
11 greatest sleep, you know, I was -- got that sick
12 kind of stomach feeling like you've got the flu or
13 something I guess would be the best to explain it.
14 Worried and try to sleep a little bit and wake up
15 kind of in a panic or a sweat, I guess.

16 And then next morning comes, you're tired
17 and you got a three year old to look after and get
18 ready for whatever the day and thinking, okay, do
19 we do this again, do I take her to daycare or do I
20 leave her.

21 And luckily I think again her brother was
22 available to look after [Daughter 1], and you know, about
23 10, 11, I think, 10 or 11 that day, that morning, a
24 police officer finally shows up, you know, comes
25 in, asks a few basic questions, what she's driving,

1 what she was wearing, basically that, and what the
2 license plate number was on the car.

3 Simple little questions and then he was
4 gone, just left, you know, didn't seem very caring
5 or didn't give a shit kind of attitude, and I
6 thought wow, what a prick I kind of thought in my
7 head, and you know, and --

8 FRANCINE MERASTY: Did you call the police again or did they
9 just show up at your door?

10 JEREMIAH BOSSE: Like when this --

11 FRANCINE MERASTY: Like the next morning.

12 JEREMIAH BOSSE: No, that morning, they just showed up.

13 FRANCINE MERASTY: Okay.

14 JEREMIAH BOSSE: But yeah, called the night before. And then I
15 think that's -- when the police officer left,
16 that's about the time I called Pauline and Herb, to
17 tell them that we haven't seen Daleen in two days,
18 almost two days, and that -- that we didn't know
19 where she was and haven't had any contact from her.

20 And I just remember Herb kind of being
21 upset with me, saying why did you wait so long, you
22 know, you should have called me right away, and I
23 had no idea, I just said, you know, I thought she
24 would come home and -- so they said okay, we're --
25 we'll gas up and come first thing -- as soon as we

1 can, and so they gassed up, came down, and we all
2 went to the police station to see what could be
3 done, you know.

4 We sat in a room with a -- I don't know the
5 officer's name, went through the missing person
6 report, and he kind of showed us -- he gave us kind
7 of a guideline what happens when people go missing,
8 and you know, either they're unhappy in a marriage
9 or, you know, things like that. Or -- you know,
10 have a mental breakdown, which -- none of them, to
11 me --

12 FRANCINE MERASTY: Didn't fit.

13 JEREMIAH BOSSE: Didn't fit with what they were trying to --

14 FRANCINE MERASTY: Imply.

15 JEREMIAH BOSSE: -- imply, yeah. And I think there was a lot
16 of frustration right from that point when we left,
17 feeling a lot of unanswered questions. Like I know
18 for sure Pauline and Herb feeling like wow, this is
19 all they're going to do for us and --

20 FRANCINE MERASTY: So --

21 JEREMIAH BOSSE: And --

22 FRANCINE MERASTY: -- what do you think would have -- like what
23 -- how do you wish they had acted?

24 JEREMIAH BOSSE: Well, for one, the response time, the change
25 -- I think it has changed already, that they're

1 taking a missing person a lot more seriously now
2 than back then, so I think that's changed to --
3 especially -- well, I'm not saying all police
4 services are like that, but with Saskatoon's
5 police, they've changed the protocol for regarding
6 somebody missing, you know. I'm not sure what the
7 time limit is now, but at 24 hours, that's a lot of
8 time already. Knowing what I know now, it's too
9 much time.

10 And you know, day three, day four go on,
11 and the family are -- like Muskego family pulled
12 together, and I mean there's tons of help come in.
13 My house was full of family members for two or
14 three weeks, almost three weeks. People took time
15 off work to come help search for her, and this is
16 just family.

17 And you know, I think we had almost come
18 this close to catching him ourselves. Like when we
19 started searching for Daleen, we went to -- all
20 over Saskatoon, straight -- you know, from trying
21 to find her friends, trying to -- we even had to
22 stalk one of her friends just to talk to her
23 because we had so much trouble finding her, we
24 finally caught up with her at her boyfriend's
25 house, but we had to do all the police work

1 ourselves, like.

