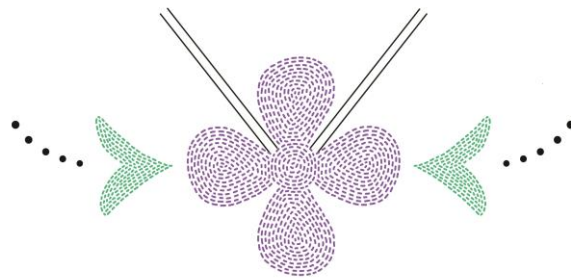


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1 Happy Valley-Goose Bay, Newfoundland and Labrador

2 --- Upon commencing on Wednesday, March 7, 2018

3 **MS. ALANA LEE:** So it's March 7th, 2018. We
4 are currently at the Hotel North Two in Happy Valley-Goose
5 Bay. I am with Glenda...

6 **MS. GLENDA BUCKLE:** Buckle.

7 **MS. ALANA LEE:** Glenda Buckle. We also have
8 her husband Brian Buckle, and we have health support. You
9 want to state --

10 **MS. ODELLE PIKE:** Odelle Pike.

11 **MS. ALANA LEE:** Odelle Pike, and this is
12 Alana Lee, statement gatherer, and Glenda, you're here on a
13 voluntary basis?

14 **MS. GLENDA BUCKLE:** Oh, yes.

15 **MS. ALANA LEE:** Okay. And so you're here to
16 talk about your daughter --

17 **MS. GLENDA BUCKLE:** My sister.

18 **MS. ALANA LEE:** Oh, your sister?

19 **MS. GLENDA BUCKLE:** M'hm.

20 **MS. ALANA LEE:** Okay, sorry about that.
21 Your sister Janet. And you're okay with this being public?

22 **MS. GLENDA BUCKLE:** No problem.

23 **MS. ALANA LEE:** Okay. Where would you like
24 to start?

1 **MS. GLENDA BUCKLE:** I'd just like to say
2 good afternoon, my name is Glenda Buckle. I want to share
3 my story. On February 28th, 1979, my sister Janet Louvelle
4 left home, Corner Brook, Newfoundland. After a few days
5 with no word from her, she was reported missing to the
6 police. I called many of her friends, and I also called
7 people that she babysit for, but no one had saw her
8 (indiscernible).

9 I know she would have called our parents or
10 especially me. She would have let me know if she was going
11 to be gone any length of time, overnight or whatever, but
12 she always made sure we knew where she was.

13 In June of the same year, her body was
14 found, and we were notified that it -- that it was my
15 sister. It was just weeks before her 17th birthday in
16 July 3rd. She was found 20 -- 12 kilometers from outside
17 Corner Brook. Her body was decomposed that it made it very
18 hard to identify her or what was the cause of her death.

19 Several years later, they exhumed her body
20 and found that a knife wound in her shoulder had been
21 thought the cause of her death at the time, and I'd say,
22 like, how can -- how can that be possible, the only cause,
23 I had wondered. Her body had been found draped over an old
24 fallen tree with her legs bent at the knees and her arms

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1 behind her -- her back with her sweater back over her head
2 and tied at the back, and she was facing up, straight up,
3 when she was found. All they knew it was then a knife
4 wound, and that made everyone a suspect to me back then.

5 In 1983, another young Corner Brook woman
6 had been found, and her body had been brutally attacked as
7 well. This made us all wonder if both women were attacked
8 by the same person.

9 Thirty-three years later, Malcolm Norman
10 Cuff, which was in prison at the time for committing
11 another crime against the second Corner Brook woman,
12 finally admitted to killing my sister, as well, and had the
13 chance to be free on parole.

14 The -- it will never -- never bring my
15 sister back, the years I have missed with her, and I will
16 never have closure because right now, I cannot forgive, and
17 I cannot forget, but I am happy that bringing her story
18 forward may help in others' similar situations.

19 I now have a granddaughter the same age as
20 Janet was when she was murdered, and my granddaughter, she
21 has such a bright future ahead of her. So did Janet.
22 Thank you.

