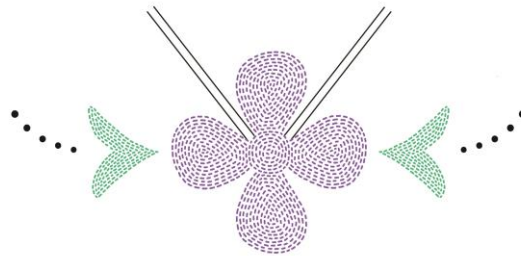


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2 DARIA BOYARCHUK: Hi. My name is Daria Boyarchuk. And I am
3 a statement taker for the National Inquiry For
4 Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls.
5 I am here today with Emily. She is here to
6 present her story, to share with us her truth.
7 Today is October 30th, 2017 and it is 12:43 p.m.
8 We are currently located in Membertou, Nova
9 Scotia. Sorry.

10 Emily, could you please confirm that you have
11 voluntarily agreed to record this statement on
12 camera?

13 EMILY PAUL: I do.

14 DARIA BOYARCHUK: And please can you state your name?

15 DAWN FRANCIS: I am Dawn Francis.

16 DARIA BOYARCHUK: And you are here ...

17 DAWN FRANCIS: I am the resolution health support worker.

18 DARIA BOYARCHUK: Thank you. Um, Emily, before we begin
19 today I wanted to thank you for being here, um,
20 to -- I know you have -- you had mentioned before
21 that it has taken many years and you have kind of
22 a lot of emotions so thank you for having come
23 forward at this time.

24 EMILY PAUL: M'hm.

25 DARIA BOYARCHUK: And being here to share with the

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1 Commissioners your story, to share the story of
2 your loved one. Um, what I would like to ask you
3 is what would you like the Commissioners to know,
4 what experience would you like to share with
5 them?

6 EMILY PAUL: The experience that we went through -- hearing
7 the stories like around like in Winnipeg, when I
8 was in Winnipeg for the National Round Table or in
9 Halifax for another inquiry, like hearing the
10 stories of what the native people are going
11 through to compared to what we went through is so
12 different. What happened within that 26 years to
13 the police officers that are out there now. Like
14 do they take them aside and teach them how to
15 treat people different? If you are Aboriginal,
16 white, black, doesn't matter. Because hearing
17 their stories and the way they were treated, being
18 treated now it blows my mind to what we went
19 through 26 years ago. Like we couldn't get
20 enough, like the police -- the detectives that
21 were on the case they were at our -- my mom's,
22 they were caring, they were so supportive. And
23 now like hearing stories, it is scary.

24 And when I was in Winnipeg for the National
25 Round Table and a good friend of mine asked me --

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1 her name is [Friend], she -- when she heard
2 my stories she said -- she asked me a question and
3 I couldn't answer her. She said, "Do you believe
4 if it happened to your sister today would the
5 outcome be the same?" I looked at her and I said
6 "I don't know, I really don't know."

7 DARIA BOYARCHUK: And can you tell us more about what
8 happened to your sister.

9 EMILY PAUL: Um, my sister was 25 years old, mother of
10 three. Um, she had her demons, like with
11 drinking. Um, prior to her death she decided she
12 was going to put her children in to the family
13 care, like with family. So the oldest went with
14 my mother and the two little ones went with my
15 sister. Um, and she told them, it is just for a
16 little bit, it is just for a while until I get
17 myself together.

18 DARIA BOYARCHUK: M'hm.

19 EMILY PAUL: So I believe within the month and a half to two
20 months she was gone. Um, she dated this guy from
21 here in Membertou. Um, she had her own home so --
22 I believed he lived up here. I am not really sure
23 where he lived at the time. They were drinking at
24 a bar. Um, I guess when the bar was closed they
25 went walking to this apartment. They were

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1 arguing. Um, when -- the next day is when they
2 found her in the bathtub strangled with her own
3 shoelace and left her with -- nobody lived in the
4 apartment.

