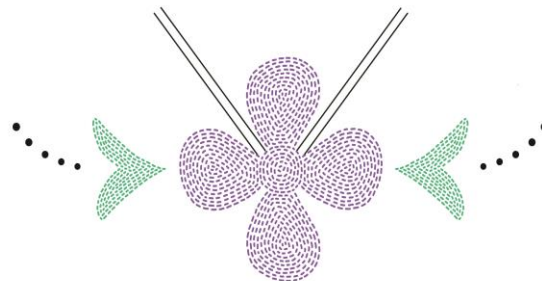


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1 Whitehorse, Yukon

2 --- Upon commencing on Saturday, November 10, 2018 at 10:14 a.m.

3 **MS. BONNIE GEORGE:** I'm in Whitehorse,
4 Yukon, it's November 10th, 2018, and I have Aggie Magun
5 with me right now, and it's 10:14 a.m. And I'm a statement
6 taker for the National Inquiry of the Murdered and Missing
7 Indigenous Women and Girls. And you can share your truth.

8 **MS. AGGIE MAGUN:** Pardon?

9 **MS. BONNIE GEORGE:** You can share your
10 truth, you can start.

11 **MS. AGGIE MAGUN:** Start now?

12 **MS. BONNIE GEORGE:** Yeah.

13 **MS. AGGIE MAGUN:** About my sister Tootsie?

14 **MS. BONNIE GEORGE:** Yes.

15 **MS. AGGIE MAGUN:** Well when she was married
16 she have kids, and she live in Liard, because I was closer
17 to her. She's always been drinking. And she keep, you
18 know she's keeping in drunk tank like every night. And
19 then -- so I was -- I had two kids, three kids already.
20 And when she --

21 **MS. BONNIE GEORGE:** What year, what year was
22 this?

23 **MS. AGGIE MAGUN:** It was --

24 **MS. BONNIE GEORGE:** Approximately.

25 **MS. AGGIE MAGUN:** About -- her daughter was
26 five, and she have -- her youngest one pass away before

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1 her. About '68, '67, between. And then here one day she
2 come out of the drunk tank again, and then she end up --
3 the same night she end up back in there again drinking.
4 Her husband don't drink.

5 And she -- so one day she phone me from
6 jail. She said Aggie, I'm going to go to jail. I guess,
7 you know, they have court for her. She said I'm going to
8 go to jail for one month. And then she said -- she end up
9 in jail without no shoes. So she said could you bring me a
10 pair of your shoes.

11 So I went to see her before they send her
12 out to here, to Whitehorse. So I give her shoes and I gave
13 her some money. She said one month's not bad. She said
14 I'll be back. You make sure you look after my kids, help
15 my husband, you know? And I said I have three kids
16 already. My youngest girl is Susan. I said okay, I will.

17 I tell them -- I tell her she's going to
18 stay in jail like three weeks, and they give her for good
19 behaviour. So she phoned me, I'm out of jail. When they
20 get you out of jail, then they pay your way back on the
21 bus, huh? She said I see you tonight. I tell her okay,
22 I'll meet the bus for you. Because the bus don't stop in
23 Liard to drop of people, you know who live there. So I
24 tell my husband I'm going to go meet her, the bus should be
25 here. So I got to bus, no Tootsie. She been collect the

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1 money and she start drinking again.

2 MS. BONNIE GEORGE: So is Tootsie her real
3 name?

4 MS. AGGIE MAGUN: Yeah, Tootsie Charlie.

5 MS. BONNIE GEORGE: Tootsie Charlie?

6 MS. AGGIE MAGUN: Yeah. She call herself
7 Tootsie Charlie-Jimmy, yeah? That's her husband, he's a
8 Jimmy.

9 MS. BONNIE GEORGE: M'hmm.

10 MS. AGGIE MAGUN: So I met the bus, no
11 Tootsie. So I went home, two days later she phone me. I
12 said where are you? She said I'm in Whitehorse. I said
13 what are you doing? She said I spent all my money on
14 drinking again, could you send me -- wire some money? I
15 said you know I have no money. But I say okay, I will give
16 you the money but, you know, I live in (indiscernible) and
17 she live in (indiscernible), her and her husband Dan
18 (indiscernible). They live -- they cook over -- they got a
19 job at (indiscernible), you know on the road.