23 **MS. ALANA LEE:** And is that a picture of
24 Janet right there?

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1 MS. GLENDA BUCKLE: That is a picture of
2 Janet.

3 MS. ALANA LEE: Beautiful.

4 MS. GLENDA BUCKLE: Yeah.

5 MS. ALANA LEE: Yeah. What was his name?
6 You said Malcolm --

7 MS. GLENDA BUCKLE: Malcolm Norman Cuff.

8 MS. ALANA LEE: Cuff? How do I spell his
9 last name?

10 MS. GLENDA BUCKLE: C-U-F-F.

11 MS. ALANA LEE: C-U-F-F. At the time, do
12 you remember a police investigation?

13 MS. GLENDA BUCKLE: Yes, they did. They did
14 do an investigation, but it's -- like, years and years
15 before they could find exactly who it was.

16 MS. ALANA LEE: M'hm.

17 MS. GLENDA BUCKLE: There was no evidence.
18 Like, the evidence was gone. Back then, her body was found
19 that day, 11 o'clock. At 12:30, it was gone out of the
20 spot. Today's technology, that would not happen.

21 MS. ALANA LEE: Yeah.

22 MS. GLENDA BUCKLE: That would be there for
23 days, and it would be secured off. There would be all
24 kinds of investigations, but back then, there wasn't.

1 There was no DNA back then.

2 **MS. ALANA LEE:** And so it was a result of
3 him admitting?

4 **MS. GLENDA BUCKLE:** Yes.

5 **MS. ALANA LEE:** Okay. How old were you at
6 the time?

7 **MS. GLENDA BUCKLE:** I had two -- I was
8 married and had two children of my own by then, so I guess
9 I was about -- oh, 17 -- 17 -- I had -- I guess 25. Yeah,
10 I think, yeah.

11 **MS. ALANA LEE:** Would you remember any
12 services being offered to you at the time?

13 **MS. GLENDA BUCKLE:** There was none.

14 **MS. ALANA LEE:** None. Okay.

15 **MS. GLENDA BUCKLE:** No services.

16 **MS. ALANA LEE:** Okay.

17 **MS. GLENDA BUCKLE:** And what's got me so far
18 through this one is I -- is our culture.

19 **MS. ALANA LEE:** M'hm.

20 **MS. GLENDA BUCKLE:** I got active into the
21 drumming and singing and in another thing going into the
22 hospitals, singing and drumming for the elderly, and
23 long-term care facility is a -- a place, like, people go,
24 and...

1 MS. ALANA LEE: Yeah.

2 MS. GLENDA BUCKLE: And -- and a few things
3 like was offered out in Bay St. George by Odelle, hurt and
4 healing circles, taking me to Halifax to walk with our
5 sisters.

6 MS. ALANA LEE: Oh, okay.

7 MS. GLENDA BUCKLE: And the faceless doll --

8 MS. ALANA LEE: Yeah.

9 MS. GLENDA BUCKLE: -- was a tremendous help
10 to me. I highly recommend it to anybody that is going
11 through like I'm going through now, even though I know, I
12 spent all my time, but everything was just back here with
13 me. It stayed there, and I come to surface, you know, here
14 and there, but I found -- when I went to Halifax, walk with
15 our sisters, I left an ocean of tears behind me, and I
16 really felt good when I came home.

