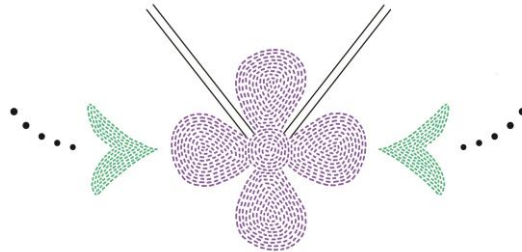


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2 --- Upon commencing on Tuesday, November 21, 2017 at 19:10

3 **MS. DEBBIE BODKIN:** Okay. We have both
4 recorders now going. Today is Tuesday, November 21st, and
5 we're at the Sheraton Hotel in Saskatchewan. It is 7:10
6 p.m. Again, my name is Debbie Bodkin and I am a statement
7 gatherer here with the Commission. And, I, kind of, told
8 you a little bit about myself already, so it's really not
9 about me, but I just want you to feel comfortable. And, if
10 you wouldn't mind introducing yourself with your name,
11 where you live and what your cultural background is.

12 **MS. LORRAINE STONE:** My name is Lorraine
13 Stone and, originally, I am from Mosquito First Nations --
14 I married into Mosquito First Nations, but I'm originally
15 from Thunderchild First Nations. And, right now, I'm
16 currently living in Meadow Lake, Saskatchewan with my
17 daughter, Juanita Stone (ph).

18 **MS. DEBBIE BODKIN:** Okay. Juanita Stone.
19 And, you're here voluntarily to tell your story?

20 **MS. LORRAINE STONE:** Yes, I am.

21 **MS. DEBBIE BODKIN:** And, you have given me
22 permission to use the video and audio recording while we
23 talk?

24 **MS. LORRAINE STONE:** Yes.

25 **MS. DEBBIE BODKIN:** Okay. Great. Thank

1 you. And, also in the room is, and I'm going to turn the
2 camera to you, Rosanne, just introduce yourself.

3 **MS. ROSANNE MORPHY:** I am Rosanne Morphy,
4 I'm a support worker with the National Inquiry of
5 Saskatoon.

6 **MS. DEBBIE BODKIN:** Awesome. Thank you.
7 Okay. Okay, Lorraine, I am pretty much done talking.
8 Again, I want you to, kind of, feel like this is a safe
9 place, you are now in control of the conversation, what you
10 want to say, when you want to take a break, it's totally --
11 you're the boss in the room right now, okay? And, you can
12 start wherever you want -- I did forget to say when we did
13 our introductions, you are here to speak about who?

14 **MS. LORRAINE STONE:** My late sister.

15 **MS. DEBBIE BODKIN:** Okay. And, what's her
16 name?

17 **MS. LORRAINE STONE:** Irene Jane Jimmy.

18 **MS. DEBBIE BODKIN:** Okay. Thank you. So,
19 sometimes just to make it easier for myself, for the
20 Commissioners most importantly, to understand the whole
21 story, a lot of people have found it easiest to, sort of,
22 start with a little bit of family background, your family,
23 husband's family, and then a little more about your sister
24 and so on, and go from there if that's comfortable.

25 **MS. LORRAINE STONE:** Okay.

1 MS. DEBBIE BODKIN: Okay? So...

2 MS. LORRAINE STONE: Well, we had a single
3 mom. Right now, that are living, I have an older brother,
4 and there's me, and then I have three more siblings that
5 are younger than me, two male and one female. And, Irene
6 was the baby of the family.

7 And, prior to losing Irene, we lost our
8 mother. Five years before losing my sister. So, it was
9 really hard, you know, because if you come from a single
10 parent family, you're close knit with your mom, you know?
11 And, we mostly lived in little towns. And, my mom used to
12 work at the Indian hospital, she was there for a long time.
13 She was [a nurse's aid and a cook] ~~a nurse, she~~
14 ~~(indiscernible) in a cook~~ -- like, a cook's helper in the
15 hospital. And then we moved to North Battleford, but
16 majority of my life I spend in a residential school, I was
17 abducted when I was four years old. I say abducted
18 because, you know, that's against the law, taking a child
19 away from -- that's my opinion. But, from there, I was in
20 residential school when I was 4, and then I came out when I
21 was 14, but I did come home on weekends, like -- not on
22 weekends, on holidays. That's -- so they said my mom could
23 come and get us.

24 So, it was, like, a hard life for me. Like,
25 I've been a victim of all kinds of things. And, to me, my

1 sister is really special because even though she was 13
2 years younger than me, I just admired her. She got
3 pregnant really young, maybe 17, and she never gave up.
4 And, what I mean by that is, she continued her school, she
5 went to university, she became a social worker at 23, so
6 she was my hero.

7 **MS. DEBBIE BODKIN:** Take your time.

8 **MS. LORRAINE STONE:** And, what I mean by she
9 was my hero, because I admired her. When she went to -- my
10 husband was very abusive to me, like very abusive, very
11 violent man, but I lived there because I don't know any
12 different and -- we never really had a male in the house,
13 like for mom to be shackled up with somebody, to see a
14 relationship, how it goes. So, it was always just mom.

15 So, when I became of age, I fell for this
16 guy, he was so nice -- because when I was a child too, I
17 didn't walk. I used to slid on my bum because my hips
18 didn't connect in the joints, and my grandparents didn't
19 allow my mom to get me operated on, like -- because they
20 really believed, like, the Creator brought me into this
21 world the way I was and mom shouldn't jeopardize it or play
22 with it, because they believe that in the future, that I
23 will suffer lots, but mom still took me -- took me and I
24 started having surgeries at a really young age.

25 And, I think I was about nine years old, I

1 started to walk, and children were mean in the residential
2 school because -- the reason I said that, they used to call
3 me all kinds of names, like duckling, because when I walk,
4 I just about almost touch the ground on both sides because
5 there was no -- no joint connection. And, I used to roll
6 -- I don't know if you remember, they used to - [Indian
7 Affairs] (*indiscernible*) used to give out big flower
8 barrels, like it was made out of hard -- hard paper.

9 **MS. DEBBIE BODKIN:** Yes.