20 MS. BONNIE GEORGE: (Indiscernible)?

21 MS. AGGIE MAGUN: Yep. Dan and Eileen
22 (indiscernible). He had them in Whitehorse. Dan go
23 shopping here, and Eileen phone me. She said I couldn't
24 bring Tootsie back, she's was going to hitchhike back with
25 us. And she's been telling Tootsie that meet at Kentucky

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1 Fried Chicken at five o'clock. So she said okay. Yeah,
2 Eileen wait and wait. She wait until six o'clock, no
3 Tootsie. So they left. She been start drinking. After
4 that I didn't heard nothing from her.

5 **MS. BONNIE GEORGE:** That was the last time?

6 **MS. AGGIE MAGUN:** Yeah. I didn't heard
7 nothing from her, and then like you know you can't -- those
8 days you can't report missing person until they're at least
9 one or two months later. Matthew, her husband, say you
10 hear anything from her? I said no. Because she's always
11 phoning me for money or something, because she's my older
12 sister, she's four years older than me.

13 **MS. BONNIE GEORGE:** What's her birth date,
14 do you know?

15 **MS. AGGIE MAGUN:** No.

16 **MS. BONNIE GEORGE:** What year was she born?

17 **MS. AGGIE MAGUN:** Well I was born '45.

18 **MS. BONNIE GEORGE:** So she was born in 1941?

19 **MS. AGGIE MAGUN:** Forty-one, she's four
20 years old than me. So I was born '45.

21 **MS. BONNIE GEORGE:** Do you remember what
22 month she was born?

23 **MS. AGGIE MAGUN:** Who sister?

24 **MS. BONNIE GEORGE:** Your sister Tootsie.

25 **MS. AGGIE MAGUN:** No, I never ask.

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1 **MS. BONNIE GEORGE:** Okay, that's fine,
2 that's fine, that's fine. So 1941 she was born.

3 **MS. AGGIE MAGUN:** Yeah.

4 **MS. BONNIE GEORGE:** And when was this, when
5 was the last time you heard from her?

6 **MS. AGGIE MAGUN:** The last time I heard from
7 her was --

8 **MS. BONNIE GEORGE:** Do you remember what
9 year it was?

10 **MS. AGGIE MAGUN:** Yes, Darlene was five.
11 Darlene -- it was '68 or '69.

12 **MS. BONNIE GEORGE:** Okay.

13 **MS. AGGIE MAGUN:** Because, because my
14 daughter was born '65, and I think her oldest daughter
15 Darlene was born in '61 or '60. Because she married young,
16 eh?

17 **MS. BONNIE GEORGE:** M'hmm.

18 **MS. AGGIE MAGUN:** When we all came out of
19 Residential School.

20 **MS. BONNIE GEORGE:** So you went to
21 Residential School.

22 **MS. AGGIE MAGUN:** Yeah, we went to
23 Residential School, (indiscernible).

24 **MS. BONNIE GEORGE:** So when, when your
25 sister Tootsie went missing was the RCMP contacted?

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1 **MS. AGGIE MAGUN:** Yeah, well I phoned them.

2 I don't know what the -- I phoned them and says my sister
3 should be back. She said well at least give them a month
4 or two months, to file them missing or something. Because
5 -- and then so I thought like you know, we should stay on
6 at the cabin, me and my husband and kids. Summertime, so
7 we -- and then I came back.

8 My mom and dad, you know they drink a lot,
9 so I have to raise my younger sisters and brothers too,
10 while I'm raising my kids. And my and dad drink, and my
11 husband drink. The only one who was helping me was
12 Tootsie's husband, you know Matthew. He say I look after
13 the kids, go check and see if anybody see her, or go to
14 Whitehorse and check, I look after the kids. Because he
15 don't drink.