17 MS. ALANA LEE: Wow, that's a really
18 positive way of --

19 MS. GLENDA BUCKLE: Yes. Yes.

20 MS. ALANA LEE: -- yes, of coping, for sure.

21 MS. GLENDA BUCKLE: M'hm.

22 MS. ALANA LEE: Do you know -- was the other
23 woman who you mentioned, and I think you said in 1983 --

24 MS. GLENDA BUCKLE: Yes.

1 MS. ALANA LEE: -- was she First Nations as
2 well?

3 MS. GLENDA BUCKLE: I'm not sure.

4 MS. ALANA LEE: You're not sure? Okay.

5 MS. ODELLE PIKE: She is.

6 MS. GLENDA BUCKLE: Is she?

7 MS. ODELLE PIKE: Yeah.

8 MS. ALANA LEE: Yeah? Okay.

9 MS. GLENDA BUCKLE: Okay, she probably was.
10 Yeah.

11 MS. ODELLE PIKE: Marilyn Ann Newman was her
12 name.

13 MS. ALANA LEE: What was her name?

14 MS. ODELLE PIKE: Marilyn Anne Newman.

15 MS. ALANA LEE: Okay. And -- sorry, just so
16 the transcribers know, that was Odelle speaking.

17 MS. GLENDA BUCKLE: M'hm.

18 MS. ALANA LEE: And Malcolm himself, do you
19 know if he was of First Nations descent?

20 MS. GLENDA BUCKLE: I'm not sure. I'm not
21 sure. I don't even know if he's still in jail now because
22 I've heard that he's probably out.

23 MS. ALANA LEE: Oh, okay.

24 MS. GLENDA BUCKLE: And if he is out, I

1 would like to know some way of knowing if he is out.

2 MS. ALANA LEE: Okay.

3 MS. GLENDA BUCKLE: You know?

4 MS. ALANA LEE: If he is out on parole. So
5 no one from -- and then I wonder if it would be Victim
6 Services, you know, to contact --

7 MS. GLENDA BUCKLE: I've made a call, a few
8 people, you know, but it's a long process to try to find
9 out if he's still in prison or not.

10 MS. ALANA LEE: Okay.

11 MS. GLENDA BUCKLE: But I would really like
12 to know if he's out and he's in Corner Brook, and I know I
13 should forgive. I feel terrible because I should be able
14 to forgive and forget what he did, but I can't. I can't
15 find it in my heart to do it, and I don't know if I ever
16 will, and, like, I'm trying with my culture to accept, you
17 know, well, he did it, and all I'm doing is dragging -- I
18 know, I'm dragging a load of baggage behind my back that I
19 can't just lift anymore, and I don't know how to get rid of
20 it, and like I said, I need help to try to forgive so I can
21 forget.

22 MS. ALANA LEE: So you grew up -- was it
23 just you and your sister? Did you --

24 MS. GLENDA BUCKLE: No. There was five

1 sisters.

2 MS. ALANA LEE: Five sisters.

3 MS. GLENDA BUCKLE: Five of us, and two
4 brothers. Yeah.

5 MS. ALANA LEE: And you guys all grew up in
6 Corner Brook?

7 MS. GLENDA BUCKLE: Yes. Well, I was born
8 in Stephenville Crossing, but I was moved here when I was
9 around 2 and a half or 3.

10 MS. ALANA LEE: Okay.

11 MS. GLENDA BUCKLE: And I've been in
12 Corner Brook ever since.

13 MS. ALANA LEE: And do both of your parents
14 identify as Mi'kmaq?

15 MS. GLENDA BUCKLE: Yes.

16 MS. ALANA LEE: Yeah?

17 MS. GLENDA BUCKLE: Yes.

18 MS. ALANA LEE: Okay. Any history of
19 residential schools?

20 MS. GLENDA BUCKLE: No.

21 MS. ALANA LEE: No?

22 MS. GLENDA BUCKLE: No.

23 MS. ALANA LEE: Okay. And you mentioned you
24 have a granddaughter who's 17?

1 **MS. GLENDA BUCKLE:** She will be 17, yeah.

2 Yeah. Soon, yeah. She's doing wonderful in school.

3 **MS. ALANA LEE:** That's awesome.

4 **MS. GLENDA BUCKLE:** Excellent.

5 **MS. ALANA LEE:** Yeah.

6 **MS. GLENDA BUCKLE:** High (indiscernible)
7 marks, nice young girl, but I fear all the time. I fear,
8 and I've educated her as much as I can without telling her
9 too, too much, and her mother and father's doing it, so it
10 should be good, but I wouldn't want hear, tell of Malcolm
11 Norman Cuff moving in a house in Curling somewhere not too
12 far away from her.

13 **MS. ALANA LEE:** M'hm.