2 Things like that, things that we had to do
3 as a group of people, the amount of volunteer work
4 that was done by Herb, my late wife's family, like
5 unbelievable. I can't thank them enough for what
6 they ever did and -- you know, there was this one
7 instant that I always look back at, and I was
8 thinking, wow, we were that close to catching him
9 ourselves, was my late wife's cousin called me on
10 her cellphone to my cellphone, and she was like I
11 think this is the car, I think this is the car
12 we're following. She read the license plate.

13 I had to phone the police office to make
14 sure that was the number and then I was going to
15 call her back and say yeah, follow him and report
16 that you're following the stolen vehicle, and one
17 of the officers was -- mixed up the numbers and
18 told me it was the opposite, it was -- there was a
19 screw up there anyways, and that -- and she had
20 actually been following the person that was
21 responsible for my late wife, but the numbers I got
22 and the numbers she had from the license plate
23 number didn't match, they were flip flopped, and if
24 I would have just got the right information right
25 there, pretty sure she could have followed that guy

1 and had him caught right there, but we had to wait
2 another four years, and luckily, you know -- that's
3 just an example of how much effort loved ones can
4 put in, yeah.

5 If that's -- that type of effort gets put
6 out there from the police, they could catch a lot
7 more people that are responsible for murders and
8 stuff, lots of work, and these are untrained
9 people, people that are just doing it out of love,
10 trying to find their loved ones.

11 VALERIE MORISSETTE: Family.

12 JEREMIAH BOSSE: Family. You know. A lot of -- a lot -- like
13 I said, I can't thank them enough for the effort
14 that they put in.

15 VALERIE MORISSETTE: Everyone is doing their job than they
16 were. The family.

17 JEREMIAH BOSSE: M-hm.

18 VALERIE MORISSETTE: I have speculations on that part, too.
19 The police officer probably had the right number
20 but probably changed it because he didn't want to
21 feel like he wasn't doing his job. They said they
22 were actually following the right car --

23 JEREMIAH BOSSE: Yeah.

24 VALERIE MORISSETTE: -- when it was called in.

25 JEREMIAH BOSSE: When it was called in, I came up with the

1 number that they --

2 VALERIE MORISSETTE: They gave the wrong number but --

3 JEREMIAH BOSSE: They said it was the wrong number. It was
4 flip flopped. I think at that time Saskatchewan
5 was changing the numbers to the letters side and --
6 I'm not 100 percent, but I'm pretty sure that that
7 was what was going on there and -- yeah, I --

8 VALERIE MORISSETTE: And late Daleen's family didn't --

9 JEREMIAH BOSSE: We were that close.

10 VALERIE MORISSETTE: They were really supportive.

11 JEREMIAH BOSSE: We were --

12 VALERIE MORISSETTE: Close. Close knit. It's awesome when we
13 all came together to do this job that the police
14 were supposed to be doing.

15 FRANCINE MERASTY: M-hm.

16 JEREMIAH BOSSE: Yeah. I have more to talk about, but I'd like
17 to have a quick break.

18 FRANCINE MERASTY: Okay. So it's 4:22 p.m., November 21st, and
19 we're taking a break.

20 [PROCEEDINGS ADJOURNED AT 4:22 P.M.]

21 [PROCEEDINGS RESUMED AT 4:29 P.M.]

22 FRANCINE MERASTY: So we're back on the record. It's 4:29
23 p.m., November 21st.

24 JEREMIAH BOSSE: Okay. The last thing I was talking about was
25 the police not coming up with the correct numbers

1 for the license plate, and I think, you know,
2 things started -- like leads -- we started -- we
3 put up tons of posters, like as far as we could
4 reach, you know, I had people that I knew in the
5 truck driving industry take tons of posters, like
6 stacks of posters with them and disperse them every
7 which way they could.

8 At the same time, I think Herb and Pauline
9 had put a reward out of their own money for any
10 tips leading to finding her, and we put posters
11 everywhere, across Canada, as far as we could get
12 them, and then that's -- you know, I think at that
13 point, once we had started handing posters out,
14 putting posters out in neighbourhoods and in
15 Saskatoon, once that was all done, I think a lot of
16 family dispersed back to, you know, their jobs,
17 their own family life because we had done pretty
18 much everything we could, and you know, we sent
19 everybody home with enough posters to do posting
20 around where they were at in case she had taken off
21 anywhere on her own, like just to get away in case
22 maybe she wasn't happy in married life.

