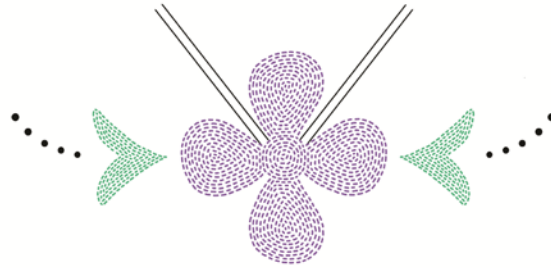


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1 Upon commencing at 1:48 p.m.

2 **MS. SHEILA MAZHARI:** Hello, my name is Sheila
3 Mazhari and I'm with the National Inquiry into Missing and
4 Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls. It's November 30,
5 2017, we are in Maliotenam, Quebec, and I'm speaking with
6 Doris Fontaine from Uashat.

7 **MS. DORIS FONTAINE:** Uashat.

8 **MS. SHEILA MAZHARI:** Uashat. And the other
9 person here with us is Kathleen McKenzie, and your
10 testimony will be videotaped. Do you agree to this?

11 **MS. DORIS FONTAINE:** Yes.

12 **MS. SHEILA MAZHARI:** Yes. OK. So, you may
13 introduce yourself when you're ready.

14 **MS. DORIS FONTAINE:** OK. My name is Doris
15 Fontaine and I'm from Uashat. I went to residential school
16 when I was around 5 years old. I remember when we got on
17 the bus from Sept-Îles to Malio. There was Brother André—he
18 used to always hit us like this. I cried each time he did
19 that to me, and my sister [Sister 3] would ask, "Why are
20 you crying?" And I'd say that I didn't like it when the
21 brother hits us like that (inaudible). I cried and I cried
22 and I couldn't tell my father. My father wouldn't have
23 believed that about a priest. He would've said... My father
24 was pretty authoritarian and a believer. One time, I was
25 crying—I cried every time— and I remember one time we slept

1 at the residential school, there was a storm, I heard
2 the... There was... The girls were shaved because of the
3 lice. Everyone cried. I cried. That was the only time I
4 slept at the residential school, and when I got a... I told
5 my sister... My sister all the time. I cried all the time
6 and they told my father. And my father, he... We went to
7 the bush, that's where I was taught, and he protected me
8 there. I was with my mother, I was little. I was probably
9 around 6, and I appreciated what my father did. Because I
10 was abused, too, you know, and that's it. Anyway, I'm glad
11 my father was there and saw the problem. And we didn't get
12 abused, in my family. When I went back to school at Marie-
13 Immaculée, I experienced racism and... Oh! My God, it was
14 so tough, and... My God! I didn't accept myself as an
15 Indian because of Canada's history. The Indians are like
16 this, like that. They used to scalp people. When I went to
17 school with White people, they used to beat us up. I
18 remember one day, when I went back to school, to Immaculée,
19 I was walking and a boy I remember, [Boy], pushed me head
20 first into the snow. I could barely breathe. There was a
21 lot of racism from my teachers, too, and even the school
22 principals. When we were late, there was a lineup for the
23 Innu and they had to let the Whites go first, anyway... We
24 could see the principal was mean, and he was obviously an
25 alcoholic. He had a ruler like this, and he would hit us

1 with it and... So yeah, elementary school was difficult for
2 me. There was a lot of racism. I was called a Kawish, and I
3 didn't understand what that meant, and obviously that's how
4 they treated us. At any rate, there was a lot of racism
5 here. Especially here, at Sept-Îles, I learned a long time
6 ago that there was more racism here because of the Oblates
7 that came here. And that's it, it was hard for me at
8 school, and... I also remember when... Anyway, I remember
9 when I wanted to go live in town for high school. I told my
10 father that I didn't like Sept-Îles, that there was too
11 much racism. So I was sent to Rivière-du-Loup, which is
12 where Father Châteauneuf was with Louise (inaudible). And I
13 left with one of my friends, Emma, (speaking in an
14 Indigenous language), and there were nuns. Father would
15 always send me a box of chips because he owned a
16 convenience store. There were chips, chocolates, cigarettes
17 and money, and the nuns only gave me four cigarettes a day.
18 I don't know what they did with my money and the rest. But
19 they would give me my chips and my chocolate. And I
20 remember one day, we were like... The White people didn't
21 like us, and a nun once, anyway... I said, "Stop it right
22 there! What is this?" And they locked me up upstairs for a
23 week, like a prisoner. They gave me food and I would watch
24 the others play and... Oh boy! So yeah, I found it hard
25 because we experienced so much racism. Even today, I

