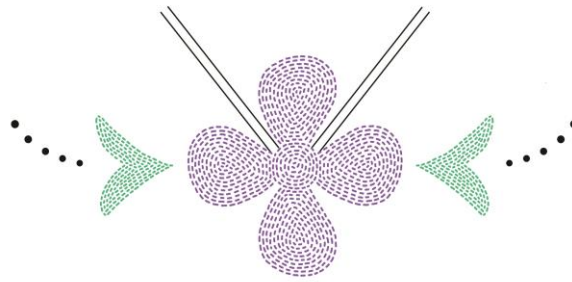


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--- Upon commencing on Thursday, November 15, 2018 at 2:05 p.m.

**MS. CHANEL BLOUIN:** This is Chanel Blouin, a statement taker with the National Inquiry into Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls in Toronto, Ontario.

It's November 15th and the time is 2:05. Today I'm speaking with Peter Quill of the Pikangikum First Nation of Treaty 5, he resides at Pikangikum. He's here to tell his truth for his daughter, Judy Ann Quill, who was murdered on March 22nd, 2009, at Pikangikum. And he is here to tell his truth as a survivor. Christine Simard Chicago is here as health support. You are 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 will be able to determine whether you would like your truth to be public or private at that time.

**MR. PETER QUILL:** Okay, so I begin?

**MS. CHANEL BLOUIN:** Yes.

**MR. PETER QUILL:** Okay, my name is Peter Quill, I'm from Pikangikum. I have, I have received some information in regards for this Inquiry. So I have wondered for many, many -- for the last couple of years, you know, if it's worthwhile to, to bring up the, the murder case of my daughter, Judy Ann Quill. She was 33 years old at that time, on March 22nd, 2009. That was the year that she -- and I have thought many days, you know,

1           that what an honour that would be if we could find some  
2           solution for her death. Just to let her know that, that  
3           we're here, still wondering why, why this has happened to  
4           you. That's what I always thought.

5                           I know one day -- I know one time I was  
6           walking through the bush, and that was before she was gone.  
7           Something struck me in the words, a voice that said that I  
8           know something what's happening, that one of my daughters  
9           will be gone. I don't know which one, I have four of them.  
10          I came to one particular one that I, I will cherish if, if  
11          she went surely. And he said not her, no. So in the  
12          morning it came to me that it was her, that there didn't  
13          have to be work. That's the thing that, that fear that  
14          make my -- my last baby eh, is special. But I'm happy  
15          outside, but inside I'm still angry and depressed.

16                           But that morning she came, come visit us.  
17          She brought some food to her mother, she clean up the  
18          house, she was washing, washing dishes. There was a phone  
19          call for her and she took it, and she left. She left the  
20          dishes undone, and away she went for the last time, eh.  
21          And I didn't bother to look where she went.

22                           But around midnight the peacekeepers came to  
23          my house and woke me up and said they beat up your daughter  
24          Judy, she's in the hospital, out there in the bush. He  
25          says I don't think she can survive that kind of beating.

1 And I asked him how did you find her? Two people came in,  
2 they found her in the bush. How did they find her? They  
3 said that they didn't know. They must have known what  
4 happened when they found her.

5 So I went to the nursing station and I  
6 wanted to get in there. The police were already there.  
7 They didn't allow me to come in. They didn't want me to  
8 go, to go in there. So I got upset and started swearing at  
9 everybody. I even swear the Lord's name. Why, why take  
10 her? So shock I guess.

11 But all the hours that I start -- I was  
12 basically -- I went overboard on my drinking. I drink so  
13 much in my life for the last, like 10 years probably, until  
14 the doctor told me that I was, I was a dead man walking.  
15 My kidneys were all gone, my liver was shot, my stomach was  
16 bleeding. I tried many ways to recover.

17 But during that time when they come to tell  
18 me she was slaughtered, killed, murdered, for whatever  
19 reason, I never, I never knew why. The investigation came.  
20 They didn't speak to -- I don't know, they spoke to one of  
21 them I think. But we heard many things among other people,  
22 what happened. But none of them wanted to speak what they  
23 see.