10 **MS. LORRAINE STONE:** And, I used to hang
11 onto that and that gave me balance. So -- like, I've been
12 a victim, I guess most of -- so when I met my husband --
13 like, he was so nice. I felt, like, so connected. For the
14 first time, I -- he didn't question me, how come you limp,
15 how -- why are you walking like that? Like, mostly anybody
16 that I meet, oh, I notice you limp, like, what's wrong?
17 And then I thought -- and then I felt like I have to
18 explain why I limp.

19 But, anyways, when he came, it was all good
20 in the beginning, but then at the -- I think my daughter
21 was two and a half years old, he started to be different.
22 Like -- you know, he started going out more. The first
23 time he went out, I didn't see him for two days and I
24 thought, like, maybe something happened, like an accident
25 or -- you know? So naive. But, then, that started to

1 escalate more but, you know, he always say, "I won't do it
2 again. Forgive me." So, we go in a cycle again. And then
3 I think it was in 1971 or 1970, when I went into the
4 interval house.

5 And, you know, my sister -- even, like, my
6 mom was an alcoholic too, like -- you know, in between
7 times, she was a binge drinker, but other than that, like,
8 we had a good life. She had breakfast ready for us and
9 stuff like that. But, when I know she was going down in a
10 cycle of, I don't know, being alone or lonely, the pots and
11 pans get -- started to get -- like, when she bangs them
12 harder and harder, so we knew that she was -- she had to go
13 out.

14 **MS. DEBBIE BODKIN:** (Indiscernible).

15 **MS. LORRAINE STONE:** Yes. And then she
16 would binge drink. Binge drink, like she wouldn't stop at
17 one night, she'll go weeks at a time and -- like, it was
18 like a cycle.

19 So, I started having my kids -- and I was
20 married for 22 and a half years, I stayed in that
21 relationship and -- despite the beatings and -- you know,
22 after a while, you just numb everything out. You don't
23 feel it anymore or you'll drink with him -- you know, you
24 start drinking with him and -- so, you know, you don't have
25 to feel the pain. And, I was confused a lot of times, and

1 my sister always used to say like, you know, you should
2 leave before he -- before you don't exist anymore, before
3 he takes your life. And, it took me a long time.

4 And, this one time, he shot at me. And, I
5 heard those bullets on top of the roof of the vehicle and
6 it just vibrated my ears, and I thought, oh, my God, I'm
7 free now. I'm free. I'm on the highway. I'm not in the
8 country anymore. And, I turn, and there he was, right
9 behind me with the truck, just banging my vehicle. And, my
10 vehicle was, like, boxed in like this when I made it to the
11 city. But, that time, you feel, can change your mind, do
12 you understand what I'm saying?

13 **MS. DEBBIE BODKIN:** Yes.

14 **MS. LORRAINE STONE:** And, I was so in fear
15 of him because he threatened me that he will shoot me or
16 any of my siblings if I go to the police.

17 But, anyways, I went and took everything
18 off. And, the police officer said, you know, Lorraine, he
19 said, right now you're free. Right now, you're alive.
20 And, he said -- he goes to the door and he opens it this
21 much and just slams it shut, and he says, maybe next time
22 this door won't open. And, he said, are you sure? And, I
23 said, yes, because I was in fear of my life or in fear of
24 my siblings' life. So, I took everything away, I never
25 charged him, nothing.

1 And, my sister -- like, you know, she -- so
2 that's why I was so devastated when she lost her life, you
3 know? Her beginning a new life, you know, she's 23 years
4 old, she has a degree in social work. She gets murdered at
5 26. And, you know, she opened that door for me, she knew
6 how I was living was wrong, you know? Why am I allowing
7 this guy to beat me, to put me down, like, mentally,
8 physically, spiritually, emotionally?

9 You know, emotionally -- you don't touch
10 base now with emotional because you only let those three
11 [pieces] (indiscernible) you. Maybe you get spiritually
12 connected sometimes. Physically, I know when I'm tired.
13 And, mentally, I know when I need to eat or something.
14 But, I don't touch the emotional part. So, I live with
15 those three [wheels] ~~wills~~ and I survive -- I'm a survivor.
16 And so, you know what, I came here today just to find some
17 kind of a healing. A healing and to honour my sister
18 because she was really special to me.

19 And, you know that time at court, I got
20 loose somehow, and I slapped that guy. He said, just let
21 her go. He didn't have to kill her. But, I was taken away
22 from there so fast because I was going to get picked up by
23 the police because he's in custody and they have to, I
24 guess, protect him.

25 But, still today, like, I don't even -- I

1 never want to see that family. And, couple of years ago,
2 my niece -- I was working in White Bear, I was the health
3 and wellness coordinator over there, and she phoned me, and
4 she said that guy is sitting here. He's been sitting at
5 her work outside. And, I said, why don't you tell the cops
6 then? She said, I did, but the cops said he never did
7 anything to you. He has to do something before we can do
8 anything. And, I said, but keep writing it down. Like,
9 why is he looking at my niece, you know? Why is he sitting
10 where she works and staring at her? And, I said, you have
11 somebody there. You talk to somebody in your work. I'm
12 sure there's somebody that you can talk to.

13 And, that guy was given nine years and I
14 don't think he even did three years. I think he did
15 community -- community work, like they did all in his
16 community. And, what really hurts me too, when we were in
17 the court, like -- you know, it was just me and my little
18 siblings, my brothers -- three of my brothers and myself in
19 one corner, like in one -- and he had the whole community
20 on his side, like the whole First Nations community from
21 Witchehan. I think he's from Witchehan. And, the Elders
22 were just blowing sweetgrass, doing their feathers, and it
23 really disheartened me. You know, they were just
24 protecting this guy and it just really disheartened -- just
25 broke my heart, because my sister had a very sacred heart,

1 she was so kind.

2 And, yes, she was murdered in Witchekan in a
3 house, and they were trying to make it so that she pulled
4 her own -- she pulled that -- they tried to set it up to
5 make it look like she did her own suicide or her own
6 killing, but that backfired on them and -- so he was given
7 nine years that time I remember, but he never really did
8 jail time. But, this is hearsay that -- he said that he
9 heard in a grapevine that there was somebody inside the
10 jail cell that was going to do him, so I don't know if
11 that's true, but that was his way out.