23 So you know, that happened for quite a few
24 months. We'd gotten -- we had gotten all these
25 phone calls coming up saying oh, we know where she

1 is and blah, blah, blah, and Pauline and Herb went
2 to every single one of them, trying to -- or they
3 would send, you know, one of the boys, Daleen's
4 brothers, to go check on these leads, even to
5 Vancouver. I think we even got calls from Montreal
6 or something.

7 And at this point, you know, I guess
8 needless to say the husband gets looked at as one
9 of the prime suspects, and you know, started -- the
10 police took me down to the station, take me -- put
11 me in a small little interview room and talked to
12 me and asked me a bunch of questions and not really
13 saying or asking me anything about if I had done
14 anything, they more or less wanted to just talk and
15 ask questions and --

16 FRANCINE MERASTY: So how long was this after Daleen went
17 missing?

18 JEREMIAH BOSSE: I went for that interview -- it was fairly
19 soon after the missing person's report, probably a
20 week or two, which then again, if you're looking
21 for a suspect, you know, maybe a little sooner, but
22 I think they disclosed that they had another
23 suspect that they were -- had leads on at that
24 time, and I had -- they couldn't give me a name or
25 anything like that, but you know, I was curious as

1 to who.

2 And then I know Pauline and Herb had come
3 back quite a few times to talk to the police, and I
4 came in with them that one time, and this is
5 probably a few months after she had been missing,
6 and we had talked to the lead detective at the
7 time, and I can't remember his name, it was so long
8 ago, but he was the same guy that took the report
9 the first time through, and Herb stormed out mad.
10 He was frustrated with the way they talked to us.

11 I can't pinpoint exactly why he was mad, it
12 was -- I just forget, totally forget what was his
13 main reason for being mad. I think more or less
14 being brushed off, and then I remember the one part
15 that the police officer had said was, he goes in
16 most cases that have gone on longer than this,
17 usually the outcomes aren't good, and that's -- you
18 know, unfortunately I guess he was right, but there
19 was a lot of hope, you know, and trying to almost
20 rub that hope out was, I think, wrong in his part.

21 Because there is cases where, you know,
22 I've even seen on Facebook like the good -- the --
23 I guess the ones that -- the girls that are found
24 that are okay, there's a lot that, yeah, they find
25 them, and they are deceased, but there is also a

1 lot that are just runaways, and I think that -- to
2 say that in that meeting at that time when we
3 didn't know, we didn't know what was going on, to
4 give us that false oh, well, there's a good chance
5 that she's dead, that kind of attitude was
6 unneeded. You know, what if he was wrong, what if
7 she was alive at that time? We needed that hope.

8 And so I think there was a lot of
9 frustration there with working with the police, the
10 attitude was, you know -- ah, we're kind of working
11 on it and -- you know, if something comes up, we'll
12 get ahold of you and -- it was being brushed off a
13 lot and -- yeah, the compassion wasn't there.

14 So, you know, we continued going on leads,
15 and I started falling out of the search. Actually,
16 I had probably already been out of the search
17 already, as much as I wanted to be there, due to
18 the fact that I was trying to help raise a young --
19 our young daughter, but like -- I had support, I
20 had my mother and my sister, Dana I think was still
21 living with me at the time and -- you know, it come
22 to, you know, financial reasoning, but I moved
23 again to the same -- we were staying with this
24 company -- I'm not going -- I'm not sure if I can
25 say the company's name or whatnot, but we left the

1 one place that I was staying at and moved into the
2 -- the company still owned that other building but
3 the rent was a lot cheaper anyways, so I moved
4 there for financial reasons. At the same time
5 still staying in contact with Herb and Pauline.

6 I've come to a stump here.

7 So they continued to look for her, I
8 continued to work and look after [Daughter 1], and then --
9 and just every time they got a lead, it just come
10 up nothing, you know, close but not quite or people
11 saying they saw her were just lying because there
12 was money involved for, you know, a reward.

13 And you know, they came -- oh, before we
14 moved, I forgot an important thing that happened
15 was another thing that was kind of surprised that
16 somebody -- a good friend of mine was -- before we
17 moved and the car was still missing at the time,
18 one of my friends was working for the City, for the
19 parks and that.

20 And I had gotten a phone call, it was in
21 the afternoon when we were still searching for
22 Daleen, you know, putting out posters and stuff,
23 and I was at home, completely, you know, kind of
24 running out of leads at the time, and I had gotten
25 a phone call from my friend, Justin, and he said,

1 was missing, and so I gave him a list of everything
2 that was missing, and that was it, they towed the
3 car away, and it went to forensics.