24 **MS. CHANEL BLOUIN:** So these are witnesses?

25 **MR. PETER QUILL:** But I get really -- could

1 be. But I get really angry when I think about the life.  
2 The way they hide, the way they speak. The only thing,  
3 after the investigation and the autopsy was done, they tell  
4 me they took the brain out, and they were going to ship it  
5 back and they never returned it. So she just stayed in  
6 this state, her face, the face part of it.

7 After the investigation was done they said  
8 she was too, too drunk to be alive. What does that mean?  
9 If we get drunk you don't get beaten to your skull until  
10 there's nothing in there. Somebody has to answer, how  
11 someone can hit her.

12 So that's the, the reason why I'm here, is  
13 to let people know that the investigation wasn't too, too  
14 well on my end, on my part anyway. They just take that as  
15 a second matter. And a dog's life, a dog's life is better  
16 than human now.

17 And I heard there's a double, a double  
18 standard kind of a law for the First Nations, I don't know.  
19 And there's members in a lot of nations in Canada, maybe  
20 hear somebody in another nation get that kind of treatment.  
21 The whole Canadian system, we should go and demand justice.  
22 But here I am because nothing ever was -- happened.

23 Basically it drained my life, my mind, my  
24 body, my spirit. So I came forward with this panel just to  
25 make my statement to the Canadians or whoever wants to hear

1           this. I'd like to see the -- you know they could have  
2           investigated better. If not, it's going to go on. It will  
3           go on. I know, I know it's happening in our communities,  
4           it's happening. People are getting murdered and they only  
5           get one year, two years, that's it. That there's not, not  
6           (inaudible) right, around First Nation.

7                         I don't regret, I don't regret what I'm  
8           saying, but that's the way I am. I'm 66 years old, 67 now.  
9           Hopefully I will get a couple of more years to live because  
10          it's in the hands of God. If I live to 70 I will feel -- I  
11          will say thank you to the Creator.

12                        If she was here -- my daughter was a good  
13          girl. She was the only daughter that come around, check on  
14          us around every two days. And she would make something to  
15          eat, do some cleaning. You know her mother, if her mother  
16          needs cleaning and washing she would do it. That's the  
17          kind of woman she was. But she was kind of shy.

18                        Maybe if the investigators on that, on that,  
19          on her -- I hear -- I ask them did you investigate that  
20          guy. He said no. We went to him and even gave that girl a  
21          lie detector. (Inaudible). They said something  
22          (inaudible). How about on -- I always think how about on my  
23          family's side (inaudible) on my family's side it doesn't  
24          matter. If they seen something they should come forward,  
25          if they heard something they should come forward.

1 I know one night she came to talk to me and  
2 ask me if I would come to church. That's the only one that  
3 she did that. That's one part that ever sticks always in  
4 my mind. Why did she come to me to ask me to come to  
5 church? I've been going to church, but she wanted me to  
6 come to church for, for something. I never went.  
7 (Inaudible). I guess it's too late now for her now. But  
8 she's probably seen me going to church now. I took her  
9 word, but she's gone. Sometime, sometime I think she's  
10 coming. Sometimes I'm anxious to go. I said to my kids  
11 "If I go (inaudible). I said to my wife "If I'm gone, I'm  
12 gone" (inaudible).

13 But I want to thank my Lord Jesus today, he  
14 really, really shaped my life. (Inaudible) walking around  
15 at night-time. But I (inaudible). One day at a time.  
16 (Inaudible) But I'm still (inaudible) to go. But I was not  
17 ready to (inaudible). I work for the First Nation, I got to  
18 look after my in a wheelchair and (inaudible). Any questions  
19 that you want to ask?

20 **MS. CHANEL BLOUIN:** Yeah. So it seems that  
21 -- well what is the status of the investigation right now?

22 **MR. PETER QUILL:** H'mm?

23 **MS. CHANEL BLOUIN:** What is the status of  
24 the investigation right now? You were saying earlier that  
25 it was, it was a cold case so there's no activity.



1                   **MR. PETER QUILL:** Well --

2                   **MS. CHANEL BLOUIN:** Can you talk a little  
3 bit more about the investigation and the lapse and gaps  
4 that you, that you saw when it was being conducted?