16 So I phoned the cops, they said they never
17 heard nothing from anything, missing person or anything.
18 So I figured that maybe with a friend, or you know. I
19 never hardly travel those days because I'm too busy raising
20 kids. So here finally I said Matthew, he's her husband, I
21 said it's funny, you never hear, did she phone you? He
22 said no. He said -- I hope she's still okay he tell me. I
23 say I hope so because the kids are -- you know he have kids
24 to raise.

25 **MS. BONNIE GEORGE:** M'hmm.

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1 **MS. AGGIE MAGUN:** So I tell him okay, you
2 don't drink, you know. I'm too busy raising my -- looking
3 after my sister and brother because they're small.

4 **MS. BONNIE GEORGE:** Did they ever find her,
5 did they ever search for her?

6 **MS. AGGIE MAGUN:** I don't know, I never ask.
7 And then so one day he say, Aggie he say -- the cops come
8 to me. Are you Tootsie's sister? I said yeah. I tell
9 them I never heard from her. Yeah, they said they find her
10 body in the dump wrapped up in blanket. She had ID in her
11 pocket. That's how they find out it was her.

12 **MS. BONNIE GEORGE:** How long ago was that,
13 after that?

14 **MS. AGGIE MAGUN:** I don't remember, because
15 you know --

16 **MS. BONNIE GEORGE:** A few months, a few
17 years?

18 **MS. AGGIE MAGUN:** A year, a couple of years.
19 A year, or a year and a half. Because she -- they said
20 first they couldn't recognize whose body it was. They find
21 out -- because somebody been wrap up in the blanket and
22 throw her body in the dump. They find out -- the
23 identification in her pocket. Yeah, he say we're going to
24 bring her body back but not -- he said just only bones
25 left. You know in box like that, it's all sealed up, you

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1 can't open it.

2 And her husband sure take it hard and the
3 kids. Yeah, since then was the last time I ever talk to
4 her. Because she keep in touch with me, that's how I know
5 probably something happened because he never phoned. She
6 always phoned me, send me money.

7 **MS. BONNIE GEORGE:** How old was she at the
8 time, about?

9 **MS. AGGIE MAGUN:** About 19 because I was --
10 no. I was 17 so she was 21, about 21. Because she's four
11 years older than me. That's how I know. Because my sister
12 Mary, she's two years younger than me. And my sister stand
13 between Tootsie and Effie, that's my other sister Effie,
14 she's two years old than me, and then Tootsie's four years
15 older than me.

16 **MS. BONNIE GEORGE:** So Tootsie's the oldest
17 one in your family?

18 **MS. AGGIE MAGUN:** Yeah, the oldest in our
19 family. And Effie, she pass away in Edmonton, my sister
20 Effie.

21 **MS. BONNIE GEORGE:** Effie?

22 **MS. AGGIE MAGUN:** Effie Charlie -- Effie
23 Jimmy, she was married to Howard Jimmy.

24 **MS. BONNIE GEORGE:** Effie, does that stand
25 for like Evelyn or Effie?

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1 **MS. AGGIE MAGUN:** Effie E-F-F-I-E.

2 **MS. BONNIE GEORGE:** Effie Charlie?

3 **MS. AGGIE MAGUN:** Charlie or Jimmy. She was
4 married to Howard Jimmy. Because -- I don't know what year
5 she pass away, but maybe two or three years after they find
6 Tootsie. And she have -- she was raised up with heart
7 murmur, you know?

8 **MS. BONNIE GEORGE:** M'hmm.

9 **MS. AGGIE MAGUN:** Even how big she was, my
10 dad when we would go in the bush to go hunting, my dad used
11 to pack her because she couldn't walk very far.

12 **MS. BONNIE GEORGE:** M'hmm.

13 **MS. AGGIE MAGUN:** And she's -- her heart.
14 And then she was raised up like that. But her husband --
15 she separate from her husband. But her husband sign paper
16 that they need to go to operation for her heart. And they
17 operated on her and everything, she pass away on operation
18 table. Like she had four kids and Tootsie had four kids.
19 Two girls were younger than all of them, they both pass
20 away before their mom.