4 And -- yeah, so skip ahead a few weeks,
5 Herb and Pauline had hired a private detective, and
6 we got the car back, and to me it was kind of odd
7 the way they returned it. It was like missing --
8 or no, the -- just -- ah, shit. They didn't do
9 that till later, hey, they cut the pieces out?

10 VALERIE MORISSETTE: They gave the car back to you.

11 JEREMIAH BOSSE: I'm talking to Valerie, by the way, refreshing
12 my brain. So yeah, the -- they didn't do a very
13 good job, I guess, in my opinion, because they did
14 it a second time, and the time they did it between
15 was like nine months.

16 And the first forensics, they returned the
17 car, seemed untouched except for needed air in the
18 tire, and the -- so I continued to use that car for
19 nine months, and then I had moved and everything by
20 that time, what I was talking about earlier, and
21 then had met my future partner, Valerie, and they
22 dragged me down for another interview, hey?

23 VALERIE MORISSETTE: M-hm.

24 JEREMIAH BOSSE: They interviewed me again, same kind of
25 setting, gave me -- you know, gave me all the same

1 questions they would somebody that they suspected
2 of murder, right?

3 And that was a little unnerving, and you
4 know, I understand the fact that yes, usually the
5 husband is, you know, one of the prime suspects,
6 but then again, I wasn't acting like a prime
7 suspect. I wasn't, you know, trying to run off, I
8 wasn't taking, you know, odd jobs all over
9 different parts of the country and stuff like that
10 so.

11 Then again, they had asked permission to do
12 forensics on the car, and I was like why are you
13 doing this kind of nine months after you already
14 had it, and they couldn't really come up with a
15 good answer except for the stuff they were using
16 was more potent or something that could actually
17 bring up blood stains and stuff.

18 And so I agreed, go ahead, you know, but it
19 doesn't make sense that you're doing it now, you
20 know, nine months later, and got the car back after
21 that forensic and there was pieces missing out of
22 the car, like cut out in -- kind of felt awful
23 driving that, thinking that it was a crime scene,
24 you know, I'm like wow, so if there was
25 something -- at that point my mind started

1 thinking, okay, something did happen to her, and
2 you guys are giving me back a part of a crime
3 scene, that's -- you know, felt really awful
4 driving that, felt victimized again, like these
5 guys just don't give a shit, you know, this is --
6 could be -- and later find out that's where my wife
7 took her last breath was in that vehicle.

8 Feels really awful now to think about that,
9 but -- yeah, so I'm driving around in the crime
10 scene for how many months, and then that car
11 actually ended up in a wrecker's because it was in
12 an accident, and therefore, gone, so maybe it was a
13 good thing.

14 FRANCINE MERASTY: So during all this time, did you access any
15 help or counselling or --

16 JEREMIAH BOSSE: Well, no, I didn't seek any counselling at
17 that time. You know, I had no idea what had
18 happened or -- I guess I could have got counselling
19 on the account of her being missing and the stress
20 it put on me as a parent, but actually, that's
21 around the time things started -- blew up for me,
22 and I started drinking quite a bit. I lost my job.
23 Started drinking quite heavily, more so than that.

24 I basically signed over the custody of my
25 daughter to my mom, knowing that I was unfit to be

1 a good father. I would still see [Daughter 1]
2 on the weekends and stuff when I wasn't out doing --
3 drinking, and a good thing I didn't get into drugs
4 or anything like that, but it was all booze, you
5 know, so went job to job after that.

6 I had a pretty good City job with the
7 school board, so you know, it was union, and things
8 just fell apart there, and I just -- just didn't
9 hold it together. I went from job to job still,
10 you know, couch surfing, things like that, just --
11 I just didn't hold it together, and then I started
12 getting my life together around 2006, 2007.

13 I went to welding school, started working
14 as a welder, and then shortly thereafter, we were
15 -- I was with Valerie in Mistawasis First Nations,
16 at her family's house, and I got the worst phone
17 call in my life, which was the police saying that
18 they had found my late wife, and that it wasn't
19 good, and that I should come in and -- worst
20 feeling in my life ever to find out that.