12 And, you know, I -- I came here today
13 because I want to find a healing and I honour my sister.
14 You know, my sister was so beautiful and so kind. Like,
15 she pulled me away from the violence I was living. And, we
16 had an argument prior, maybe about six months before that,
17 and I told her, you know, this guy is not good for you, and
18 I said, maybe you should leave him. And, she -- you know,
19 what she told me that time? She said, just because you've
20 been abused all your life, you think I'm being abused, you
21 know, that's all you see. And, I said, no, this guy is no
22 good for you, I have all these vibes that I'm feeling.

23 So, she never talked to me for a full six
24 months, and then one day she phoned me, and she said, "Sis,
25 I really miss you, can I come and visit?" And, I said, "I

1 never closed the door." I said, "You're always welcome to.
2 You know, you're always welcome. I just told you my
3 feelings about this guy, there were some vibes that I was
4 feeling, and I didn't close any doors."

5 So, she came and -- you know, it's really
6 strange though, something happened really strange prior to
7 losing my sister. I went to this house one time, me and my
8 friend, like I was drinking that time, and this guy came in
9 there with a shotgun, a loaded rifle, and he just pointed
10 at that young boy's neck, you know, to pull the trigger,
11 and I went in between them -- and, like, now when I think
12 about it, I was totally stupid because I could have lost my
13 life. But, I told him, this is not -- this is not the
14 right way of doing it. I said, sure, maybe you're going to
15 kill this young man, but what about you? You're not going
16 to be free either. Your parents are going to lose you too,
17 because you're going to be locked up, and this one, he's
18 going to be gone in a coffin and his parents won't see him
19 either. So, that's what happened.

20 And then a week after that, there was this
21 guy, he was walking on 22nd Street here in Saskatoon, and I
22 pulled over and I said, what are you yelling about? And,
23 he said, I'm just sick and tired of these men killing our
24 sisters, killing our mothers, killing somebody's aunt.
25 And, he had this necklace on and he had all these women,

1 their pictures on there, like a medallion and stuff, and he
2 was pulling a heavy log. And, I said, where did you come
3 from? And, he said, I walked -- I don't know. He said he
4 walked from Ontario and he stopped in Regina. And, he said
5 he was in the media, and he was on the radio, he was on the
6 newspaper, he said he was on TV, and he said I'm heading to
7 [Drumheller] (~~indiscernible~~) now. And, I said, are you
8 hungry? And, he said, I'm very hungry. And I said, well,
9 I have nothing to -- I have no money, I said, otherwise I'd
10 buy you a McDonald's or, you know, something. I said, if
11 you're not afraid of a -- come to my house, I'll make you a
12 meal. And, it was just me and my kids.

13 So, that guy came to my house and I made him
14 a meal. And, you know, before he left, he opens the door,
15 and he said, you know, Lorraine, he said, no matter what
16 happens, please don't ever lose your kindness, and he
17 closed the door. And, you know, there was nothing in the
18 media, or in the newspaper or the radio about a guy with
19 all these women pictures, you know? Nothing. And, my kids
20 still talk about that. And, that time too, my son was
21 getting angry, started kicking the walls, and that guy
22 said, you know, your son has got a lot of anger. If he
23 doesn't look after his anger, it's going to hurt him. And,
24 yes, there was nothing. And then I lost my sister a week
25 after that. Like, those scenarios just happening like

1 this.

2 **MS. DEBBIE BODKIN:** Mm-hmm. Mm-hmm.

3 **MS. LORRAINE STONE:** And, you know, I don't
4 understand, I have a brother that's -- his birthday is on
5 [birthdate], and he never celebrates his birthday anymore
6 because we lost our sister November 10th. And, he's seen
7 our sister, our sister took him out, took him for cake and
8 took him for a supper, and my sister kept telling him, come
9 home with me. Please come home with me. Come to my place.
10 He never went. And, that morning, she was shot November
11 10th, 4:00 in the morning. So, even him, it affects him,
12 eh? It affects all of us in different ways.

13 The bonding is gone, you know, of -- because
14 we're only siblings now. We don't have parents -- you
15 know, we don't have mom and dad. We have an older brother,
16 and then there's me, and then there's my brother, [Brother
17 1], and then there's [Brother 2], and then there's [Sister
18 1], and then there's [Brother 2], and Irene was the baby.
19 And, when mom died, I think it was my baby sister that kept
20 the family together. So, it was like another big blow for
21 -- you know, I really tried to bring my niece here tonight,
22 because I don't know if she ever really dealt with it, you
23 know, like deep, deep, to let it go.

24 **MS. DEBBIE BODKIN:** Okay. What did your mom
25 pass away from?

1 **MS. LORRAINE STONE:** My mom -- like, my
2 brother had congregated -- not congregated. How do you say
3 that, when you become a -- when you finish education? When
4 you become ---

5 **MS. DEBBIE BODKIN:** Oh, convocation?

6 **MS. LORRAINE STONE:** Yes. He became a
7 school teacher ---

8 **MS. DEBBIE BODKIN:** Mm-hmm.

9 **MS. LORRAINE STONE:** --- and she fell, but I
10 guess she would have fell anywhere. The doctor said she
11 had a tumour growing in her brain and that tumour reacted,
12 and so she fell -- like, I don't know how long she had that
13 tumour. And so, she fell down the stairs. And, they kept
14 her -- we were called in and they were -- we were given
15 50/50 if they do surgery on her, but 50/50 for us to
16 realize that she might not even know us if she came out --
17 if she came out of it.

18 **MS. DEBBIE BODKIN:** Yes.

19 **MS. LORRAINE STONE:** So, you know, the
20 choice there, I think it was mostly my brothers that made
21 that choice because I couldn't make that choice, so -- you
22 know? But, we kept her for a while after her surgery, but
23 nothing. And, she was out, like, for a month, and then
24 they did that surgery, still didn't wake up. But, she was
25 a big woman, my mom, and she was getting tinier, and

1 tinier, and tinier, so you know, we had the option now --
2 we were given an option.

