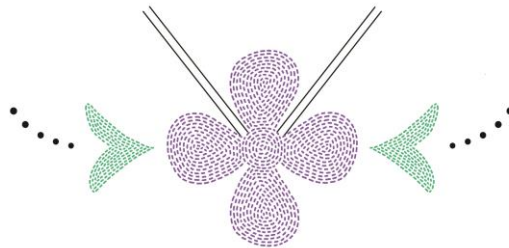


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1 Winnipeg, Manitoba

2 --- Upon commencing on Friday, December 14, 2018 at 3:35 p.m.

3 **MS. PAMELA VERNAUS:** So today is
4 December 14th, 2018, and we are in Winnipeg, Manitoba, and
5 I'm sitting with Gwen Wilson. And Gwen has understood that
6 she will be signing the consent form after we do the
7 statement.

8 My name's Pamela Vernaus. I'm a statement
9 gatherer, and we're in Winnipeg, Manitoba.

10 So Gwen, whenever you're ready to tell your
11 story. You have all the time in the world to share with us
12 today. And if you need to take a break, just let me know;
13 we will stop.

14 **MS. GWEN WILSON:** After all that's happened,
15 I find myself wanting to just not trust anyone anymore and
16 not to -- I'm hurting a lot, so I'm not able to move on;
17 it's really difficult to move on. No one has been arrested
18 yet, and that's what I'm waiting for. There are people out
19 there that I know have information about what happened to
20 Hillary.

21 Hillary was found on August 20th, 2009. Her
22 lifeless body was found on the side of the road, and I
23 wasn't informed until days later. I'm upset with the
24 Winnipeg Police and the RCMP for this.

25 **MS. PAMELA VERNAUS:** M'hm.

1 **MS. GWEN WILSON:** They -- when they found
2 her, they didn't inform me to go identify her or anything
3 like that.

4 At times, I don't believe that this has
5 happened, but I seen my daughter in a coffin. I want to
6 know who murdered her. I want to know what happened to
7 her.

8 **MS. PAMELA VERNAUS:** Yeah.

9 **MS. GWEN WILSON:** I want to know who did
10 that to her. I want them caught. I want to see these evil
11 people that did this to me and my family, taking away my
12 beautiful daughter's life. She didn't deserve for this to
13 happen to her. I am been -- I have been angry ---

14 **MS. PAMELA VERNAUS:** Yeah.

15 **MS. GWEN WILSON:** --- a lot and I am
16 carrying that anger.

17 My daughter was trying to come home, as we
18 were trying to get ready for my son's 18th birthday. Her
19 brother and her are not far apart; they're the same age for
20 a while. She was supposed to come home and help me
21 decorate and prepare for the birthday party, to prepare the
22 food and we're decorating, and she knew that we always did
23 things like that.

24 **MS. PAMELA VERNAUS:** Yeah.

25 **MS. GWEN WILSON:** She was on her way home,

1 and I don't know who she met up with that night. Like I
2 calling her friend's house. There was no response,
3 nothing. Now, when I see them today, they just run away
4 from me. So I'd like to know why these so called friends
5 are doing that.

6 **MS. PAMELA VERNAUS:** Yeah.

7 **MS. GWEN WILSON:** They don't talk to me,
8 they don't try to help me out to find out what happened.
9 And hard for me and my family, we don't deserve this. We -
10 - no one deserves to be treated like this.

11 When she was murdered, a huge part of me
12 died. My heart hasn't been the same since. When I try to
13 get my kids ready for birthday parties now, I am -- I do my
14 best, I try to do everything that I can. And she's -- and
15 we know she is not there. It's a great -- there are
16 sometimes that we know that she's there with us in spirit.

17 **MS. PAMELA VERNAUS:** Yeah.

18 **MS. GWEN WILSON:** The RCMP and the Winnipeg
19 Police, I want them to do what they have to. I would like
20 them to arrest who did this to Hillary. I want them to --
21 I want them to catch who did this to her. Hillary was very
22 loving, beautiful person. We just loved her so much, we
23 miss her so much, we love her so much.