1 remember-I still remember to this day. I was glad when I
2 got back, and I told my father that I wouldn't go back. I
3 didn't dare tell him the truth either, about how they took
4 my cigarettes and all that. And he said... When I got home,
5 my father was there with his little store, and my mother
6 and my sister, and I went to my room and cried. After that,
7 after Christmas, he told me I should go back to Rivière-du-
8 Loup. I told him I didn't want to go back.

9 He said, "No, you chose this, you have to go."

10 So I went back and finished the year. But the principal was
11 incredibly racist. There were good ones and bad ones,
12 and... And when I gave birth to my first son, at 21, the
13 [Doctor] had (speaking Innu).

14 **MS. KATHLEEN MCKENZIE:** (speaking Innu)
15 Interns.

16 **MS. DORIS FONTAINE:** Interns.

17 **MS. KATHLEEN MCKENZIE:** Doctors.

18 **MS. DORIS FONTAINE:** Yes. And I had a tear,
19 and they're the ones who (inaudible).

20 **MS. KATHLEEN MCKENZIE:** They stitched it up.

21 **MS. DORIS FONTAINE:** Yes, and it tore and I
22 stayed there for a month, and it made me feel like a guinea
23 pig. So I stayed in the hospital for a month, and my
24 partner and I had split up. It was hard. And...

1 My mother was a pretty good mother. I loved her. My father
2 was also a pretty good father; he never hit me. He always
3 encouraged me: "Doris, you have to go to school! Do this,
4 do that..." He had his convenience store in the back:
5 "Doris, you're the one who's going to get the store. I
6 don't trust the others." Anyway, I inherited a lot from my
7 father, it was... His religion; being loving to... To
8 not... Respecting elders, and all that... Giving food to
9 the hungry. Because that's what he used to do. One time, my
10 doctor told me I had (speaking Innu)... What diseases do
11 you go to a sanatorium for?

12 **MS. KATHLEEN MCKENZIE:** Lung diseases,
13 tuberculosis...

14 **MS. DORIS FONTAINE:** Yes. My doctor said,
15 "You have tuberculosis, we have to do a week." Not that. A
16 nurse told me... She gave me my food like this. I was so
17 angry: wait until you come back... Another time, she came
18 back and I said, "Go away! I don't want to see you here
19 anymore!" And she left. I'm a human being. And anyway,
20 another nurse came, and she was nice and young, and she
21 asked me if I wanted to play cards with her. We played
22 cards and I enjoyed it. The doctor was wrong, I didn't even
23 have that, he kept me there for no reason. And he would
24 pump me full of sleeping meds. I used those for a long time
25 after that, my God, I've only recently been able to give up

1 sleeping pills. And I went to the surgeon, and oh boy he
2 really didn't like Indians. (speaking Innu)

3 **MS. KATHLEEN MCKENZIE:** [Name of surgeon].

4 **MS. DORIS FONTAINE:** [Name of surgeon]! I saw
5 him once and I asked, "Can I get an appointment in Québec
6 City? I want to check up on my tear." He said, "Stop it,
7 we're the ones paying taxes and everything!" I cried. I
8 left, got in my car and cried. Why? He was racist. And
9 after... I experienced a lot of racism and it was hard...
10 And, of course, my husband was physically abusive. He
11 wasn't around when my son was born. He drank and partied...
12 One time, when my son was 8 months old and I was dating
13 another guy, my mother yelled... We went to the other house
14 (speaking Innu).