21 And then my mind went straight to my
22 daughter. How am I going to talk to my daughter,
23 how am I going to tell her that her mom's dead, and
24 how do you tell a seven year old, you know, your
25 mom is dead. It's been four years since she was

1 missing, and she grew up having all that hope, you
2 know.

3 [Daughter 1] was three when I left -- or when her
4 mom left and -- yeah, so she would have been seven
5 or eight, almost eight when her mom was found, so
6 how do you tell, you know, somebody in Grade 1, a
7 Grade 1 girl that she's got only one parent left
8 now, and that devastated me. It devastated her
9 when I had to tell her.

10 I just remember talking to my mom, I phoned
11 my mom after. In Mistawasis still, I gathered
12 myself, phoned my mother, and we talked for about
13 half an hour about how we were going to deal with
14 talking to [Daughter 1], and I just remember trying to get
15 it together so I could go outside, and at that time
16 my partner's family had all heard that -- what had
17 happened, and they had -- everybody was there,
18 everybody was there to support me, and being able
19 to hold it together, trying to just get home so I
20 could talk to my daughter was hard.

21 I remember all the emotions of yeah, it was
22 good to know that we knew where she was, but you
23 know, not the outcome that you wanted. That
24 somebody, you know, was gone and taken from you the
25 wrong way. That's the main focus. Most painful

1 thing I ever had to go through.

2 Then you sit there in front of your
3 daughter, your child, any child that has to go
4 through that, just imagine how they -- how it hurts
5 them. But the look on my daughter's face. To sit
6 there with my mom -- my mom left, we were sitting
7 on her porch, and [Daughter 1], just little, innocent
8 little girl, and to tell her that they found her
9 mom and then from going from her excitement, not
10 understanding right away that we found her, to
11 squishing that hope with it's not good, we found
12 mom, and she's dead.

13 Go from that big smile that we found her to
14 your mommy's dead. I can't even explain in words
15 how that looks. It just crushed her, and she just
16 wailed, just the most awful cry ever, sticks -- it
17 sticks to me even today, how painful that was for
18 her. It was like the worst sound that a father
19 could hear is the cry like that, of your child, any
20 parent, you know, I guess if their kids are ever
21 hurt really bad.

22 And again, you know, we went through --
23 went to the police station, they explained to us,
24 you know, how they caught Doug Hales, the guy that
25 murdered my wife. Explained how they caught him

1 and how they -- how the process went, and
2 everything they could tell us. They didn't tell us
3 much because they didn't want to wreck their case
4 or whatever, and that he was arrested, and that's
5 all that we basically knew.

6 And then we had to go out as a group and we
7 got to go out to where they found my late wife,
8 where they found her body, and we went out there,
9 and I just remember smoking like three or four
10 cigarettes just before, you know, because my nerves
11 were a wreck back then, couldn't even hold it
12 together, and to be there was just awful, just the
13 most awful place to be. I don't ever want to go
14 back there.

15 And then there were -- you know, there's
16 the long process of waiting for court, and this is
17 back in, what, 2007 or '8, I think, 2008, I
18 believe, that he had his preliminary hearings and
19 then the wait until -- the end of everything was in
20 2015, I believe, just before Christmas, they
21 finalized the verdict and -- like there's a long
22 process.

23 And I don't know if that can be helped, I
24 mean, court systems are the way they are, but it
25 seemed like the victims have no rights almost, it's

1 like -- these guys that get away with -- well, not
2 get away with murder but get caught for murder,
3 they get more rights than the families and the
4 victim's families.

5 It's a long process, and you hear a lot of
6 hope from the prosecutors, I hope this goes good or
7 this goes good, and you just keep hearing that and
8 getting kind of frustrated because he has rights to
9 fire this lawyer and that lawyer and play games for
10 -- well, seven years. Another seven years we have
11 to wait until he finally gets prosecuted and put
12 behind bars.

13 You know, it's unfortunate it's like that,
14 but -- that whole waiting, waiting, and waiting for
15 trial was so hard. You just wait and wait and then
16 you have kind of hope you kind of get a date and
17 then no, going to have to push it back now, push it
18 back, push it back, and it just takes forever, and
19 I think the victims have no rights.

20 The prosecution system to actual -- to have
21 enough evidence to go to court or to trial, you
22 have everything set except for the guy that doesn't
23 want to go to jail fights to the -- tooth and nail
24 until, you know -- there should be a faster
25 process, that's all I'm saying. It's very hard as

1 a victim to wait that long.