5                   **MR. PETER QUILL:** The status as far as I  
6 know -- if there was an ongoing investigation they would be  
7 looking around into it but they're not. That means they,  
8 they don't want -- they don't investigate. Because  
9 otherwise they would coming and ask me did you hear  
10 anything. Is that how that works?

11                   **MS. CHANEL BLOUIN:** Yeah.

12                   **MR. PETER QUILL:** Yeah. And that's, that's  
13 not right. You hear many cases where they continue on for  
14 20 years, 30, 50 years until they find the person.

15                   **MS. CHANEL BLOUIN:** When was the last time  
16 that they contacted you about your daughter's file?

17                   **MR. PETER QUILL:** That was the first year I  
18 guess, eh? That first year they just basically come and  
19 told me that -- they told me that she was too drunk to make  
20 it home. You know that's not the, you know that's not the  
21 -- why she was -- she's gone.

22                   **MS. CHANEL BLOUIN:** Because she had very bad  
23 trauma to her head, right?

24                   **MR. PETER QUILL:** She was really smashed in  
25 her head.

1                   **MS. CHANEL BLOUIN:** When the coroner's  
2 report was done was -- what was the conclusion of the  
3 coroner's report?

4                   **MR. PETER QUILL:** The coroner's report?  
5 That's something -- whether I miss it, or something I never  
6 heard, or it never come to me. But she was hit by a hard  
7 blow on her head, that's the only thing that they said.

8                   **MS. CHANEL BLOUIN:** When the --

9                   **MR. PETER QUILL:** And when I saw her, her  
10 body was all bruised up all the way up here to her arms,  
11 eh? All bruised. That's something terrible. Yeah, there  
12 was bruises at the bottom of her head.

13                   **MS. CHANEL BLOUIN:** When the police, when  
14 the police said that she died of -- from having too much  
15 alcohol in her system, had they seen the coroner's report  
16 or were they just saying that before the coroner's report  
17 was complete?

18                   **MR. PETER QUILL:** Maybe that's the thing  
19 that they -- what the outstanding or they might have seen  
20 it. The way they, the way they said it didn't make it  
21 right, it didn't sound right. You know they say she was  
22 too drunk to make it home.

23                   **MS. CHANEL BLOUIN:** Did you feel that the  
24 fact that they were saying that was to dismiss the, the  
25 fact that she had been clearly attacked, did you feel like

1           it was because they wanted to close the case and not look  
2           for a suspect?

3                       **MR. PETER QUILL:** Like I said, when they  
4           said that she was -- they would have continued  
5           investigating if they know that she was attacked. She was  
6           attacked, she was beaten. Maybe there's some, some words  
7           in there that -- maybe there's a better used term that they  
8           can use to explain what happened, instead of saying she was  
9           too drunk to make it home.

10                      **MS. CHANEL BLOUIN:** Yeah.

11                      **MR. PETER QUILL:** She had too much alcohol  
12           in her system.

13                      **MS. CHANEL BLOUIN:** Did you have any  
14           recommendations for the Commissioners that you thought of  
15           while -- about either services that could have been in  
16           place that could have, that could have helped you at the  
17           time of her death, or could have prevented her death, or is  
18           there anything that you can think of that could prevent  
19           this from happening again?

20                      **MR. PETER QUILL:** All those kind of cases  
21           where they don't find anything, I guess they have to -- I  
22           don't know if they ever had that kind of system on our  
23           reserve where they have a reward stipulation on that,  
24           you've got to come to the trial and sit and be a witness.  
25           That's something that might help people be a witness, with

1 the stipulation that you have to come and be a witness and  
2 give evidence.

3 **MS. CHANEL BLOUIN:** Because in Judy's case,  
4 in the case of Judy's death there was -- there were  
5 witnesses but they didn't want to come forward?

6 **MR. PETER QUILL:** I think I heard  
7 (inaudible). My thoughts and my feelings are all the time,  
8 you guys were there. Every time I look at the person, you  
9 were there.

10 **MS. CHANEL BLOUIN:** Right.