21 **MS. BONNIE GEORGE:** How did they pass away?

22 **MS. AGGIE MAGUN:** Yeah, the youngest one,
23 Effie's girl, she pass away before Effie. Effie not very
24 long after. Then Tootsie's daughter Evelyn, she pass away
25 before Tootsie. So both of them have four kids each.

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1 **MS. BONNIE GEORGE:** How did Evelyn pass
2 away?

3 **MS. AGGIE MAGUN:** Evelyn, she got sick. She
4 pass away up at (indiscernible), out in the bush, you know
5 trapping and things?

6 **MS. BONNIE GEORGE:** M'hmm.

7 **MS. AGGIE MAGUN:** And she got sick, there
8 was no road.

9 **MS. BONNIE GEORGE:** (Indiscernible), that's
10 your hunting grounds?

11 **MS. AGGIE MAGUN:** That's my hunting and
12 trapping. That's the place our trap line is, you know.
13 That's the place where we have burying ground for all the
14 Maguns. My father-in-law's, then he hand it to my husband.

15 **MS. BONNIE GEORGE:** And is that where your
16 sister is buried?

17 **MS. AGGIE MAGUN:** Effie?

18 **MS. BONNIE GEORGE:** Yeah, and Tootsie.

19 **MS. AGGIE MAGUN:** I think she's buried in
20 Liard because -- Liard or Lucky Lake. Because her daughter
21 was -- youngest daughter was buried in Lucky Lake. That's
22 the place Effie want her to be buried.

23 **MS. BONNIE GEORGE:** So thinking back to the
24 time of when your sister, you realize you haven't heard
25 from her for awhile, and how do you think the RCMP handled

1 it?

2 **MS. AGGIE MAGUN:** I don't think this -- they
3 never came to do interview with me, or they never -- you
4 know.

5 **MS. BONNIE GEORGE:** You felt that they
6 didn't even --

7 **MS. AGGIE MAGUN:** They did nothing.

8 **MS. BONNIE GEORGE:** Didn't do any --

9 **MS. AGGIE MAGUN:** They didn't do --
10 investigate or anything, you know.

11 **MS. BONNIE GEORGE:** And even when they came
12 to you when they said they found her remains, how did you
13 feel that was handled?

14 **MS. AGGIE MAGUN:** How did I handle it?

15 **MS. BONNIE GEORGE:** How did they -- how did
16 you feel it was handled by the RCMP?

17 **MS. AGGIE MAGUN:** I know that they say we
18 find her body, you know they say -- you know could I look
19 at her? And they said no, because you know her remains --
20 he said they put it in container. I said okay. But I said
21 how you know it was her? He says she have card in her
22 pocket, you know on her, when somebody wrap her up.

23 **MS. BONNIE GEORGE:** M'hmm. So did they
24 provide your family with a death certificate?

25 **MS. AGGIE MAGUN:** I don't know, they didn't

1 talk very much. They talked to her husband.

2 MS. BONNIE GEORGE: Oh.

3 MS. AGGIE MAGUN: Matthew. I don't know
4 what happened.

5 MS. BONNIE GEORGE: Is Matthew still alive?

6 MS. AGGIE MAGUN: Matthew?

7 MS. BONNIE GEORGE: Is he still alive?

8 MS. AGGIE MAGUN: M'mm.

9 MS. BONNIE GEORGE: No?

10 MS. AGGIE MAGUN: He pass away about what,
11 four years ago, five years. They talk to him but I never,
12 I never really get to talk to him because, you know, every
13 time you mention her name then he feel bad.

14 MS. BONNIE GEORGE: So it was something that
15 you couldn't talk about?

16 MS. AGGIE MAGUN: No, not with him. But
17 that's, that's his life.

18 MS. BONNIE GEORGE: M'hmm.

19 MS. AGGIE MAGUN: He figured that he's -- we
20 figured that we're going to get old together. So I never
21 hardly talked to him about her. Because like when she was
22 missing and I'd keep telling my husband I'm going to go to
23 Whitehorse, I'm going to check for her. But you can't get
24 my husband to respond to look after the kids because he's
25 too busy drinking. And I can't go depend on my mom and

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1 dad, they're drinking. Those days people drink so much. I
2 don't hard drink because I'm busy raising family.