2 FRANCINE MERASTY: So when did he get convicted?

3 JEREMIAH BOSSE: I believe it was the end of 2015. It's kind
4 of hard because trial got paused and -- that was
5 2015, right?

6 VALERIE MORISSETTE: I believe so. I think it was the end of
7 2015.

8 JEREMIAH BOSSE: Yeah.

9 VALERIE MORISSETTE: Because 2014 we were still going through
10 the trial. I remember that summer.

11 JEREMIAH BOSSE: Yeah. With the wheat.

12 LINDA BANKLY: This is Linda speaking. What was the sentence?

13 JEREMIAH BOSSE: He got second degree murder, indecency to a
14 human body was five years added, but that's the
15 maximum they can give for that crime, but he got
16 second degree murder, which is a life sentence,
17 chance of parole after -- and his was changed due
18 to what he had done to the body, I think they
19 added -- the judge added a sentence of 15 years
20 before parole, which he had already served how many
21 years in remand, so you know, his chance of parole
22 is pretty quick, I think, here, and he just went to
23 jail so -- that's kind of unfortunate the way that
24 is, too. And the term that he served in remand I
25 believe is two years to one or something, something

1 horrible.

2 And -- yeah, so, you know, we have closure
3 now that he's behind bars and that we know where
4 Daleen is, and she's -- you know, what they did
5 find of her is resting in Onion Lake now, you know.
6 The whole -- everything, you know, having -- being
7 able to put her to rest was good. I got closure
8 there.

9 FRANCINE MERASTY: Where is your daughter?

10 JEREMIAH BOSSE: My daughter is with her -- well, lives with
11 her boyfriend at his mom's house in Onion Lake, and
12 you know, I think our relationship, like [Daughter 1] and
13 I's relationship isn't as strong as it should be.
14 There's a lot of frustration when we talk to each
15 other.

16 She's very headstrong, like her mom. And I
17 tend to forget that sometimes, but I think, you
18 know, for the most part, after 2007, I fell apart
19 again, started drinking, went back to my old ways a
20 bit, and then I snapped out of it, and I just told
21 myself no, I've got to be strong for your daughter
22 and I pulled it together.

23 I have a good job now, working for the City
24 now and been there for quite a few years, and
25 things are going good, and my daughter and I are

1 starting to talk quite a bit more.

2 [PROCEEDINGS RESUMED PURSUANT TO A SHORT BREAK]

3 JEREMIAH BOSSE: I think there's still a lot to heal, I mean,
4 there's definitely room to heal yet. I know my
5 daughter needs quite a bit of healing yet. So -- I
6 had a few ideas that I forgot to even bring up, but
7 I guess these were more things that I thought the
8 inquiry could help.

9 One of them was actually [Daughter 1]'s idea, was
10 helping victims' children. All the children have
11 -- it seems like -- she's been to quite a few of
12 these like seminars -- or not seminars, but --

13 VALERIE MORISSETTE: Events.

14 JEREMIAH BOSSE: -- events with -- with healing and stuff
15 with -- with a lot of the adults, a lot of people,
16 like the mothers of the victims and the kokums
17 and that, and [Daughter 1]'s idea was that there
18 should be something for youth, children, more
19 centralized on like a youth group or something.

20 VALERIE MORISSETTE: This is Valerie. Like for other children
21 who have lost parents, to, you know, being missing
22 and murdered, you know, like they could come
23 together.

24 FRANCINE MERASTY: So that's what you would recommend?

25 JEREMIAH BOSSE: Well, that's one of my recommendations. I'm

1 not sure like -- I've told [Daughter 1] to bring it up,
2 but it -- sometimes she gets sidetracked in her
3 thoughts and maybe doesn't feel like she wants to
4 say something like that, but I think that was a
5 very strong idea on her behalf.

6 I give her full credit, and I think she
7 could be -- it would help her quite a bit, too, as
8 a teenager going through this particular -- to
9 being able to talk to some peer groups that are her
10 own age, you know, I think to connect with other
11 people that are her own age a lot better than
12 someone my age or older.