11 **MR. PETER QUILL:** Anybody. Just hiding. Like  
12 they're just running away, they're just running. You come  
13 to the end someday, no place to run. I look at them,  
14 everybody, the whole community, they were there.

15 (Inaudible). If something happened here they find it.

16 There are a lot of things that have come up that no one's  
17 saying this particular (inaudible) see if something would  
18 happen. It could bring justice for her. Even if it, even  
19 if it (inaudible) it doesn't matter.

20 They have to come up and make, make  
21 amendments and make it better than before. I believe in  
22 the, I believe in the aftermath of this land, that we stand  
23 before God. God knows everything. But that person  
24 (inaudible) but I couldn't do anything. He informed me  
25 that it was going to happen. (Inaudible) I think way

1 before that. That's something -- you don't hear much about  
2 this thing that, that the creator (inaudible) about  
3 something that's happened. There's where I get mad, it  
4 can't happen. (Inaudible). But still I want to see for  
5 everyone, for everyone to know what happened. I want that.  
6 I want whoever does that to not get away with it, or think  
7 they can get away with it. You only get a few hours in  
8 jail, and come out and then they do it again. But they'll  
9 do it again. If they're not caught they'll do it again.

10 **MS. CHANEL BLOUIN:** So you're hoping for  
11 harsher sentences?

12 **MR. PETER QUILL:** Yeah.

13 **MS. CHANEL BLOUIN:** For, for people who have  
14 committed these kinds of crimes so that they can't come  
15 back in the community and reoffend?

16 **MR. PETER QUILL:** What's that?

17 **MS. CHANEL BLOUIN:** It seems that you're  
18 saying that you would like to see harsher sentences for,  
19 for the perpetrators of this kind of crime, for murders.

20 **MR. PETER QUILL:** Yeah.

21 **MS. CHANEL BLOUIN:** So that they can't come  
22 back into the community and then -- for this to happen  
23 again?

24 **MR. PETER QUILL:** Yeah. I want to share  
25 this one, my grandson was killed too. He was 19, 17, 18.

1 And they got a pardon. They only done three years in jail.  
2 They come back (inaudible). How can we live with that?  
3 (Inaudible). Spiritually speaking I guess that's what I  
4 wish. I wish (inaudible). That's why there's no reason  
5 why. They have a chance to possibly find out what happen.  
6 They covered up all this thing that happened. (Inaudible)  
7 they will not help us. (Inaudible). They don't pursue  
8 better education. They're stuck. (Inaudible). People are  
9 fighting and all kinds of stuff going on. (Inaudible).

10 **MS. CHANEL BLOUIN:** And how have you and  
11 your -- how have you and your wife and family taken care of  
12 your spirit in the aftermath of losing Judy?

13 **MR. PETER QUILL:** How do I know the family?

14 **MS. CHANEL BLOUIN:** How have you and your  
15 family, and your wife and your children, how have you taken  
16 care of your spirit in the aftermath of losing Judy?

17 **MR. PETER QUILL:** This is something that is  
18 not even -- there's no -- I guess I can say that I guess,  
19 eh? We have many educated people, even educated in social  
20 services, to look out for each other. But they don't, they  
21 don't use them. They don't use many of the things that  
22 they should to look out for each other. The social, the  
23 mental health, the mental part of it. Hardly a person  
24 would ever come, they never come. Nobody ever came to  
25 visit me.

1                   If you're drunk, drinking whiskey because I  
2                   was drinking, they want to share with me. (Inaudible)  
3                   sometimes sharing, sharing the -- sharing what happened,  
4                   sharing, the grief. People are busy. (Inaudible). In our  
5                   tradition -- as far as I can remember in the 1950s, people  
6                   were still -- had that kind of a sharing, they would share  
7                   their grief with their relatives, with their family. It's  
8                   not there anymore. That's probably why I'm negative,  
9                   negatively strong, I'm not positive. You know what I mean?  
10                  My thoughts are negative not positive, huh? (Inaudible).  
11                  If I were asked if I believe in the police I would say no.  
12                  (Inaudible) by myself and do all these projects. If you  
13                  need me, I'll do it by myself. That's what I've been doing  
14                  most of my life, by myself. Because somebody come outside  
15                  to work with me and it's (inaudible). I don't know why  
16                  that is, but maybe that's what happened. (Inaudible).