24 I have been not feeling well since then.

25 I've been in and out of the hospital, in and out of

1 emergency because there are times when I just feel that --
2 I feel a heartache. I have trouble breathing, sleeping
3 because I miss her.

4 I had to move from our house where we lived
5 together, and ever since then I was -- I'm always -- it
6 seems like it doesn't matter where I move to, I wait for
7 her.

8 **MS. PAMELA VERNAUS:** Yeah.

9 **MS. GWEN WILSON:** I am still waiting.
10 Because when she called, "Mom, I'm coming home" --

11 **MS. PAMELA VERNAUS:** Yeah.

12 **MS. GWEN WILSON:** --- I asked who she was
13 with. I remember some names.

14 **MS. PAMELA VERNAUS:** Yeah.

15 **MS. GWEN WILSON:** Those people, they know I
16 know their names. I want them to please tell the truth.
17 Whatever they know, I would like them to tell the truth.

18 **MS. PAMELA VERNAUS:** Have you shared the
19 names?

20 **MS. GWEN WILSON:** I have shared names ---

21 **MS. PAMELA VERNAUS:** Yeah.

22 **MS. GWEN WILSON:** --- with the police, yes.
23 From day one I have been trying to ---

24 **MS. PAMELA VERNAUS:** You shared them ---

25 **MS. GWEN WILSON:** --- help them.

1 **MS. PAMELA VERNAUS:** You shared them with
2 the lawyers before; right?

3 **MS. GWEN WILSON:** Yes.

4 **MS. PAMELA VERNAUS:** Okay.

5 **MS. GWEN WILSON:** I am waiting for someone
6 to tell me what happened to her. I want something done
7 about what happened to her. My family and I are yearning
8 that.

9 **MS. PAMELA VERNAUS:** Yeah.

10 **MS. GWEN WILSON:** My sons and daughter,
11 we're not the same anymore. When she was found, I just --
12 I didn't believe it, I couldn't believe it. I thought no,
13 you have it all wrong. Where is Hillary?

14 **MS. PAMELA VERNAUS:** Yeah.

15 **MS. GWEN WILSON:** I want to know where is
16 Hillary.

17 **MS. PAMELA VERNAUS:** M'hm.

18 **MS. GWEN WILSON:** She was on her way home,
19 and I want to know where she is.

20 **MS. PAMELA VERNAUS:** Yeah.

21 **MS. GWEN WILSON:** I would like to know where
22 she is.

23 Hillary loved people. She was very
24 forgiving. She had a lot of friends. And I want those
25 friends to come see me. There is one of them that has said

1 awful things about her, and apparently, she's told me and
2 she's said things over somebody's recorder and a camera,
3 and she said awful things. I want that person questioned.
4 I know she was involved.

5 **MS. PAMELA VERNAUS:** What's her name?

6 **MS. GWEN WILSON:** [Woman 1].

7 **MS. PAMELA VERNAUS:** [Woman 1]? Okay.

8 **MS. GWEN WILSON:** I -- there is a video that
9 has been seen so many times. That person is friends with
10 Hillary's other friends.

11 Very abusive individual. She -- this person
12 fights her mother; this person is not in a healthy state of
13 mind. She fights her family members; she is awful. I have
14 heard a lot of bad things about her.

15 She said things about Hillary in detail,
16 like she knows what happened, she was there when it
17 happened. Trying to hide the fact that she knows what
18 happened is not going to help her. Everybody that does
19 wrong will be judged for what they did to anyone, hurting
20 anyone.

21 This so-called friend of hers, I haven't sat
22 with, and I don't think I ever will. She is afraid.
23 Clearly, that states that she was there. Her family and
24 friends are hiding her, I guess. And there isn't just her.
25 I believe that there is more that were there when this

1 happened to Hillary.

2 For the police to say that she was involved
3 with the sex trade, I would like to know who ---

4 **MS. PAMELA VERNAUS:** Yeah.

5 **MS. GWEN WILSON:** --- has facts on this.

6 Saying that is being judgmental. I don't trust the media,
7 I don't trust the police, I don't trust anyone. I told you
8 that ---

9 **MS. PAMELA VERNAUS:** Yeah.

10 **MS. GWEN WILSON:** --- it's hard to trust
11 anyone.