14 **MS. GLENDA BUCKLE:** Because I don't -- I
15 don't think -- if he done that twice, he'll do it again.
16 Two times, I guess he got caught. Maybe next time he
17 won't. I don't know.

18 **MS. ALANA LEE:** At that time -- so you had
19 already been moved out. Do you remember the police
20 contacting your parents on a regular basis?

21 **MS. GLENDA BUCKLE:** They did.

22 **MS. ALANA LEE:** Yeah? Okay.

23 **MS. GLENDA BUCKLE:** And they used to come to
24 my place -- they came to my place, I'm not sure, to come

1 in -- didn't take their boots off on the end.

2 MS. ALANA LEE: Oh, okay.

3 (LAUGHTER)

4 MS. GLENDA BUCKLE: Come right on in. Yeah.

5 But I didn't get a lot of information out of them at first
6 because all they said at first, they thought, oh, maybe it
7 was hypothermia, maybe she took her own clothes off, you
8 know?

9 MS. ALANA LEE: Hm.

10 MS. GLENDA BUCKLE: -- and ran down to the
11 woods or something, but no, that wasn't what it was.

12 MS. ALANA LEE: Okay. Okay.

13 MS. GLENDA BUCKLE: Mm-mm.

14 MS. ALANA LEE: So there was speculation on
15 (indiscernible) --

16 MS. GLENDA BUCKLE: Yes.

17 MS. ALANA LEE: Okay.

18 MS. GLENDA BUCKLE: Yes.

19 MS. ALANA LEE: Okay.

20 MS. GLENDA BUCKLE: Yeah.

21 MS. ALANA LEE: Do you remember what police
22 detachment?

23 MS. GLENDA BUCKLE: Well, it would have been
24 Corner Brook.

1 MS. ALANA LEE: Corner Brook?

2 MS. GLENDA BUCKLE: Yeah, the RCMP.

3 MS. ALANA LEE: RCMP, okay.

4 MS. GLENDA BUCKLE: Yeah.

5 MS. ODELLE PIKE: It's the RNC there --

6 MS. GLENDA BUCKLE: Yeah.

7 MS. ODELLE PIKE: -- but at the time, it was
8 RCMP.

9 MS. ALANA LEE: Okay.

10 MS. GLENDA BUCKLE: Yes.

11 MS. ALANA LEE: RCMP.

12 MS. GLENDA BUCKLE: Yeah.

13 MS. ALANA LEE: And they're RNC now? What
14 does that --

15 MS. ODELLE PIKE: Royal -- Royal
16 Newfoundland Constabulary.

17 MS. ALANA LEE: Oh, okay. Constabulary?

18 MS. ODELLE PIKE: M'hm.

19 MS. ALANA LEE: I never knew that.

20 MS. GLENDA BUCKLE: Yeah. M'hm. I even
21 remember, it was Corporal Joe MacDonald (ph). He was on
22 the case big time.

23 MS. ALANA LEE: Okay.

24 MS. GLENDA BUCKLE: And later on, when the

1 time come to solve, it was Paddy McNuff (ph). He was
2 retired now, but when my mom passed away there last year,
3 he came to the funeral.

4 MS. ALANA LEE: Oh, really?

5 MS. GLENDA BUCKLE: Yeah.

6 MS. ALANA LEE: Okay. So how would
7 you -- would you say, then, that you had a -- how was your
8 experience with the RCMP at that time?

9 MS. GLENDA BUCKLE: Well, I didn't have a
10 lot to do with it. Like I said, I was -- I was gone by
11 this time.

12 MS. ALANA LEE: M'hm.

13 MS. GLENDA BUCKLE: But just when they came
14 down to ask me did I hear anything --

15 MS. ALANA LEE: M'hm.

16 MS. GLENDA BUCKLE: -- you know, and
17 communicate like that, there was just a one person I dealt
18 with, and that was Joe, Constable Joe MacAllan (ph). I
19 think he was from River Stephens (ph).