5 DARIA BOYARCHUK: Was it you who found your sister in the
6 bathtub?

7 EMILY PAUL: No, it was one of the occupants in the building
8 of the apartment unit.

9 DARIA BOYARCHUK: And how did you find out about it?

10 EMILY PAUL: Um, a day -- I believe when they did find her
11 they knew she was Aboriginal person. Um, they
12 didn't -- people in the apartments knew who she
13 was, so I guess they figure out where she was
14 from. She -- they came to my mom's with my
15 brother and then my -- they told my mother that
16 they found her in that apartment. I found out
17 about it around 2:30 that day. My brother came up
18 to tell me. And it was hard to believe. It was
19 like -- it was her.

20 For some reason that day I never had the
21 radio on. Which the radio comes on as soon as I
22 get up in the morning. But working backshift I
23 guess it just -- I just didn't have it on that
24 day. That's ...

25 DARIA BOYARCHUK: And how did you -- did you suspect

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1 anything? You said you mentioned earlier that you
2 knew about an argument that had been going on
3 between your sister --

4 EMILY PAUL: Everybody knew.

5 DARIA BOYARCHUK: Everybody knew.

6 EMILY PAUL: Everybody knew you know that -- like there was
7 no question in our minds who, who did it. He --
8 because he was a violent person, he was in prison
9 before. He was on -- I believe he was on parole
10 when he was with my sister, because he was in
11 prison before as I said, um, for armed robbery.

12 DARIA BOYARCHUK: M'hm.

13 EMILY PAUL: And during the time that they were dating there
14 was many times cops had called, you know, saying
15 like he is drinking, he is supposed to be on
16 parole or whatever, you know, something should be
17 done and nothing was done. Like they didn't pick
18 him up. If they picked him up, she would be still
19 here I believe.

20 DARIA BOYARCHUK: So, um, when they -- when you found out,
21 when your family found out about your sister did
22 somebody call the police or how did it all
23 unfold?

24 EMILY PAUL: I -- from what I understand and could remember
25 is when they did find out it was her, like I said,

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1 he -- my brother was called and they went to tell
2 my mom.

3 DARIA BOYARCHUK: M'hm.

4 EMILY PAUL: And then when we all gathered at my mother's
5 that day it was my mother that said that myself
6 and my older brother, [Brother], had to go to the morgue
7 to identify her. She said, "Maybe it is a
8 mistake, maybe it is not her."

9 So that evening we went to the morgue and I
10 can remember going in that place and the
11 detectives were there and the guy, the doctor was
12 there and he said, "It would be best if you not go
13 in." I said, "If you think you are going to stop
14 me from going in, it is not going to happen. If
15 that's my sister, I have to know." So we walked
16 in to the room and they unzipped the bag and I
17 just looked and said, like what the fuck did he do
18 with her. I said that body in that bag is not
19 her, it is too small. It was like a baby in a
20 bag. I really thought that he chopped her up. I
21 really believed that. And he said -- the cop
22 said, no, he didn't. And I couldn't understand
23 why the bag was so small.

24 So when he unzipped it and asked for us not
25 to touch the body because for evidence. [*Three lines*

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1 redacted pursuant to Rule 55]. And it was her. It was
2 her. And, you know, you can see that
3 she fight -- she fought, she fought everything.

4 DARIA BOYARCHUK: Thank you for sharing this moment of
5 discovering your sister, because I know for your
6 family and for you it was a very difficult
7 moment.

8 Did you ever pursue the -- pursue the
9 investigation? Did you ever press any charges
10 against her partner?

11 EMILY PAUL: Um, when -- that day like when -- after it was
12 over and we went back to my mom's and we had to
13 tell her that, you know, it is your baby, that
14 your baby is gone, you know. And I remember
15 them -- the detective saying, "You know, we will
16 get who did it." And everybody said, "We know who
17 did it. Where is he? Where is he?"