3 **MS. BONNIE GEORGE:** M'hmm.

4 **MS. AGGIE MAGUN:** Kids.

5 **MS. BONNIE GEORGE:** You had to look after
6 your sister's kids?

7 **MS. AGGIE MAGUN:** I had to look after my
8 brothers and sisters. And just because we went on the
9 cabin, we come back, my youngest brother was sick. The
10 youngest, the baby. I don't know how many months. And mom
11 said your brother's sick so we brought him into the
12 hospital but they're going to Medevac him to Whitehorse.
13 He pass away halfway. My mom blame everybody but herself.
14 She couldn't take it -- she took it too hard when they find
15 Tootsie.

16 **MS. BONNIE GEORGE:** That's a lot of trauma
17 in such a short little time.

18 **MS. AGGIE MAGUN:** Yeah lots. So that's why
19 -- you ever meet Darlene? She's the oldest in my sister
20 Tootsie's family. If you see her, you look at her, that's
21 how my sister look.

22 **MS. BONNIE GEORGE:** M'hmm.

23 **MS. AGGIE MAGUN:** Tootsie.

24 **MS. BONNIE GEORGE:** She lives here in
25 Whitehorse or in --

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1 MS. AGGIE MAGUN: She lives in Watson Lake.

2 MS. BONNIE GEORGE: Watson Lake, okay.

3 MS. AGGIE MAGUN: Yeah. She always say
4 Auntie, do you have mom's picture? We used to have all
5 those pictures, we pose you know? We all went to
6 Residential School. I said Darlene, you don't need a
7 picture, look at yourself in the mirror and then you know
8 that's how she looked. She said well it's good to know.

9 MS. BONNIE GEORGE: That's pretty special,
10 eh?

11 MS. AGGIE MAGUN: Yeah.

12 MS. BONNIE GEORGE: M'hmm. What's your,
13 what's your First Nations called?

14 MS. AGGIE MAGUN: My First Nation?

15 MS. BONNIE GEORGE: Yeah.

16 MS. AGGIE MAGUN: Kaska.

17 MS. BONNIE GEORGE: Kaska?

18 MS. AGGIE MAGUN: Liard First Nation --

19 Kaska.

20 MS. BONNIE GEORGE: Can you --

21 MS. AGGIE MAGUN: K-A-S-K-A.

22 MS. BONNIE GEORGE: Liard First Nations?

23 MS. AGGIE MAGUN: Liard First Nation, yeah.

24 MS. BONNIE GEORGE: How do you spell that?

25 MS. AGGIE MAGUN: Liard? Just put --

1 MS. BONNIE GEORGE: L-I-A?

2 MS. AGGIE MAGUN: Yeah, L-I --

3 MS. BONNIE GEORGE: I could find it.

4 MS. AGGIE MAGUN: Yeah.

5 MS. BONNIE GEORGE: Kaska Liard First

6 Nation?

7 MS. AGGIE MAGUN: Yeah. Because I was born
8 and raised -- I was born in Ross.

9 MS. BONNIE GEORGE: And where's Ross?

10 MS. AGGIE MAGUN: Ross River.

11 MS. BONNIE GEORGE: Ross River, and that's
12 beside --

13 MS. AGGIE MAGUN: I was born in Ross River,
14 and then from Ross River we went to Residential School.
15 That's how I end up in Watson Lake, because my mom and dad,
16 they walk over from Ross to be with us. They move --

17 MS. BONNIE GEORGE: So that's how you ended
18 up in Watson Lake?

19 MS. AGGIE MAGUN: Yeah, that's how I end up
20 in Watson Lake because I married -- I got married there,
21 and had kids.