17                         I want to be on the good side of the people  
18                         as I can. But for some reason because of them I can't  
19                         finish with this business of not knowing what happened. I  
20                         may be (inaudible) but it's gone. Just the words, not the  
21                         action. I avoid, I avoid walking because I don't want to  
22                         be bothered. I've got a family (inaudible). I grew up in  
23                         (inaudible) side by side, but this ain't happening. Turn  
24                         that thing over (inaudible).

25                                 **MS. CHANEL BLOUIN:** Do you feel that it's

1           difficult to live in your community because they didn't  
2           offer you the support that you needed ---

3                       **MR. PETER QUILL:** Yeah.

4                       **MS. CHANEL BLOUIN:** --- at this time?

5                       **MR. PETER QUILL:** Until I know what  
6           happened. (Inaudible) grandchildren yeah. She had two  
7           grandchildren before she died. I mean they were born after  
8           she died, those grandchildren. I wonder (inaudible).

9                       **MS. CHANEL BLOUIN:** M'hmm.

10                      **MR. PETER QUILL:** [*Private information - two*  
11           *sentences redacted*].

12                      **MS. CHANEL BLOUIN:** How many children did  
13           Judy have?

14                      **MR. PETER QUILL:** Two. That one, the boy,  
15           he's in real bad shape too. He never felt -- he was in and  
16           out of jail because of that. He got really messed up.  
17           (Inaudible) to learn that his mom was killed. I don't know  
18           about the daughter (inaudible), she wander around. Maybe  
19           she knows something. She doesn't want to (inaudible),  
20           maybe she's afraid of something, that she gets beaten for  
21           what she knows. [*Private information - two sentences*  
22           *redacted*].

23                      **MS. CHANEL BLOUIN:** [*Private information -*  
24           *one sentence redacted*]?

25                      **MR. PETER QUILL:** H'mm?



1                   **MS. CHANEL: BLOUIN:** [*Private information -*  
2                   *one sentence redacted*]?

3                   **MR. PETER QUILL:** The daughter of Judy,  
4                   yeah. [*Private information - two sentences redacted*]. She  
5                   doesn't want to live with us (inaudible) because I'm trying  
6                   to straighten her out at the same time, she doesn't like  
7                   that, eh? (Inaudible) but he's got an angry spirit, angry  
8                   man inside. I guess, you know, they want to know too.

9                                 (Inaudible) you know this kind of life,  
10                   barely surviving. My health is bad because something is  
11                   (inaudible). They told me I was a walking dead man, my  
12                   memory is gone. Six month after I quit they call me up  
13                   again and tell me everything looks good. They were trying  
14                   to put me on medicine, I said no, I won't take it. You  
15                   know because one thing (inaudible). My brain is coming  
16                   back. I have a hard time -- I have a hard time remembering  
17                   everybody. I have a hard time remembering the names, I  
18                   have a hard time remembering where I put my stuff.

19                   (Inaudible). Basically that's what happened, shot, the bag  
20                   was shot.

21                   **MS. CHANEL BLOUIN:** M'hmm.

22                   **MR. PETER QUILL:** (Inaudible) because I know  
23                   I was just walking for a short distance. (Inaudible).  
24                   Like I said, I wasn't using anything, but my memory is just  
25                   -- but I had a dream. (Inaudible). A girl was born in my

1 family and she was there with me. I was going to see her,  
2 it was Christmastime. She asked me to come and see her in  
3 a dream. There she is. Then we left and she was gone.  
4 And this baby was born in the morning, there she was.

5 **MS. CHANEL BLOUIN:** And that's your, your  
6 granddaughter?

7 **MR. PETER QUILL:** H'mm?

8 **MS. CHANEL BLOUIN:** That's your  
9 granddaughter?

10 **MR. PETER QUILL:** Yeah.

11 **MS. CHANEL BLOUIN:** From a different  
12 daughter?