13 FRANCINE MERASTY: M-hm.

14 VALERIE MORISSETTE: She does bring it up a lot.

15 JEREMIAH BOSSE: Yeah, she does, you know.

16 VALERIE MORISSETTE: When she's frustrated and angry with us,
17 she brings up, well, I never grew up without a mom
18 and --

19 JEREMIAH BOSSE: You don't know how it feels.

20 VALERIE MORISSETTE: -- it's kind of hard for us to -- you
21 know.

22 LINDA BANKLY: This is Linda speaking. It's -- I find it
23 troubling that you weren't offered counselling, not
24 just a few sessions but to support you all the way
25 through, both you and your daughter. That's a

1 profound loss.

2 JEREMIAH BOSSE: Yeah, well, we were actually offered, and we
3 have taken some counselling.

4 LINDA BANKLY: M-hm.

5 JEREMIAH BOSSE: But it was after the fact that we went through
6 trial. It was much after that.

7 LINDA BANKLY: So much later and --

8 JEREMIAH BOSSE: Yeah, and there -- there maybe there needs to
9 be more support from the get-go, like from the time
10 you start searching for somebody, there needs to be
11 more support there.

12 LINDA BANKLY: It's Linda again. And not just a generic
13 counsellor, but a good fit for individuals, that's
14 the most important piece in counselling. So some
15 people like traditional counselling and others like
16 Christian, so I thank you for sharing that -- your
17 story with me here today. Yeah.

18 JEREMIAH BOSSE: You're welcome. I had another idea that might
19 help, too. I'm not sure if there is or not, but --
20 like having maybe involved with schools, a class or
21 classes on murdered and missing subjects or even
22 history of what has happened to the youth and other
23 women involved, like maybe an all women's class,
24 even involving young gentlemen in those classes,
25 you know.

1 I'm not saying making a mandatory class or
2 something, maybe optional, as young as high school
3 because I think we need to educate our youth, and
4 not only that, but maybe making people aware of
5 dangers out there because, you know, I tell my
6 girls, my stepdaughters, I always tell them, I
7 always talk to them, and my daughter as well, if
8 they're going out, you know, make sure you're with
9 a buddy.

10 You know, there's not a lot of crazy people
11 out there, but there is a lot of un -- you know,
12 there is a lot of people that are racist or look at
13 women as a sexual object or -- you know, they just
14 don't have respect for women in any sense, right,
15 and we tell our girls, me and Valerie tell our
16 girls that they have a target on their back being
17 First Nation and to be careful out there.

18 And I think that -- if you put that into
19 the schools, maybe not necessarily a class or like
20 where you get graded but maybe an optional sit in
21 type of situation where you can talk to the young
22 group.

23 FRANCINE MERASTY: M-hm. Like somebody coming in --

24 JEREMIAH BOSSE: Yeah.

25 VALERIE MORISSETTE: Yeah.

1 FRANCINE MERASTY: -- and presenting information to young
2 people?

3 JEREMIAH BOSSE: Yeah, and make it more regular so, you know,
4 it's in the system that people know that this
5 happens daily. It's not just once in awhile. It
6 happens quite often. There's missing people all
7 the time. You know. Every week on Facebook, I see
8 missing person, missing person, and it's scary.

9 Some of them are children and they run off
10 and hide at friend's, but I mean, it happens a lot.
11 Not all of them end up being deceased, but there's
12 lots. And -- yeah, the numbers are scary. Scares
13 me, you know, that's for sure, especially with a
14 lot of daughters. And especially now, well, you
15 know, me having -- be a victim with my wife.

16 VALERIE MORISSETTE: This is Valerie speaking. Yeah, exactly
17 what Jeremiah said is, you know, trying to talk to
18 our daughters whenever they go out, you know, with
19 friends, if they want to go out, because my -- our
20 daughter [Daughter 2] is 16 but my other daughters are of
21 age now, so my one daughter doesn't have any
22 children, and for example, she was going out the
23 other night, and so I told Desiree to let Dakota
24 know, make sure you're safe, be safe because every
25 time any of them are out, going out with friends

1 and they're going to bars and clubs, it just brings
2 me back to Jeremiah's situation, where Daleen
3 telling him went out that night and -- you know,
4 that -- you know, what had happened to her, and I
5 don't want that to happen to my daughters, [Daughter 1]
6 included, and it scares me.