22 MS. BONNIE GEORGE: M'hmm.

23 MS. AGGIE MAGUN: Yeah, I was born and
24 raised in Ross. I have a lot of relation, a lot of
25 relatives in Ross. All the Charlies.

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1 MS. BONNIE GEORGE: M'hmm.

2 MS. AGGIE MAGUN: Mary Dick. And my mom's
3 family, there's 14 of them. They're all gone though.

4 MS. BONNIE GEORGE: What about in your
5 family?

6 MS. AGGIE MAGUN: In my family with mom and
7 dad, my sisters and brothers? There was 14 of us.

8 MS. BONNIE GEORGE: Oh wow.

9 MS. AGGIE MAGUN: Nine of us, I lied. Seven
10 girls and two boys. And when my mom pass away in 2005, she
11 had 95 grandkids. Just her with her family. Fifth
12 generation.

13 MS. BONNIE GEORGE: Wow. And is there
14 anymore -- tell me about your sister, tell me about
15 Tootsie, what kind of person was Tootsie?

16 MS. AGGIE MAGUN: She was kind and scared.
17 And when you would say Tootsie, let's go to town, okay.
18 You've got to give her an hour and a half. I said what are
19 you doing? Putting on my second face, you know have
20 makeup. I say why do you want to go to town all made up?
21 So I always hang around with her.

22 And when she's drinking I just stay away
23 from her. But she's, she's -- when she's drinking she's
24 not a mean person. Like you know she get along with
25 everybody, and laugh. That's how I look at her. Because

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1 Darlene asked me. She said I heard you spend more time
2 with her. I said yeah. She said how's my mom when she's
3 drinking or sober? I said good.

4 When she's sober she don't go anywhere, just
5 stay home, sew beadwork. But she's scared, like she don't
6 want to stay home alone. Like her husband go hunting, stay
7 overnight. Could I stay with you? Go ahead. I said
8 nothing going to bother you. I don't like to be alone,
9 okay. She say I like to stay with you, I like you, you're
10 my sister. I said -- I thought why? Because you don't
11 drink and she say I can depend on you looking after my
12 kids.

13 **MS. BONNIE GEORGE:** So you had a pretty good
14 relationship with your sister?

15 **MS. AGGIE MAGUN:** Yeah, m'hmm. And her
16 husband was really good to her. Never ever get mad at her
17 or anything. She come home drinking, never pay attention
18 when she get mad at him.

19 **MS. BONNIE GEORGE:** A kind gentle soul.

20 **MS. AGGIE MAGUN:** Yeah.

21 **MS. BONNIE GEORGE:** How has this, how has
22 this affected her kids, Tootsie's kids?

23 **MS. AGGIE MAGUN:** Her kids, when they find
24 out -- you know Darlene, she said how my mom, how she went?
25 I said well, one thing she's a kind person. She sure look

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1 after you kids, she's there for you kids. But I said well
2 alcohol, you know -- I guess -- like if you go to
3 Residential School, couldn't wait until you were 16 years
4 old so you be out of there. And from there you go straight
5 to drinking, but I didn't. Because I quit school when I
6 was 16, I was married by 17, and my first boy. And I had
7 no chance. My husband was drinking so I think about my
8 kids.

9 **MS. BONNIE GEORGE:** M'hmm. And plus you had
10 your sister's kids too?

11 **MS. AGGIE MAGUN:** H'mm?

12 **MS. BONNIE GEORGE:** You had your sister's
13 kids and your brothers and sisters?

14 **MS. AGGIE MAGUN:** Yeah, I had my sister's
15 kids, my brothers and sisters. I don't know where my other
16 sisters were, but -- yeah.

17 **MS. BONNIE GEORGE:** Is there anymore that
18 you want to share with me about how this impacted your
19 family?

20 **MS. AGGIE MAGUN:** No, it's good now.

21 **MS. BONNIE GEORGE:** It's good. Okay, it's
22 okay to turn it off? It's 10:45 and I'm going to turn the
23 equipment off.

24 --- Upon adjourning at 10:45 a.m.

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