18 DARIA BOYARCHUK: This is the question that you asked the
19 detectives?

20 EMILY PAUL: Yes.

21 DARIA BOYARCHUK: Okay.

22 EMILY PAUL: And they couldn't locate him. He was gone.

23 And I said, well, they are going to have to --

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1 like you are going to have to dig, find this
2 person.

3 They checked his mother's residence here in
4 Membertou. He wasn't there. They checked the
5 residence because he does have family in, um, --
6 they call it Malla (phonetic).

7 DARIA BOYARCHUK: M'hm.

8 EMILY PAUL: He wasn't there. Um, so this was in September,
9 but it was every day, you know, they would come
10 and say, you know, we never found him yet, we are
11 still looking and, you know, if you need anything,
12 have any questions, you know, don't hesitate to
13 call, anything like that. They were there. They
14 showed compassion. That's what they did.

15 In December -- December 27th my mother got a
16 call from the detectives here in Sydney.

17 DARIA BOYARCHUK: Okay.

18 EMILY PAUL: And said that they located him, they arrested
19 him. We just have to send somebody out there to
20 make sure it is him. They found him living on the
21 streets in Los Angeles. He -- he had a sister
22 living there. Um, if it wasn't for a friend of
23 the family saying that they should check there,
24 because he does have like a sister living in the
25 Los Angeles and he could be there.

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1 And they sent -- I believe they were saying
2 that they sent a picture saying like he had tatoos
3 here and there and they think -- they said we
4 think we found him. We just have to make sure
5 that it is him. And when they did go to Los
6 Angeles it was him. He was living on the
7 streets.

8 DARIA BOYARCHUK: Who went to Los Angeles to identify him?

9 EMILY PAUL: Um, the police.

10 DARIA BOYARCHUK: The detectives?

11 EMILY PAUL: Yeah, yeah.

12 DARIA BOYARCHUK: And was there a trial once they identified
13 him or --

14 EMILY PAUL: Yes.

15 DARIA BOYARCHUK: -- what happened?

16 EMILY PAUL: They bring him back in March of that year.

17 DARIA BOYARCHUK: So March of what year is this?

18 EMILY PAUL: She was killed in '91. They bring him back in
19 '92.

20 DARIA BOYARCHUK: '92.

21 EMILY PAUL: March of '92. Um, they bring him back in March
22 and then they charged him with first degree
23 murder.

24 Um, we started going to the court when the
25 trial started. Um, I couldn't even tell you the

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1 date when the trial started, but I remember we
2 were there. There was my mother, all the girls,
3 and a couple of like my brothers.

4 Um, I can remember we were in the old
5 courthouse then and we were upstairs and we met
6 the prosecutor, [Prosecutor]. And somebody said they
7 are bringing him up now. And I remember like
8 little ducklings we followed my mother. We walked
9 over to the stairwell and we could see them
10 walking up the steps. And we opened the door.
11 And he was there on the last landing before coming
12 to that door. And my sister dove on top of him,
13 started beating on him. Don't know.

14 DARIA BOYARCHUK: So this is her reaction to seeing --

15 EMILY PAUL: Yeah, her reaction was you hurt my sister, I
16 hurt you.

17 DARIA BOYARCHUK: How did your mother react?

18 EMILY PAUL: It took eight polices officers --

19 DARIA BOYARCHUK: Wow.

20 EMILY PAUL: -- to take her off him. And they told her,
21 well, she had to be escorted out of the court.
22 And she said, "Don't worry about it, I am not
23 coming back. I got what I wanted." And she
24 walked out. I don't --

25 DARIA BOYARCHUK: And what happened after that?

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1 EMILY PAUL: We all went in and they -- what -- read what he
2 was being charged with, with first degree murder.