3 MS. DEBBIE BODKIN: Yes.

4 MS. LORRAINE STONE: Even if she got up, it
5 -- maybe she would not know us or, you know -- because she
6 had a tumour and that tumour reacted and she fell. And,
7 the doctor said she could have fell anywhere, she could
8 have fell by herself in her home or -- you know? So...

9 MS. DEBBIE BODKIN: Yes, nothing you can do
10 about ---

11 MS. LORRAINE STONE: No.

12 MS. DEBBIE BODKIN: --- (indiscernible).

13 And, just before we go back to talk more about Lorraine
14 [sic]. As far as residential school, were your siblings
15 also ---

16 MS. DEBBIE BODKIN: I have an older brother,
17 he was in the residential school. I have a -- the next
18 brother, he was in residential school. And, Marlene was in
19 the residential school. So, there was four of us in the
20 residential school. And, the greatness of that is, because
21 my mom used to work all over, okay? Like, prior -- before
22 she went to the Indian hospital, she used to work different
23 places ---

24 MS. DEBBIE BODKIN: Mm-hmm.

25 MS. LORRAINE STONE: --- and -- but we were

1 living with -- she left us with our grandparents. And, to
2 me, I don't think there was anything wrong with that --
3 well, I didn't -- you know? We were fed.

4 **MS. DEBBIE BODKIN:** Yes.

5 **MS. LORRAINE STONE:** And, grandpa had cattle
6 and horses. And, my brother used to tell me that, one
7 time, they went into the barn, really cold winter -- winter
8 time. My older brother always teases me that he -- he said
9 we went -- they went in the barn and he kicked this cow
10 shit over, and that's where I was laying, that's why my
11 hair is like this, but now I dye it a little bit more
12 because it's getting white, so I try to find something to
13 match my hair. And, I believed that for a long time. But,
14 I thought we had a good life. We lived in a log cabin, a
15 two-storey log cabin ---

16 **MS. DEBBIE BODKIN:** Yes.

17 **MS. LORRAINE STONE:** --- that grandpa made,
18 and grandpa was in both world wars, so they were pretty
19 good. The family was pretty good.

20 **MS. DEBBIE BODKIN:** Yes.

21 **MS. LORRAINE STONE:** And so, other than
22 that, I think we lived pretty good. My mom never really
23 lived on the reserve. We mostly lived in little towns
24 and...

25 **MS. DEBBIE BODKIN:** You mentioned a little

1 bit about alcohol.

2 **MS. LORRAINE STONE:** Yes. Like, my mom was
3 -- like, my mom is such a hardworking -- like, she'll get a
4 deer and she'll just eat everything of that deer. She
5 won't waste -- like, they don't -- the old people never
6 waste anything and just kept it -- like, everything. Cut
7 it all up and -- like, she was such a professional person
8 like that. She did [canning] ~~tanning~~, her own [canning]
9 ~~tanning~~, she did gardening, she was really good in
10 crocheting and making our dresses and stuff. Like, she was
11 all around, you know?

12 **MS. DEBBIE BODKIN:** (indiscernible).

13 **MS. LORRAINE STONE:** Yes. But, she went on
14 binges. And, when I look at it now, it could have been
15 from loneliness, you know? To have adult -- you know,
16 adult [visiting you] (~~indiscernible~~) and not with your kids
17 all the time.

18 **MS. DEBBIE BODKIN:** Mm-hmm. So, this is
19 your grandma you're talking about?

20 **MS. LORRAINE STONE:** No, not -- my mom.

21 **MS. DEBBIE BODKIN:** Your mom.

22 **MS. LORRAINE STONE:** My grandma -- I never
23 seen my grandma drink. Yes. My mom I'm talking about.

24 **MS. DEBBIE BODKIN:** And, where was your
25 father?

1 **MS. LORRAINE STONE:** My father? Like, I
2 think I was made in the backseat, I'm a lovechild. No, I'm
3 teasing. But, anyways, even that -- you know, all my life,
4 my aunts and uncles used to call me bastard, you know?
5 And, it -- that affects you, because you don't know what
6 that really means and you don't really belong anywhere.
7 So, I knew I had a dad somewhere because, you know, why
8 would I be here? That's why I always say, mom, maybe I was
9 in the backseat and, you know, a lovechild.

10 But, I found my dad too, when I was 25. I
11 found him. And, when I met my dad, I was so scared. I was
12 so scared, you know, when he said hello to me. I was so
13 scared of rejection. I was so scared that -- what are you
14 talking about? You're not my daughter, you know? Just --
15 but I just finally said hello, and then I gave him my name,
16 and then there was a long silence, and then he said, how
17 are you? How are you doing?

18 And, yes, so I found a connection with dad
19 and made a closure with him, and he became a dad to me for
20 a short period of time. Yes, I lost him until he passed
21 on. But, for a short period of time, my children, they had
22 a grandpa, you know? He would take them on weekends, get
23 to know my girls. Yes.

24 **MS. DEBBIE BODKIN:** So -- but growing up,
25 your mom was always a single mom?

1 MS. LORRAINE STONE: Mm-hmm.

2 MS. DEBBIE BODKIN: Okay.

3 MS. LORRAINE STONE: Yes.

4 MS. DEBBIE BODKIN: Okay. And, you
5 mentioned your abusive husband that you ended up leaving.
6 Did you say -- I don't know if you mentioned. Was he a
7 residential school survivor as well?

8 MS. LORRAINE STONE: No.

9 MS. DEBBIE BODKIN: No?

10 MS. LORRAINE STONE: No. No, he never -- he
11 always lived with his parents in Mosquito. He's -- like,
12 his mom was a Dumont (ph), she was a Métis. A Métis. But,
13 long time ago, I guess the Métis people would bring their
14 daughters to the reserves and give their daughters away, so
15 they would have some kind of a treaty rite or -- you know,
16 for their daughters to be protected or to have -- a long
17 time ago, I guess that's what the Métis people used to do,
18 is bring their daughters and give them away in the
19 communities.

20 So, there was five sisters, my mother-in-
21 law, there was five of them. Like, they're Métis women,
22 but they married men from the community, surrounding
23 communities.