12 **MS. PAMELA VERNAUS:** Yeah.

13 **MS. GWEN WILSON:** When I try and share
14 anything about Hillary, I try to be very careful because I
15 know there is people out there that know what happened to
16 her, and all that I'm asking is please for the truth.

17 There is a lot. There is missing women out
18 there, girls, women that have been murdered. It has to
19 stop. It has to stop. They don't deserve this. We don't
20 need this crap.

21 **MS. PAMELA VERNAUS:** No.

22 **MS. GWEN WILSON:** We don't deserve this shit
23 that's happening to us.

24 We have to learn to get along and to help
25 one another regardless of race or anything. Everyone has

1 sinned and come short of the glory of God. It's written --
2 it is written. For those of you that read the Bible,
3 (indiscernible) and all you guys know, people know what I
4 am trying to say here, it's hard to put into words what I
5 am trying to say.

6 I am angry, I am hurt, I am sad, I am lost.
7 I am broken. Ever since my daughter, Hillary Angel Wilson
8 was murdered, my heart, our lives are not the same anymore.
9 I never felt so lonely. That loneliness, that loneliness
10 and these hurts, when you try to do things for your kids,
11 and you set a table I'm not setting (indiscernible) for
12 Hillary, she is not sitting there. We expect
13 (indiscernible) for her to be happy too with her siblings,
14 (speaking Indigenous language). We miss her so much. We
15 love her. We want justice done for her.

16 I know, and I have heard some things, I have
17 pieced things together. In this world, nobody's perfect.
18 Hillary, we love you, we miss you. We will continue to
19 fight and wait for justice to be done for you. (Speaking
20 in Indigenous language) Manitou, Creator, God, we pray this
21 (speaking Indigenous language). We wait for that day
22 (speaking Indigenous language).

23 A lot of families out there are hurting.
24 Stop hurting us, stop hurting our girls, stop hurting our
25 women. We don't deserve that. We are loving people. Just

1 love one another. Amen? That's what it means
2 (indiscernible).

3 Hillary was a very loving and forgiving
4 person. However, these people are that did that to my
5 daughter, my heart, my broken heart is in question to
6 forgive you. I want the truth, I want to know what
7 happened to Hillary. Why did you do that to my daughter?
8 Why did you take her away from us? Why would you do that
9 to somebody so beautiful, somebody so loving?

10 (Speaking Indigenous language) that
11 someone's jealousy, someone's hatred, someone's evil took
12 her life. You won't get away with that. Even if ever you
13 go in front of a judge and you get convicted, when you all
14 get convicted someday, you'll still have to stand before
15 God to voice your reasons for what -- why you did that to
16 my daughter. That day is coming soon for everyone.

17 I pray that, and I don't want hatred, I
18 don't want anybody hating on each other. Truth needs to be
19 said. Whatever you know, wherever you are out there
20 (speaking Indigenous language) that know things. Her
21 family is hurting. We miss her. We want justice done for
22 her.

23 There was bruises on her arms. One of the
24 bruises looked like a crowbar or a -- some kind of weapon
25 they use on her. What awful evil people hitting her

1 repeatedly, kicking her to the point where they killed her.
2 You're sick. You need help. Confess your sins and tell
3 the truth.

4 Whoever did this to Hillary, I want to know
5 who you are, all of you. Come see me. I want to know what
6 happened, everything that happened. You had no right to do
7 that to Hillary. Hillary was not a violent person.
8 (Speaking Indigenous language) to do that to her.

9 These people that are being allowed into
10 Canada and given snacks at the gates, you know what when
11 you come here to Winnipeg, Canada, we don't welcome you to
12 come and kill our girls and women, we don't welcome you
13 here. They would say (indiscernible), we don't.

14 Keep your hands to yourselves. Leave us
15 alone. Leave this girls and women alone. Leave our
16 families alone. In fact, maybe you should go back to where
17 you came from. Why don't you go treat people somewhere
18 else like that instead of coming here to Winnipeg and doing
19 that?