3 DARIA BOYARCHUK: Did he admit to first degree murder?

4 EMILY PAUL: Pardon me?

5 DARIA BOYARCHUK: Did he admit to it?

6 EMILY PAUL: No, no, no, he didn't.

7 Um, while sitting during trial I can remember
8 [Prosecutor] sitting here and him sitting over there
9 with his lawyer. My mom was here. And once in a
10 while you could see the pictures. So we always
11 made sure that my mother couldn't see them. But
12 sitting there seeing them myself it -- it -- it --
13 it is crazy.

14 DARIA BOYARCHUK: Right. You wanted to protect your mother
15 from --

16 EMILY PAUL: Yeah, yeah.

17 DARIA BOYARCHUK: -- (unintelligible.)

18 EMILY PAUL: Yeah. And, you know, it was -- she was our
19 baby sister. She was the youngest. Out of 12
20 girls she was the youngest.

21 DARIA BOYARCHUK: And, Emily, you said this man did not
22 admit to this act and did he -- he got charged
23 though.

24 EMILY PAUL: M'hm.

25 DARIA BOYARCHUK: Did he ever get sentenced? Did he serve

1 his sentence?

2 EMILY PAUL: He did get sentenced, 25 to life, no chance of
3 parole for 25 years.

4 DARIA BOYARCHUK: And do you know where he --

5 EMILY PAUL: He --

6 DARIA BOYARCHUK: -- is now?

7 EMILY PAUL: He is still in. He, um, went up on parole --
8 to the parole board, um, not -- in 2016, July of
9 2016 and was denied.

10 DARIA BOYARCHUK: Do you think -- do you think justice was
11 served for your sister, the fact that this man is
12 still serving his sentence in jail? Um, do you
13 feel like there was -- the justice was done?

14 EMILY PAUL: I believe it was.

15 DARIA BOYARCHUK: And do you feel, um, -- like throughout
16 this whole time from the time of your sister going
17 through grieving through the process, through the
18 trial did you get any support from health workers,
19 any community organizations, anyone who helped you
20 to grieve through the process?

21 EMILY PAUL: Um, they did have a support group up here and
22 for us if we wanted it, you know, we would be --

23 DARIA BOYARCHUK: So someone offered it to you?

24 EMILY PAUL: Yes.

25 DARIA BOYARCHUK: Okay.

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1 EMILY PAUL: It was offered through our health program if
2 anybody wanted to take it, but where -- we are
3 such a big family, we just needed our family.

4 DARIA BOYARCHUK: Right.

5 EMILY PAUL: That's all we needed was our family. We were
6 there for each other to help each other get
7 through it step by step by step.

8 DARIA BOYARCHUK: Okay. And you mentioned earlier that the
9 detectives also they showed compassion, right?

10 EMILY PAUL: M'hm.

11 DARIA BOYARCHUK: Did the -- do you feel like you wanted
12 more from them, you wanted -- especially in the
13 beginning of the process did you want them to
14 press -- to put a lot more pressure on searching
15 this man, um, finding out where he is?

16 EMILY PAUL: Um, I didn't feel we had to. Because, like I
17 said, like 26 years ago it was different. You
18 know, I don't know if it was just that age
19 group --

20 DARIA BOYARCHUK: M'hm.

21 EMILY PAUL: -- of police officers that were there and the
22 detectives. I don't know. But I found out
23 like -- you couldn't ask for anything better.

24 DARIA BOYARCHUK: That is very good to hear.

25 EMILY PAUL: And then to hear the stories and what people

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1 are going through now, it is terrible. It is
2 terrible. I see some of those detectives today.
3 I see the prosecutor, which now is a judge.