13 **MR. PETER QUILL:** Yeah. That's all I can --  
14 that's all like (inaudible) Canada. The point where I'm  
15 giving up on that basically. My dreams are -- I don't  
16 know. If they can't find nothing I guess I have to wait  
17 for my Creator, see what he can do. He's the best one to  
18 rely on. If anything that they have so I can get out of  
19 this misery, miserable life that I went through because of  
20 the lack of investigation. Causing the whole family  
21 (inaudible). My sons, even my sons are (inaudible).

22 **MS. CHANEL BLOUIN:** Is there anything that  
23 you want to add?

24 **MR. PETER QUILL:** H'mm?

25 **MS. CHANEL BLOUIN:** Is there anything that

1           you wanted to add?

2                           **MR. PETER QUILL:** I'm here, I'm here because  
3 I wanted to (inaudible). My feelings are something that  
4 (inaudible) when you have an unsolved murder. I hear some  
5 of these stories that they (inaudible). They are very  
6 troubling to me. (Inaudible) won't bring her back now. I  
7 said to her that (inaudible). Make it right.

8                           **MS. CHANEL BLOUIN:** What would you want,  
9 what would you want people to remember about Judy?

10                          **MR. PETER QUILL:** As far as -- she was kind  
11 of a shy girl, but she wanted, she wanted to do better  
12 things. You know she decorated well, she create things in  
13 the house. She put up pictures on the wall. If there's  
14 cleaning to do and the windows are filth, being dirty, she  
15 would do it. If she wants, if she wants something from her  
16 mother she will ask her for whatever, or she would come ask  
17 me. She would come search to me and ask me.

18                          Because the one I have, Shirley, she will  
19 come over, and I have an iPod, a little one. So I have to  
20 buy her. She wasn't like that. She was (inaudible). She  
21 was better than the rest of them, working hard. She wanted  
22 to get an education. She wanted to get educated, that's  
23 what she wanted to do.

24                          **MS. CHANEL BLOUIN:** What did she want to do  
25 for work, what were her aspirations for work, what did she

1 want to do with her education?

2 **MR. PETER QUILL:** She wanted to get  
3 training, onsite training all the time. She was pursuing  
4 that kind of training. She loved cooking, eh? So she  
5 applied for cooking jobs in the restaurant, you know? Bush  
6 work, bush work that's going on in the firefighting. She  
7 wanted to (inaudible). I don't know if she ever went -- I  
8 think she went to part of the Residential School system  
9 too, for awhile. One year probably. But she never  
10 received her (inaudible).

11 Some of her pictures were burned in my  
12 house. I had a fire in my house this summer, eh?  
13 (Inaudible) my wife hardly got up, she was wheelchair. And  
14 the three kids in the house. (Inaudible) almost every day,  
15 every two days she come. And when she comes I know she was  
16 coming for something. Sometimes she run out of food and  
17 she was packing food from the fridge (inaudible) prepare  
18 herself, lots of cleaning. The last time I saw her she  
19 didn't take nothing. I think somebody called her on the  
20 phone.

21 **MS. CHANEL BLOUIN:** Do you know who called  
22 her on the phone?

23 **MR. PETER QUILL:** H'mm?

24 **MS. CHANEL BLOUIN:** Do you know who called  
25 her on the phone when she left?

1                   **MR. PETER QUILL:** That's something I don't  
2                   know.

3                   **MS. CHANEL BLOUIN:** Was her phone -- they  
4                   called at home?

5                   **MR. PETER QUILL:** That house was burned down  
6                   too, hers. They give me a new house or rent a house anyway  
7                   when my house burned. Yeah, my wife is in so much trauma.  
8                   (Inaudible) in a wheelchair trying to get out, she was  
9                   terrified.

10                  **MS. CHANEL BLOUIN:** M'hmm.

11                  **MR. PETER QUILL:** (Inaudible) to get  
12                  something, you know. Get over with peace and the  
13                  investigation should be corrected. Bring justice to the  
14                  people that need justice. (Inaudible) something to say to  
15                  you people and has a name. His name is Jesus and he's  
16                  still looking after me. Thank you.

17                  --- Upon adjourning.

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