24 MS. DEBBIE BODKIN: Right.

25 MS. LORRAINE STONE: Yes.

1 **MS. DEBBIE BODKIN:** Can we go back and talk
2 a little bit more about your sister and make me understand
3 how her murder happened? What her relationship was, what
4 kind of situation she was in.

5 **MS. LORRAINE STONE:** Well, you know, my
6 sister, when she told me she met this guy -- she got hired
7 in that community ---

8 **MS. DEBBIE BODKIN:** Yes.

9 **MS. LORRAINE STONE:** --- and she met this
10 guy, and she said he's not a good-looking guy, but he's
11 very kind. Like, a very kind person and -- but you know, I
12 went to visit her a couple of times and that guy would get
13 really, really drunk. Really, really drunk. And, I said,
14 why are we bothering with him? Like, let's just leave him,
15 like, in a little town -- I think it's Big River or some
16 little town in that area. And, she said, I can't. I said,
17 well, he'll sober up and he'll come home anyway, when he's
18 sober. And, she said, I can't. And, she said to me, it's
19 just like mom is back.

20 So, for me, I think she had a lot of issues
21 too, with mom, when -- because I left -- I ran away. I
22 always think that when I ran away -- as soon as I was old
23 enough, I ran away and just married the first guy that came
24 along and -- but she stayed. Despite of all that, she --
25 she had a child -- going to high school, she had a -- she

1 conceived a child.

2 **MS. DEBBIE BODKIN:** With...?

3 **MS. LORRAINE STONE:** No, no.

4 **MS. DEBBIE BODKIN:** Okay.

5 **MS. LORRAINE STONE:** A different person.

6 **MS. DEBBIE BODKIN:** Okay.

7 **MS. LORRAINE STONE:** And -- but, you know,
8 she never gave up. She put her baby in day care and she
9 moved to Saskatoon, and then she went to university here
10 and she had her degree. And, that guy that she conceived
11 Brandy (ph) with, he wanted to marry her and she said no, I
12 don't want to be barefooted and pregnant on the reserve.
13 That's what she said. That was her mentality then.

14 **MS. DEBBIE BODKIN:** Yes.

15 **MS. LORRAINE STONE:** And so, she didn't
16 marry that guy. He offered to, you know, take her hand in
17 marriage. So, when she met this guy ---

18 **MS. DEBBIE BODKIN:** Do you mind naming this
19 guy, just so -- if you're comfortable, or no.

20 **MS. LORRAINE STONE:** What's his name?
21 Leonard. Leonard Tepuin (ph), I think his name is.

22 **MS. DEBBIE BODKIN:** Sorry, what was his last
23 name?

24 **MS. LORRAINE STONE:** Tepuin, Tepuen (ph) or
25 Tequin (ph)? I don't -- I can't say.

1 MS. DEBBIE BODKIN: Okay.

2 MS. LORRAINE STONE: So, it all happened at
3 the North Battleford -- Battleford Court. I don't know
4 what it's called in North Battleford.

5 MS. DEBBIE BODKIN: Okay.

6 MS. LORRAINE STONE: And, that was in 1996.
7 November 10th, 1996. And, you know, my siblings, [Brother
8 2] and Irene, their dad is Ukrainian, okay? Their dad's
9 Ukrainian. So, when that murder happened, like when they
10 did a DNA on her, she had more white blood in her, and what
11 they were saying is, what was a white woman doing on a
12 reserve? But, she wasn't a white woman, she was -- like,
13 our mom was a treaty woman, so you know, we're still First
14 Nations women, you know? And -- but her DNA was more like,
15 I guess, on her dad side. Yes. Yes, it was really hard,
16 really hard, because we couldn't open the coffin, her face
17 was all blown up.

18 MS. DEBBIE BODKIN: So, were they living
19 together at the time and do you know, was there physical
20 abuse prior to this too? You said he wasn't a nice man and
21 you didn't ---

22 MS. LORRAINE STONE: But, she -- like, you
23 know, I -- I couldn't -- but that time, there was a
24 suitcase -- two suitcases packed by the door. So, maybe
25 she was leaving, you know? And, that guy had given her a

1 ring prior to that on Christmas day, because we were there,
2 my other siblings and I, we went and had dinner there, and
3 he came out of the room and gave her this ring. And, that
4 was on the floor. That's what the police said anyways, in
5 the court room, that the suitcases were packed and that
6 ring was, like, maybe fling or -- you know? So, I don't
7 really know.

8 But, they said that my sister went through
9 torture before she died, how it looked in there. Like, she
10 suffered so much before her life, you know? And, you know
11 what's devastating too? She invited one of our brother's,
12 begged him to go home with her, and she dropped her
13 daughter off at my brother's house -- my other brother's
14 place. So, my niece wasn't there, you know? It's -- you
15 know, or -- like, I kept phoning and phoning and phoning
16 that day, and no response, and I couldn't even sleep that
17 night.

18 And then the next day, this couple came and
19 they knocked on my door, and I thought, you know -- because
20 I always usually invite them to come and have tea with me,
21 and I thought they were finally coming to have tea with me,
22 but it was just news to tell me that my sister passed away.
23 Yes, she was shot in, like, early morning of November 10th.

24 **MS. DEBBIE BODKIN:** And, what police
25 investigated it?

1 MS. LORRAINE STONE: Spiritwood ---

2 MS. DEBBIE BODKIN: Sorry?

3 MS. LORRAINE STONE: Spiritwood and North
4 Battleford, yes.

5 MS. DEBBIE BODKIN: Okay. And, was
6 everything handled properly as far as that went, because it
7 went to court and...

8 MS. LORRAINE STONE: I don't really know --
9 that's what I don't know. You know, I was -- I was so
10 devastated, you know? My brothers and them did most of the
11 consultation, like, with the police. But, other than that,
12 for me, I didn't -- but no victim services came to see us,
13 nothing like that. No services or -- you know, people to
14 come and ask me if I need anything. It was look -- and
15 like everybody would look at us and -- as if we were some
16 kind of an [infection] (~~indiscernible~~). You know, don't go
17 to that family or -- that's how I felt anyways. Nobody
18 came to -- and for myself, I started getting really sick.
19 I looked out the window of my house and the tree was full
20 of leaves, and I looked again and it had no leaves, and
21 then all of a sudden, I couldn't breathe. And so, I phoned
22 all over here in Saskatoon for somebody to see me, I needed
23 to talk to somebody, nobody. It's 4:30. We close at 4:30.
24 And, finally, I got a hold of this lady and she said, if
25 you can get here, like, before 5:00, I'll see you.