4 DARIA BOYARCHUK: Is this the same prosecutor?

5 EMILY PAUL: Yes.

6 DARIA BOYARCHUK: [Prosecutor].

7 EMILY PAUL: [Prosecutor]. And it is like, "Hi, Em, how is
8 your mother? How is the family doing?" There
9 is --

10 DARIA BOYARCHUK: So he still has connection with you?

11 EMILY PAUL: Yes.

12 DARIA BOYARCHUK: Okay.

13 EMILY PAUL: And I remember the day when it was over and
14 they read that guilty verdict --

15 DARIA BOYARCHUK: M'hm.

16 EMILY PAUL: -- and he turned and he looked at my mother.

17 He said, "He is never getting out. No worries, he
18 is never getting out."

19 And like I just ran in to him probably two
20 months ago and I haven't seen him in years. But
21 when I was walking and I just happened to turn
22 because, you know when you are somewheres and you
23 feel somebody looking at you. And you get that
24 feeling. I turned around and he was standing
25 there big smile on his face. And he goes, "How is

1 Emily?" I said, "I am good." But he said, "You
2 better not be coming in here for something." I
3 said, "Oh, no, I am only walking by." And he --
4 you know, I went over and we hugged each other and
5 he asked about my mom and how the kids are and how
6 her children were doing and ...

7 DARIA BOYARCHUK: Well, that's very encouraging --

8 EMILY PAUL: Yeah.

9 DARIA BOYARCHUK: -- to hear that you had the support --

10 EMILY PAUL: Yeah.

11 DARIA BOYARCHUK: That you needed at that time.

12 EMILY PAUL: M'hm.

13 DARIA BOYARCHUK: I know that the police was there, your
14 family was there for you. And did you feel like
15 you had a chance to honour your sister in any way
16 throughout this time or even prior to the national
17 inquiry?

18 EMILY PAUL: I -- I believe -- like when he took her --

19 DARIA BOYARCHUK: M'hm.

20 EMILY PAUL: -- I know our world -- our lives changed. You
21 know, it was like you had to be -- I don't know if
22 it is -- you have to go through it to realize, but
23 to me myself I always said nobody in this family
24 is ever going to be abused by anybody again. Your

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1 boyfriend, your husband abuses you, you better
2 tell them to run, because we are going to give
3 them a beat down that nobody ever gave them
4 before. We are going to stick together and we are
5 going to fight.

6 And I have three boys of my own. And since
7 they were small I always told them, don't ever hit
8 a woman. You hit a woman, I beat you first, then
9 I will call the cops when I am done.

10 DARIA BOYARCHUK: So --

11 EMILY PAUL: You ever raise a hand to a woman -- she might
12 hit you, learn to walk away. You need to learn to
13 walk. And they always -- there is times they come
14 home and what happened to your face. Um, okay,
15 okay.

16 DARIA BOYARCHUK: So I see that it is the fact that what
17 happened to your sister is something that has
18 really changed your perspective on how women
19 should be treated --

20 EMILY PAUL: M'hm.

21 DARIA BOYARCHUK: -- and how men should treat their sisters,
22 their daughters, their -- their mothers, their
23 grandmothers and any other women in the family.

24 EMILY PAUL: M'hm. And it is vice versa too. If I had
25 daughters, I would tell them the same thing.

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1 Don't let him hit you. You fight back with
2 everything you got.

3 DARIA BOYARCHUK: Because I -- is it because you want this
4 woman to avoid -- you want to help this woman
5 avoid what has happened with Emily?

6 EMILY PAUL: With my sister.

7 DARIA BOYARCHUK: Sorry, with your sister. I apologize.

8 EMILY PAUL: Yep, yep. And then another thing I -- where --
9 I talk about it a lot. I go to, um, family
10 violence things. I -- I do the walks. I talk at
11 them. I -- violence against spouses. Like I am
12 not afraid anymore.

13 DARIA BOYARCHUK: So you are a speaker at these events?

14 EMILY PAUL: Yes. And in April -- I can't even remember
15 what year -- 2000 -- I can't even remember what
16 year I did it. I was approached by the Silent
17 Witness program to do a silhouette on Emma.
18 She -- the Silent Witness Program is -- they --
19 you do the silhouette of your loved one.