7 And I don't want to instill that fear into
8 them, you know, thinking that something is going to
9 happen to them every night they go out drinking,
10 like -- or if you're going out, you know, with
11 friends, and you know, just exactly more --

12 JEREMIAH BOSSE: Yeah.

13 VALERIE MORISSETTE: -- education.

14 JEREMIAH BOSSE: Education, teach these kids, you know, it's
15 okay to go out.

16 VALERIE MORISSETTE: Yeah.

17 JEREMIAH BOSSE: But you know, make sure you know who you're
18 with.

19 LINDA BANKLY: Yeah, this is Linda. I used to have -- I have a
20 daughter named Desiree, too.

21 VALERIE MORISSETTE: M-hm.

22 LINDA BANKLY: I -- my daughters are a year and a half apart,
23 and they always had a safety plan. Did it work? I
24 don't know. Maybe luck was on their side, but
25 you're right, just being First Nations puts a

1 target on their back. I've got an indigenous
2 granddaughter who I worry about, but safety plans
3 are really, really important and --

4 VALERIE MORISSETTE: Yeah.

5 LINDA BANKLY: It's a worry, but you don't want to
6 catastrophize and be extreme either, and yet on the
7 other hand, you don't want to -- you have to have
8 some clear place, they're your daughters.

9 VALERIE MORISSETTE: Yeah. This is Valerie speaking again.
10 Another thing, too, is I don't want -- I want my
11 daughters to be able to date, because they are
12 First Nations, I'm First Nations, I want my
13 daughters to be able to date whoever they want,
14 whether it's a black person, you know, non native,
15 Chinese person, but because in the last number of
16 years, like I've always -- because I feel -- I'm
17 Native myself and I feel like that I'm scared to --
18 you know, I don't know if I want my daughters to be
19 dating, you know, someone who is not Native because
20 of the fact that, you know, what if they don't
21 respect them --

22 LINDA BANKLY: Yeah.

23 VALERIE MORISSETTE: -- because they're Native, you know, like
24 I -- again, I don't want to bring that fear on to
25 my daughters because, you know -- again, more

1 education, you know. Because I'm not prejudiced,
2 you know -- you know, but me and Jeremiah, we've
3 been together for a long time, and see the future,
4 if we ever just split up, I would be like -- if I
5 was to date again, I've always told myself, I'm not
6 going to date a white man because I just -- I feel
7 so oppressed myself. I've told this many times,
8 because I'm non Native, I'm always -- I always
9 think that they're out to get -- you know, but it's
10 not like that, you know, it's -- you know, there's
11 -- I mean, not all people are like Doug Hales, not
12 all white men are like Doug Hales, but you know,
13 it's just a --

14 LINDA BANKLY: You know, you're right, I mean, racism exists.
15 We can't ignore it.

16 VALERIE MORISSETTE: No.

17 LINDA BANKLY: And women in general are at a disadvantage, and
18 First Nations are at a much higher disadvantage, so
19 your fears are very real.

20 VALERIE MORISSETTE: Yeah.

21 LINDA BANKLY: Thank you for sharing that. It's a significant
22 concern or we wouldn't be sitting here today, would
23 we?

24 VALERIE MORISSETTE: Exactly.

25 LINDA BANKLY: Yeah.

1 VALERIE MORISSETTE: It's like -- you know, I don't -- I want
2 my daughters to be able to be safe when they go out
3 there and be able to just be with anyone without
4 causing harm, but I have that -- you know, that
5 paranoid deal, that paranoia myself that -- you
6 know, but I don't want that with my kids, and
7 again, you know, like more awareness, and I'm very
8 happy with this -- that they have this inquiry now.

9 FRANCINE MERASTY: M-hm.

10 VALERIE MORISSETTE: I hope it stays around for like a long
11 time.

12 FRANCINE MERASTY: Do you have anything else to share?

13 JEREMIAH BOSSE: Well, I think I've told my story.

14 FRANCINE MERASTY: All right.

15 JEREMIAH BOSSE: So I'm good.

16 FRANCINE MERASTY: Okay.

17 LINDA BANKLY: Thank you.

18 JEREMIAH BOSSE: Thank you.

19 FRANCINE MERASTY: Do you feel that you've been heard?

20 JEREMIAH BOSSE: Yes.

21 FRANCINE MERASTY: Okay. So it's 5:15 p.m., November 21st, in
22 Saskatoon, and we're done.

23 [PROCEEDINGS ADJOURNED AT 5:15 P.M.]

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