20 And I've heard a lot of things, heard a lot
21 of things. I had to bury my daughter (indiscernible)
22 house.

23 I remember someone mentioning in some video
24 about Hillary being 6 feet underground, saying things about
25 her. You, who was saying that, know that I'm not scared of

1 you, I'm not scared of you at all. I am not afraid of you,
2 and nor will I ever will be. Whoever did this to my
3 daughter, I am not scared of you. I am waiting for you to
4 come see me. I am waiting for you to come and tell me why
5 you did that to my beautiful daughter.

6 You're sick. Whoever did that to my
7 daughter, you're sick. You're sick, you're evil, pathetic.
8 Someday you will be punished for what you did to Hillary.
9 Someday this might happen to you in your family. Don't
10 make fun of me, don't make fun of my family, and don't
11 bother telling lies. We want the truth.

12 Whoever took her body to Highway 59, whoever
13 did this to Hillary, who took her to Highway 59? Who left
14 here there? Who took her there? Who took Hillary to
15 Highway 59? Who took her over there? Why did you do that?
16 Why would you do such a thing to a beautiful, young woman?

17 (Speaking Indigenous language.) Not good.
18 What you did is awful. Whoever did this to my daughter, to
19 take her to Highway 59 and murder her, I want to know who
20 you are. Come and see me, come and talk to me. I want to
21 see how well you look today. Do you feel no pain or
22 remorse for what you did? No, probably not, because you're
23 sick in the head, all of you are sick in the head for even
24 touching Hillary in that way.

25 But I am not afraid of you. Come and talk

1 to me who did this to Hillary. I'll see you sometime.
2 Tell the truth. Lies, I don't want to hear anymore of your
3 lies. I want to know what happened. I have the right to
4 know why you took her beautiful life away. You hurt me and
5 my family.

6 You broke a commandment, Thou Shalt Not
7 Kill. (Speaking Indigenous language), and it's written in
8 the Holy Bible. Something Hillary read when she was a
9 child, Bible. (Speaking Indigenous language.) She read
10 that, she wrote tests even. I have those still. She knew
11 better. To murder someone and think you're going to get
12 away with it, no.

13 Sad. You left us sad and heartbroken.
14 You're sick. Whoever did this, you're all sick.

15 The person that found Hillary, just a young
16 boy walking his dog. The dog didn't want to go back to the
17 owner. He was barking. Hillary loved puppies as a child.
18 She had some from our neighbour, her grandma. And we were
19 back home, happy with those dogs.

20 When I found out that it was a dog that
21 found her, I didn't know what to think, and I just thought
22 -- I couldn't believe it, I couldn't believe. No, I want
23 my daughter back, I want her back, I want her home, I want
24 her here with us. Whoever left her there, I want to know
25 why you did that to my daughter.

1 This is something that we made at a
2 gathering we had called Wiping Away Their Tears. Being
3 there with other families is something that we have to do
4 and that we will continue to do to support each other, to
5 hug each other, to love and help one another, to try to
6 find out things why this is happening, how can we stop it,
7 what can we do. (Speaking Indigenous language) question a
8 lot of people have.

9 I'm very upset, very hurt, angry, tired,
10 empty. The police that found her, I don't believe that
11 they did a very good investigation when they were there
12 where she was found because we found things after. It just
13 seemed like there were just -- they didn't do much. And
14 when I did try to work with some -- one of the RCMP, all of
15 a sudden, they took him away.

16 I even heard that a police officer lost some
17 information. That is so wrong.

18 **MS. PAMELA VERNAUS:** Yeah.

19 **MS. GWEN WILSON:** That is unprofessional to
20 lose information regarding an investigation. I trusted
21 those police and I didn't want to, but I thought maybe they
22 will get something done had I tried to help.

23 They took away the RCMP detective that I was
24 helping for two years. They moved him. They they took away
25 statements away from an Aboriginal police officer that was

1 trying to help. They told him stay out of it, and they
2 told him this is not your caseload, this is not your file.
3 They told him to stay out of it. They told [Officer 1]
4 (ph) to stay out of it.

5 **MS. PAMELA VERNAUS:** M'hm.

6 **MS. GWEN WILSON:** He was working on the
7 taskforce. They told him to stay out of it. Why? Why did
8 they tell him to stay out of it? He was trying to help.
9 He had a lot of pages of my statement, a lot of information
10 that I had. He had that and I don't know what happened.