20 DARIA BOYARCHUK: M'hm.

21 EMILY PAUL: You make this person. It is done up in red.
22 It is -- you have their name across on the wooden
23 silhouette. And in the back of it you're -- you
24 put their story of their happy times. Not any
25 negative. It is all positive with when they were

1 growing up, how they were when they were kids and
2 what your nieces and nephews and brothers and
3 sisters remembered about you. Everything is a
4 happy story about them. It is them. It is not
5 about what happened to them. And with this
6 silhouette you have that. Unfortunately I never
7 got to put mine on my sister yet, because the one
8 that worked with me on it --

9 DARIA BOYARCHUK: M'hm.

10 EMILY PAUL: -- she seemed to misplace all my information I
11 had --

12 DARIA BOYARCHUK: Okay.

13 EMILY PAUL: -- from the children and from like the family
14 members that wrote stories on her.

15 DARIA BOYARCHUK: Would you still be able to --

16 EMILY PAUL: I would still -- once I get them to see if they
17 will do it again, you know, get them all laminated
18 and I will be able to put it on there so --
19 because she does travel with me once in while. I
20 do take her with me.

21 DARIA BOYARCHUK: And I know you didn't have a chance to put
22 the -- these happy stories --

23 EMILY PAUL: M'hm.

24 DARIA BOYARCHUK: -- on her silhouette. Would you like to
25 share your happy moments, your favourite moments

1 of your sister here maybe --
2 EMILY PAUL: Oh, my god. I don't know. She was a spoilt
3 little brat. She was youngest out of all of us.
4 Um, I can remember one time like -- like there was
5 so many of us in the house. There was 14 of us.
6 And she -- where she was the baby she -- we were
7 lucky that we got a doll and a couple of other
8 things for Christmas. But when Santa came to her,
9 like she was the first one with the fridge and the
10 stove, you know, the plastic stuff. She had --
11 she had everything.

12 And I could remember another time when you
13 wanted to go out to play with your friends and
14 then your mother said, well, if she wants to stay
15 in, you have to stay in. And, you know, and she
16 would say, "Well, I want to have a tea party."
17 And I said, oh, my god, not going out today I
18 guess. And then we would be all in her room and
19 with the tea set and all that stuff until she got
20 tired of us and wanted to go play with her friends
21 and we would get to go out.

22 DARIA BOYARCHUK: Oh, that is very wonderful to hear. Is
23 this one of the stories that you were most likely
24 put in the silhouette?

25 EMILY PAUL: Yeah, yeah.

1 And my nephew he had a lot of stories. They
2 were so close.

3 DARIA BOYARCHUK: M'hm.

4 EMILY PAUL: They were -- like I would say they probably --
5 she was the youngest and, you know, the age
6 difference didn't matter, you know. Because
7 she -- he would say, you know, Emma had the
8 coolest car. Auntie Emma had the coolest van. I
9 remember her having this van. She said, [Nephew],
10 come on, drive for me. He said -- he said, I
11 wasn't even old enough to drive, but she let me
12 drive anyway. And he said and that orange pumpkin
13 car she used to have, he said, started it with a
14 knife he said. You know, and the stories that
15 they would tell you. It is like, oh, my god. I
16 didn't think you guys were that bad. Oh. But it
17 was nice to hear their stories.

18 DARIA BOYARCHUK: Okay.

19 EMILY PAUL: Yeah.

20 DARIA BOYARCHUK: Thank you for sharing them. I hope that
21 you will also be well able to express this --

22 EMILY PAUL: Yeah.

23 DARIA BOYARCHUK: -- these stories, share it with others --

24 EMILY PAUL: Yeah, yeah.

25 DARIA BOYARCHUK: -- and build the silhouette.

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1 EMILY PAUL: And with that Silent Witness Program --

2 DARIA BOYARCHUK: Right.

3 EMILY PAUL: -- it is more like he might have silenced her

4 voice --

5 DARIA BOYARCHUK: M'hm.

6 EMILY PAUL: -- but you are her voice now. I am her voice.

7 And if we would be able to use her silhouette at

8 these family violence things and that stuff, if

9 you -- be able to reach that one person, that's

10 all we need. You have to start somewhere. If

11 you can get to one, that person will get to

12 somebody else and we will be able to break that

13 silence of violence against our women.