1 And, you know, I always -- I won't forget
2 that lady's name because she helped me, because I think I
3 would have lost my head too, because I have a mental --
4 like my sister that never really snapped out of it. Like,
5 she had -- she's labelled as a schizophrenic now.

6 **MS. DEBBIE BODKIN:** Since your sister's
7 death?

8 **MS. LORRAINE STONE:** Yes. And, I feel sad
9 because, you know, the way she's living now, she's still
10 living like, oh, my God, our sister used to listen to this.
11 Oh my God, come here -- like, she didn't move forward from
12 losing mom and she didn't move forward from -- I know we
13 can't move forward, but at least we have to learn to live.

14 And, my brother took my late sister's
15 daughter, Brandy is her name, and he brought her back to me
16 three months after, because she was just curled up like a
17 fetus, she didn't -- she didn't want to eat, she didn't
18 want to shower, she didn't want to do nothing. And, I had
19 to wake up. I had to snap out of it to help my niece learn
20 to live. So, I was hoping she would come today, but she
21 didn't want to come.

22 So, I don't know. I think that guy was not
23 good for my sister, because my sister -- she used to have
24 drinks, but not to the point where she's throwing up or
25 getting so sick and -- like this one time, they came to my

1 house and she was totally wasted. Just out, like -- you
2 know? And, I never seen her like that. And, that guy used
3 to play with sweetgrass and, for me, I was taught that
4 sweetgrass is very safe, but he used to lit it up and --
5 you know, lit it up while he was drinking. And, I used to
6 tell him -- I said to him, you can't play with stuff like
7 that. You're supposed to respect that. Your parents
8 respect that. They pray with that sweetgrass and you're
9 playing with it. And, he used to say, fuck you and fuck --
10 fuck you and the people that look like you, that's what he
11 used to tell me.

12 So, I don't know. I just wanted to come and
13 share that with somebody because it's really affected my
14 family, even my daughter. I was trying to bring her to
15 come and support me, no, she didn't want to, so I know
16 they're still affected.

17 And, I don't know anything about this and I
18 think there was a reason for me to -- you know, to come
19 here. I always -- I started going around, when I first
20 lost my sister, to tell people. But, I used to break down.
21 I used to go with the lawyers too, to -- to help them, how
22 they can better help the women that lost their siblings
23 through murder and stuff.

24 **MS. DEBBIE BODKIN:** Okay.

25 **MS. LORRAINE STONE:** But, this lady came to

1 see me one time we were doing this presentation, and she
2 said, you have too much anger in you, to me. She said,
3 you're still angry. You need to work on that first. And,
4 well, I tried to do those things, you know, to bring life
5 back to me and -- but I tend to really spiral down, you
6 know? I really tend to spiral down and I really have a
7 hard time to go back up. And, I really feel good though,
8 sharing this with you, because I'm here because I just love
9 my sister. She was my hero. And, all these things --
10 like, I was going to school to get the -- my social work
11 degree, but that all shut down and -- you know, when she
12 graduated in 1993, we all went to Regina. And, that time,
13 when she came down -- you know, when she got all her stuff
14 and then she came down, she said, you're going to be the
15 next one up here, and I never did.

16 I spiralled down and I never went. I never
17 got my -- like, I was supposed to do my last practicum, but
18 I never -- I never went back, you know? And then I was
19 phoning around and see if I could get doctored in. You
20 know, some people say, you can get grandfathered in ---

21 **MS. DEBBIE BODKIN:** Mm-hmm.

22 **MS. LORRAINE STONE:** --- and that lady said,
23 you know, you have such good marks, you -- why did you
24 quit? And, I said, I lost my sister and my sister got
25 murdered. See, even there, I should have told that

1 faculty, you know, what I was going through, but I don't.
2 I'm private -- like I'm a private person. I don't have
3 that, you know -- like, even when I was going to
4 university, if I got stuck, I just struggled, okay?
5 Because I was afraid to ask for that help or to be
6 condemned, or to be judged, or to be labelled, you know?
7 But, that's just me. That's just my thinking and -- like,
8 I guess I could have told them, but I didn't. Nobody knows
9 if you don't tell anybody; right? Yes.

10 **MS. DEBBIE BODKIN:** True. One thing you
11 just made me think of is you wanted to maybe show the
12 picture of your sister and we'll put that on the video.
13 Again, I think you're an incredibly strong woman and it's
14 never too late to go back and finish your school.

15 **MS. LORRAINE STONE:** No, it's too late. I'm
16 going to be 62 years old, it's too late.

17 **MS. DEBBIE BODKIN:** Some people go back and
18 get degrees in their 80s.

19 **MS. LORRAINE STONE:** Yes, maybe I'll go when
20 I'm 80. But, I -- like, I work, you know? I really try
21 and help my people deal with addictions. I really try and
22 help people -- like, to understand mental health, you know?
23 The stigma behind it or -- well, I'll tell you about me.
24 Like, I really try and inspire people to connect to other
25 people, but I don't do it myself. So, to me, I feel like I

1 do good in that area. I don't know how we can do this,
2 like ---

3 MS. DEBBIE BODKIN: Yes, you just hold it
4 up, I'm going to bring ---

5 MS. LORRAINE STONE: Okay.

6 MS. DEBBIE BODKIN: --- the camera to it.

7 MS. LORRAINE STONE: Okay.

8 MS. DEBBIE BODKIN: What was your sister's
9 name again?

10 MS. LORRAINE STONE: Irene Jane Jimmy.

11 MS. DEBBIE BODKIN: And, how old would she
12 have been in that picture?

13 MS. LORRAINE STONE: She's 23.

14 MS. DEBBIE BODKIN: And, how old was she
15 when she was murdered?

16 MS. LORRAINE STONE: 26.

17 MS. DEBBIE BODKIN: She's beautiful.

18 MS. LORRAINE STONE: Yes, these are my other
19 girls here. Like, she was in cadets in Wainwright. That's
20 my oldest girl. And, this one is in human resources. And,
21 this one is a social worker. And, she's in construction
22 right now.