11 I've had dreams even of the police being
12 there when this happened to Hillary. I'm not trying to
13 point fingers at the city police or the RCMP. It's hard
14 not to though.

15 **MS. PAMELA VERNAUS:** Yeah.

16 **MS. GWEN WILSON:** Sorry to say this, but
17 it's hard not to.

18 There was a mark on my daughter's arm. It
19 seemed like someone hit her with what's called the
20 nightstick, I guess the police have some kind of -- when
21 they hit somebody.

22 **MS. PAMELA VERNAUS:** Yeah. Baton.

23 **MS. GWEN WILSON:** A baton. It just seemed
24 like she was hit with that right across this way.

25 When I see the police, they just -- they --

1 it's just like they want to avoid me right away. They're
2 like, oh no, it's Gwen Wilson. She's going make us work.
3 Now she's going say all this and that. Well, sure I am.
4 I'm -- my daughter was murdered, of course I'm going to say
5 and ask things. I am going to because I want to know what
6 happened to her. If it was your daughter, you would want
7 to know too. You know, I will stay mad unless I -- I know
8 some of them are okay and some of them are not.

9 **MS. PAMELA VERNAUS:** One second.

10 (Indiscernible.)

11 **MS. GWEN WILSON:** I didn't write anything.

12 **MS. PAMELA VERNAUS:** You're doing amazing.

13 **MS. GWEN WILSON:** I am just flashbacking to
14 the field. Yeah, for the detective, I'm flashbacking with
15 working with him. That's what coming as I'm talking to --
16 if I pause ---

17 **MS. PAMELA VERNAUS:** That's okay.

18 **MS. GWEN WILSON:** --- that's because it's
19 coming. I apologize.

20 **MS. PAMELA VERNAUS:** No, don't apologize.
21 You're doing great.

22 **MS. GWEN WILSON:** This is all my children at
23 Christmas time. This is one of the photos. Hillary's over
24 here holding up her gift. Although we were not rich, like
25 I still made sure that my kids had gifts for Christmas and

1 for their birthday.

2 It's not easy to try and go on with life,
3 but for my children that are alive now I try to cheer them
4 up, I try to help them to just -- I smile, I hold them when
5 they cry, I hug them, I comfort them and I tell them
6 positive things that someday whoever did this to Hillary
7 will get caught. (Speaking Indigenous language), Hillary.
8 We love Hillary. We miss her.

9 Please, to her friends that were with her
10 that night, whatever police might have been involved, you
11 need to tell the truth. My heart's broken. My life not
12 the same. We need answers. We need answers. We want
13 justice for Hillary. We will not stop looking for answers.
14 We will not stop looking for clues. We won't stop until
15 this is done.

16 Somebody had hit her, somebody hit her head,
17 her body. Why would you do such a thing? You shouldn't
18 have done that to my daughter. You shouldn't do that to
19 anyone.

20 If you are like that to hurt people, go get
21 help. Go talk to someone, but don't go around killing
22 people. Only Satan does that. And if you're like that,
23 Hell's not a nice place. You know where Hillary is, she's
24 in heaven. She's in heaven, she's in a better place.

25 Those of you that took her life away if you

1 want to see Heaven, if you want to see your friends
2 someday, you'll have to confess and tell. You have to tell
3 the truth. Ask God to forgive you. Tell the truth. We're
4 hurting. We miss her. You took somebody away from us.

5 I want answers, and I'm waiting, and I'm
6 hoping and praying that whoever you people are that took my
7 daughter's life please come forward, tell the truth.
8 Please. Thank you very much. Miigwetch.

9 **MS. PAMELA VERNAUS:** So time is 4:15 p.m.

10 **MS. GWEN WILSON:** I didn't know what else to
11 say. I didn't know what else to say.

12 **MS. PAMELA VERNAUS:** Just stop time,
13 4:15 p.m.

14 --- Upon adjourning at 4:15 p.m.

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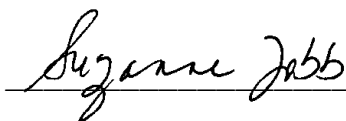
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