14 DARIA BOYARCHUK: Emily, do you think that this Silence

15 Witness Program is it only here in Membertou or

16 how wide is this program? Is it nation wide?

17 EMILY PAUL: I was invited to the one in Sydney.

18 DARIA BOYARCHUK: Okay.

19 EMILY PAUL: And far as I know it is -- I believe it is just

20 in Nova Scotia. I am not really sure.

21 DARIA BOYARCHUK: Okay. So from what you are telling me you

22 would suggest, recommend having this program in

23 other places so that all survivors, all the loved

24 ones who lost their women, their girls also have

25 access to this --

1 EMILY PAUL: Yes.

2 DARIA BOYARCHUK: -- to Silence Witness Program.

3 EMILY PAUL: Because I know -- like where I said I always
4 like -- like it took us years to talk about it. I
5 know a lot of my family members don't like to talk
6 about it. They -- they -- they just like kind of
7 put in the back and don't want to bring it back
8 out. I don't know if it is from the hurt, the
9 emotional roller coaster that we were on. I don't
10 know.

11 I remember I was in Halifax for two days at a
12 missing and murdered Aboriginal thing they had up
13 there. And my older brother was the one that came
14 to tell me about my sister. And me and him are
15 the ones that went down to identify her body. And
16 I -- he was there and he never ever goes to any of
17 these things, never. He is a survivor from the
18 residential school. He, um, ...

19 And it was like -- I was meeting with --
20 telling my story with -- oh, my god -- the
21 Minister from Ottawa what was her name?

22 DARIA BOYARCHUK: Minister of --

23 EMILY PAUL: I think she was a minister. Um, she was the
24 one that was the head of --

25 DARIA BOYARCHUK: It is okay if you don't remember.

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1 EMILY PAUL: Yeah.

2 DARIA BOYARCHUK: That is perfectly okay.

3 EMILY PAUL: I can't remember her name. Oh god, I should be
4 remembering people names.

5 DARIA BOYARCHUK: That's okay.

6 EMILY PAUL: It must be the age. Um, but I sat with her.

7 DARIA BOYARCHUK: M'hm.

8 EMILY PAUL: Um, she like wanted to hear my story. I --
9 what I do when I do talk I have my paper with me.
10 I tell her story. Like what -- the day before,
11 the days before it happened, during the time it
12 happened and afterwards. And, um, my brother
13 was -- first time and it was three years ago I
14 think, two years ago he heard it. He -- he was
15 going to go in to another room to listen to
16 stories and then his daughter told him, "Did you
17 ever hear her speak?" He said, "No." She said,
18 "You should listen to her speak." And I -- when
19 I do talk I can't have people huddling over me, I
20 can't have them touching me, you know, because I
21 know myself. And that little touch will break my
22 heart. And I can remember sitting with her and
23 she said for me to go ahead. I didn't know he was
24 behind me.

25 DARIA BOYARCHUK: M'hm.

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1 EMILY PAUL: I knew my niece was here. And I knew his wife
2 was there. And I was going -- I was telling her
3 about it and then all of a sudden I heard, oh. I
4 said, oh, my god, he is behind me. And I -- he
5 was ready to reach and his daughter grabbed his
6 hand and moved it away. And then so when I was
7 done --

8 DARIA BOYARCHUK: M'hm.

9 EMILY PAUL: -- and she was asking me the questions like how
10 like -- like similar like you are asking. And
11 after it was over I turned around and looked at
12 him. And he just grabbed me and he said,
13 "Listening bring it all back." He goes, "I
14 buried that many years ago." He goes, "Thank
15 you." He said, "It was us, wasn't it?" I said,
16 "Yeah, yeah."