23 MS. DEBBIE BODKIN: Wonderful.

24 MS. LORRAINE STONE: Yes. So, my girls are
25 doing good, but my boys struggle because I think we need to

1 help our young men, you know? Because that time my -- I
2 lost -- my son went to jail, I think, four years after
3 that, because he spiralled really down and -- they get
4 affected too. They still talk about it today, what
5 happened to their aunt, because she was like our mentor, I
6 guess, our -- not our pole, like our totem pole. You know,
7 she shone the light.

8 **MS. DEBBIE BODKIN:** Mm-hmm.

9 **MS. LORRAINE STONE:** Yes. And, we did
10 things together. We went to picnics together. We had
11 Christmases together. So, there's a big void there now,
12 you know, there's a big opening there now that -- so I
13 really focus my energy around my kids, but they probably
14 get tired of me, you know what -- you know what I mean?
15 Now, I have my grandkids and -- my oldest grandson is 21,
16 and three of my grandsons are in football. One of them is
17 with the Hilltops. I don't know. They're number one right
18 now.

19 And, I've tried my best to really encourage
20 my kids to keep moving on even -- I can speak my language
21 fluently because it was given to me as a child, but I
22 didn't give it to my kids because I wanted them to be up
23 there. I didn't isolate them to -- in the reserve school,
24 I pushed them to the public school, because no matter where
25 they're going to go, there's going to be different races.

1 You know, difference race, different people, why are we
2 trying to put them isolated in a little community? Because
3 I was put in a residential school and we were fenced in.

4 You know, I even went back to that
5 residential school and it used to be so huge. You know,
6 when you're small, big fences, big stairs. But, when you
7 go there as an adult, it's small, you know? But, when
8 you're a little girl, everything is so huge and big.

9 **MS. DEBBIE BODKIN:** What is the school now?
10 What...

11 **MS. LORRAINE STONE:** It's all gone now.
12 There's just ground there. They demolished it.

13 **MS. DEBBIE BODKIN:** Just a few questions I
14 want to make sure we, sort of, cover. So, as far as going
15 to Irene's -- the investigation and the court and so on,
16 did you feel like things went -- everything was handled
17 appropriately by the agencies involved, with the court
18 case, the lawyers?

19 **MS. LORRAINE STONE:** I don't think it was
20 for me, but that's -- like, I wasn't involved in that.
21 Nobody -- you know, nobody even -- the police didn't even
22 come and tell me nothing. I seen all that in all the
23 display and stuff, you know how they display everything in
24 the court room ---

25 **MS. DEBBIE BODKIN:** Yes.

1 **MS. LORRAINE STONE:** --- and listening.

2 But, I don't really understand too, the courts, how they
3 talk, but I seen the pictures and stuff, you know, the
4 graphicness and how it looked like. It was my brothers
5 that -- you know, that did a lot of -- and I think he -- he
6 got off. He didn't go to jail, he got off, you know, prior
7 to the murder on a \$1,000.00 bail or something.

8 **MS. DEBBIE BODKIN:** Are you talking about
9 Lionel?

10 **MS. LORRAINE STONE:** Yes, Leonard Tepuin.

11 **MS. DEBBIE BODKIN:** Leonard, sorry.

12 **MS. LORRAINE STONE:** Yes, Leonard Tepuin.

13 So, I think he got off on bail or something, at a real
14 cheap rate.

15 **MS. DEBBIE BODKIN:** To do with Irene's
16 murder?

17 **MS. LORRAINE STONE:** Mm-hmm.

18 **MS. DEBBIE BODKIN:** But, he did do -- go in
19 custody too, you say?

20 **MS. LORRAINE STONE:** I think he did -- well,
21 my daughter said he did the custody for three years. Like,
22 he was given nine years, but to me, I said -- he never did
23 anything anyways, you know?

24 **MS. DEBBIE BODKIN:** And, maybe I asked this
25 before. Do you know if Leonard was a residential school

1 survivor or anything like that?

2 **MS. LORRAINE STONE:** No, I don't -- no, I
3 don't think so. I never -- never asked.

4 **MS. DEBBIE BODKIN:** Okay. Again, your
5 strength is amazing with telling this story and all that
6 you've done for your family literally is amazing.

7 **MS. LORRAINE STONE:** Yes, it hurts though.

8 **MS. DEBBIE BODKIN:** But, I thank you very
9 much, you're honouring your sister's memory, and maybe your
10 -- I'm hoping you feel that you were heard and telling this
11 has, you know, helped you in a small way.

12 Is there anything you would like to suggest
13 how things could improve for the future, for your
14 grandchildren and so on? What you think needs to change in
15 our society and...?

16 **MS. LORRAINE STONE:** I think that it's
17 really devastating to lose a family member in a up -- like,
18 you see them, they're laughing, then disrupted really full
19 force, and I think we need to educate people. It's not
20 only First Nations people that are dealing with this.

21 You know, the Creator takes me to places. I
22 used to be so tunnel vision before. Like, I would just see
23 one set. But, when I became a counsellor in an in-house
24 setting, in an in-house treatment centre, that's when I
25 realized that men do get abused, but before, I only thought

1 it was women and that -- and that's when I grew up too, to
2 realize men get sexually abused too, little boys, but I
3 always thought it was only little girls. And, when I was
4 working in Melfort, I was an outreach worker there, and
5 they lost a young guy there, overdose, a white guy -- a
6 white young man, 20 years old and he had two little girls,
7 and they owned the drug store there, and he died. So, it's
8 not only First Nations people that are losing their
9 children, do you understand what I'm trying to say?

10 **MS. DEBBIE BODKIN:** Yes, yes. Very much.