20 MS. ALANA LEE: Is there anything you'd like
21 to say about your sister? What was she like?

22 MS. GLENDA BUCKLE: She was known for her
23 smile. She had a beautiful smile. She -- well, she didn't
24 drink or smoke anything that I know of. She loved

1 children, dearly loved children. She'd babysit for her
2 friends. Everybody liked her. She was, like, an outgoing
3 person. She spent quite a bit of time at my place, was
4 always there, and then when I moved from -- up -- like,
5 it's only about four or five miles down Curling, she'd just
6 come every now and then. Yeah. Like, every few weeks,
7 she'd come.

8 **MS. ALANA LEE:** Yeah. Do you have any
9 recommendations for the Commission?

10 **MS. GLENDA BUCKLE:** Recommendations? Well,
11 strongly, I can -- with the -- with just the people that's
12 left behind to -- if you get the opportunity, to get into
13 the culture more strongly, get into the culture.

14 **MS. ALANA LEE:** M'hm.

15 **MS. GLENDA BUCKLE:** Offer all kinds of
16 things for them so they can get out and do it.

17 **MS. ALANA LEE:** Yeah. More kind of cultural
18 healing practices?

19 **MS. GLENDA BUCKLE:** Yes, definitely, more.
20 More. Because, like, I did a lot -- it did a lot of good
21 for me, and I'd love to see other people get the
22 opportunity to do it.

23 **MS. ALANA LEE:** Yeah. Is there anything
24 else you'd like to add?

1 MS. GLENDA BUCKLE: I -- I don't think so,
2 not at this time, no. I don't think so.

3 MS. ALANA LEE: The document you had that
4 you were sharing your truth, is it possible for us to get a
5 copy of that, to --

6 MS. GLENDA BUCKLE: This one?

7 MS. ALANA LEE: Yeah.

8 MS. GLENDA BUCKLE: Oh, you can have it.

9 MS. ALANA LEE: Oh, perfect.

10 MS. GLENDA BUCKLE: Yes, definitely.

11 MS. ALANA LEE: Thank you.

12 MS. GLENDA BUCKLE: You can have it.

13 MS. ALANA LEE: Thank you.

14 MS. ODELLE PIKE: Do you want her to sign
15 it?

16 MS. ALANA LEE: No, that's okay.

17 MS. GLENDA BUCKLE: I can sign it if you
18 want.

19 MS. ALANA LEE: No. That's -- that's -- I
20 mean -- no, I don't think so.

21 (LAUGHTER)

22 MS. ALANA LEE: We got -- we got consent on
23 video, so --

24 MS. GLENDA BUCKLE: Okay. Okay.

1 **MS. ALANA LEE:** Yeah, no, that's perfect
2 right there. Yeah, thank you for coming --

3 **MS. GLENDA BUCKLE:** M'hm.

4 **MS. ALANA LEE:** -- to share your -- to share
5 your story. Anything else you'd like to add?

6 **MS. GLENDA BUCKLE:** No, not -- I don't think
7 so.

8 **MS. ALANA LEE:** No?

9 **MS. GLENDA BUCKLE:** No. I had -- I had to
10 write that down because my mind is a blank. That's why I
11 had to write it down and -- and read it off.

12 **MS. ALANA LEE:** Everybody's process is
13 different.

14 **MS. GLENDA BUCKLE:** Yeah.

15 **MS. ALANA LEE:** And I think, you know,
16 sometimes it's helpful, and --

17 **MS. GLENDA BUCKLE:** Yes.

18 **MS. ALANA LEE:** Yeah.

19 **MS. GLENDA BUCKLE:** Yeah.

20 **MS. ALANA LEE:** Yeah.

21 **MS. GLENDA BUCKLE:** Yeah.

22 **MS. ALANA LEE:** Okay, Glenda. It is 3:07,
23 and we're going to conclude the statement.

24 --- Upon adjourning at 3:07 p.m.

LEGAL DICTA-TYPIST'S CERTIFICATE

I, Jenessa Leriger, Court Transcriber, hereby certify that I have transcribed the foregoing and it is a true and accurate transcript of the digital audio provided in this matter.

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