17 DARIA BOYARCHUK: Do you think your brother would like to
18 come and share his story?

19 EMILY PAUL: Probably not. Probably not. He's -- he's a --
20 I don't know -- private person. And he usually
21 only shares with his closest family, like his
22 children, his wife. Couple of us sisters. Not
23 too many of us, but, yeah.

24 DARIA BOYARCHUK: Okay.

25 EMILY PAUL: Yeah.

1 DARIA BOYARCHUK: Is there anything else that you would like
2 to share with us, to share with the commissioners,
3 anything you want to talk maybe about your sister
4 to leave a positive -- a positive moment, a
5 positive memory of your sister perhaps or anything
6 else? If ...

7 EMILY PAUL: I don't know. There is so much going through
8 my mind.

9 DARIA BOYARCHUK: Okay.

10 EMILY PAUL: You know, how -- like how can you stop the bad
11 treatment that the native people are getting, you
12 know? How can you stop that? How can they stop
13 it? They are not babies, they can't be watched 24
14 hours. They took an oath. Why is it when it
15 comes to different race, their minds go blank? I
16 don't understand that. I really don't.

17 And then to me I was talking the other day
18 with a friend of mine who lost a niece. And
19 because we talk a lot her and I, because I know
20 what she is going through and she knows what I go
21 through. And we do a lot of traveling together.
22 I think we are like a support team for each,
23 right. And she said, you know, she said, "Em, it
24 is so crazy like how he got 25 years to life. You
25 don't see that anymore." Which is true. And then

1 I told her and the thing is I don't know if
2 anybody ever noticed is when Native women kill
3 another Native woman they get nothing. Six years
4 tops. Like what's the difference? If you kill
5 somebody, man or woman, if you are a man or a
6 women, what is the difference? Why should the
7 female get less than the male? It makes no
8 sense. Like our loved ones aren't going to be
9 walking on the streets in six years, but damn
10 those people are coming out. And we are going to
11 have to see them walking on the streets, living
12 their lives, having children. Not ours. Like --

13 DARIA BOYARCHUK: This is something that you noticed in the
14 last how many years would you say, this change in
15 the -- in how -- in how the Natives are treated?

16 EMILY PAUL: There is -- to me am I happy he got 25 years to
17 life? Sure, I am happy. But it is going to be
18 that day heaven forbid that he walks out of that
19 prison. And he is -- mark my words, I can picture
20 this happening that I'm going to be home, he is
21 going to knock on my door and ask for
22 forgiveness. It's not going to happen. I will
23 never, never forgive him. I don't know what I
24 would do, but I can see it. I can see that man
25 standing on my step. What's going to happen?

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1 DARIA BOYARCHUK: What do you think is going to happen?

2 EMILY PAUL: I don't know. I don't know. I think about it

3 all the time. I know -- he has got no remorse.

4 He never showed any in court. So he -- like I

5 don't know. He is -- he is off balance. He is

6 going to come.

7 DARIA BOYARCHUK: Do you have insecurity when --

8 EMILY PAUL: Oh, no.

9 DARIA BOYARCHUK: Okay.

10 EMILY PAUL: No, no. I have my boys and they are big boys.

11 They will protect their mother. I have sisters

12 that are crazy. No.

13 DARIA BOYARCHUK: I think your family has -- with the story

14 that you have shared today I feel that you have a

15 very tight knit family that will protect each

16 other.

17 EMILY PAUL: Yeah.

18 DARIA BOYARCHUK: And will help each feel more safe.

19 EMILY PAUL: M'hm.

20 DARIA BOYARCHUK: Well, thank you.

21 EMILY PAUL: You're welcome.

22 DARIA BOYARCHUK: Thank you very much. I have something for

23 you to share and to thank you for being here.

24 EMILY PAUL: I could be an emotional wreck here.

25 DARIA BOYARCHUK: It's all good.

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1 DAWN FRANCIS: That's what I am here for.

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3 (PROCEEDINGS ADJOURNED AT 1:35 P.M.)

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