11 **MS. LORRAINE STONE:** Like, the Creator
12 always shows me -- shows me stuff and -- you know, I was
13 working with this community too, and there's a lot of
14 sexual abuse and a lot of stuff that are happening in the
15 communities. But, as soon as you step up to do something,
16 they don't want your services anymore. So, our people need
17 to heal.

18 And, it seems like it's people that have
19 power today, that never really dealt with poor issues and
20 now they -- they're chiefs or they're counsellors, and so
21 it's put a fear base in a lot of our people. They're so
22 afraid to come forward.

23 **MS. DEBBIE BODKIN:** That's a very important
24 aspect that you've brought up there, that ---

25 **MS. LORRAINE STONE:** Yes, because ---

1 **MS. DEBBIE BODKIN:** --- (indiscernible),
2 yes.

3 **MS. LORRAINE STONE:** --- our people, they
4 need to heal. Like, I heal. I can only do so much, but
5 I'm healing with my family, holding with my family and
6 walking with my family. And, you know, it's just now that
7 we talk about it a little bit, you know, we talk about my
8 sister. We can talk about her because she was beautiful,
9 she became a victim, you know? But, to me, she's always
10 going to be my hero. She opened the door for me to be --
11 the situation where I was living.

12 **MS. DEBBIE BODKIN:** Mm-hmm.

13 **MS. LORRAINE STONE:** She said I didn't have
14 to live like that. And, she opened a lot of doors. And,
15 when she graduated, when she congregated (*sic*) to be a
16 social worker, she said, next, you're going to be standing
17 here, but I never stood there. My daughter did last year.
18 Yes.

19 **MS. DEBBIE BODKIN:** That's nice. And,
20 sometimes having the paperwork and the degree doesn't
21 matter, you're doing the work regardless.

22 **MS. LORRAINE STONE:** So, to me, you know,
23 that's why I wanted to come and share. I wanted to come
24 and share that my sister was beautiful, and she was a hero,
25 and she was an inspirational human being, you know?

1 **MS. DEBBIE BODKIN:** Yes.

2 **MS. LORRAINE STONE:** She had a kindred
3 spirit. Like, I don't know how you -- a real kind-hearted
4 spirit. And, I wanted to have some kind of a healing for
5 myself and that's why I came. And, like, when that Missing
6 and Murdered display was in North Battleford, my aunt made
7 some bands -- you know, bands for the moccasins? They were
8 making those bands.

9 **MS. DEBBIE BODKIN:** Okay.

10 **MS. LORRAINE STONE:** And, she made them for
11 my sister and she kept telling me, come, come, but I didn't
12 go. And so, I heard you guys were going to be in Saskatoon
13 and I tried to make an effort just to -- just for -- to
14 come and share what I've seen.

15 But, the people in the communities, they
16 need to heal because it's going to continue. What I see
17 happening is our kids are doing their own suicides now, or
18 now they're killing each other because they don't have a
19 connection, they don't have a bonding with somebody. They
20 don't have a bonding with the grandparents anymore, with
21 the parents, it's all disrupted. And, a lot of these
22 people, they're not well. Maybe they're in politics now,
23 maybe they're really educated, but they're not well, so
24 they keep pushing the people that want to help. They push
25 them down.

1 Like, for me, you know, I feel sad. The
2 Chief of that community come and told me, he said, I'm so
3 sorry. I feel so ashamed for -- what the people did to
4 you. You were helping my people to understand what
5 sexually -- sexual abuse is. You know, some of those
6 stories, I was so overwhelmed. They teach me things too.
7 Like, I didn't know grandmothers touched boys or their
8 granddaughters. I never knew that because I never seen
9 that. So, those stories can get overwhelming, you know,
10 because they're not my stories, they're sacred stories, but
11 they teach me stuff too. You know, your grandmother maybe
12 special to you, but maybe to this person she was a bad
13 person. So, understanding those sides. So, that's why I
14 came.

15 And, I want to thank you and I want to thank
16 you for sitting here and just -- I just want to let it go
17 -- well, I can never let it go, but you know, I want to
18 keep working -- well, working -- I have a granddaughter,
19 she's 21 months old and she's so smart.

20 **MS. DEBBIE BODKIN:** Yes.

21 **MS. LORRAINE STONE:** Yes.

22 **MS. DEBBIE BODKIN:** Well, I think you've
23 done wonderful work with your family and you're continuing
24 to do wonderful work obviously in your community, and
25 you're ---

1 **MS. LORRAINE STONE:** No, I'm not even
2 working now.

3 **MS. DEBBIE BODKIN:** Well ---

4 **MS. LORRAINE STONE:** I spiralled down again
5 because, you know, when people don't want you to do your
6 work or you're not supposed to be doing that, you back out
7 a little bit.

8 **MS. DEBBIE BODKIN:** Well, you have to take
9 time for yourself.

10 **MS. LORRAINE STONE:** Yes.

11 **MS. DEBBIE BODKIN:** Self-care is one and get
12 yourself in a good place again.

13 **MS. LORRAINE STONE:** Yes. So ---

14 **MS. DEBBIE BODKIN:** Well, again, I'm
15 honoured to hear your story and very wonderful that you
16 brought yourself here and I do hope it helped you.

17 **MS. LORRAINE STONE:** It has -- it did help
18 me because I just want to honour my sister, you know?

19 **MS. DEBBIE BODKIN:** I think you've
20 (indiscernible).

21 **MS. LORRAINE STONE:** I want to thank her,
22 and I don't know if justice would serve for her, you know?
23 She's not here. Her spirit is -- her body is not here, but
24 maybe her spirit is with me here. Maybe -- maybe she told
25 me, you know, you don't need to cry, I'm here. I don't

1 know.

2 MS. DEBBIE BODKIN: MM-hmm.

3 MS. LORRAINE STONE: So...

4 MS. DEBBIE BODKIN: Well, thank you again.
5 Any questions, any other comments that you want to make
6 before I shut the recordings off?

7 MS. LORRAINE STONE: No. If you guys ever
8 want me to go talk some place, get a hold of me.

9 MS. DEBBIE BODKIN: Well, I will put that
10 note on the file. Okay. It's 10 after 8:00 and I'll shut
11 these off then.

12 --- Upon adjourning at 20:10

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