15 **MS. KATHLEEN MCKENZIE:** (speaking Innu)

16 **MS. DORIS FONTAINE:** My mother yelled,
17 "Doris, come see! Your boyfriend is here." I'm in love with
18 the other guy who's there, he's a singer (inaudible). So I
19 said, "I'll see you a bit later." I went home. He was
20 crying and I wanted to tell him that it wasn't a good time
21 to cry. He was crying because I was in love with another
22 guy. But he wasn't in my life at that time. When a woman's
23 pregnant, she wants her boyfriend to stick around. And
24 that's it. Anyway, I lived with him and... Oh my God! He
25 always wanted to lock me up. He was a guy from Pessamit,

1 and one time we went to Pessamit. We drank during the day,
2 my sister, my brother-in-law, my husband and his sister. So
3 I went to get some fries and one of my ex-boyfriends was
4 there. He was happy to see me. "Hi Doris," he said. "How
5 are you doing?" And my husband saw us, we weren't doing
6 anything bad, but when we got home, it was dark, and he
7 started beating me up, and he had a knife. He took the
8 knife and tore my bra. So I said, "[Ex-husband], I love
9 you. Stop." He let go of the knife, and my mother-in-law
10 could hear us from downstairs and she told her son [Ex-
11 husband's brother] to go see his brother. But when I
12 finished... When he was done beating me, he said, "Go on!
13 It's your turn now." So it was my turn alright, I punched
14 him twice and the next day I found out he had a black eye.
15 He asked for it.

16 **MS. SHEILA MAZHARI:** Huh-uh.

17 **MS. DORIS FONTAINE:** My mother-in-law was
18 there, and I asked her if she wanted to know what had been
19 going on upstairs. I told her that he had a knife.

20 "Where is the knife?"

21 I went upstairs and she called the police. A Mr. Picard
22 showed up. A police officer showed up and said, "Doris,
23 what happened?" And all that. "Do you want to file a
24 complaint?" It was the first time someone used a knife
25 against me. But of course, I didn't want him to end up in

1 jail. So I said no. I didn't want to file a complaint. I
2 refused and my mother-in-law got mad. The police officer
3 left, and I said to my mother-in-law, "He's outside now,
4 with a suitcase and..." I asked my mother-in-law, "Do you
5 want me to go get him? We'll go sleep upstairs." She said
6 yes. We went upstairs. He was outside with his big
7 suitcase, and we went upstairs and... Then I... When I went
8 to Pessamit, he didn't want to let me go out; I had to stay
9 in the house. He would go out, and I got fed up and said,
10 "I can't do this, you make me stay in while you go out with
11 friends and everything." He kept trying to get me to marry
12 him, but I always said no, because when you get married...
13 Well, I see it as "I belong to him." Because he started
14 beating me after we got married and... He really abused me
15 verbally and psychologically... It was really... I remember
16 one time (inaudible), I wasn't doing anything, he came in
17 while my mother was in the little room. He beat me and held
18 me up against the wall and the children started hitting
19 him. They said, (Speaking in an Indigenous language) "Let
20 go of our mother!" And when my mother came out of her room
21 she said, "Leave my daughter alone!" He told her to shut up
22 and go home. I started crying and said, "[Ex-husband],
23 that's my mother!" And after that, I remember that a few
24 months later, things were bad in the mornings, too. I went
25 to see my mother and asked her if I could stay with her

1 because things were bad at home and he was beating me.
2 "No," she said. "You're married, for better or worse. You
3 have to go with him."
4 That's how they were with their religion, you couldn't...
5 get divorced or... I think that if my father had been there
6 he would have said, "Get rid of him." And that's it.
7 Another time, when I was living on [Street 1], he went out
8 with friends and he came to the apartment while I was
9 sleeping. He set the blankets on fire; he wanted to set me
10 on fire. I was falling asleep, and I saw him pouring water.
11 He's such a jerk, I thought, and I was scared of him.
12 Another time, on [Street 2], he tried to suffocate me with
13 a pillow. There was a baseball tournament, and I cheated on
14 him with a guy there, a young guy. I said, "[Ex-husband],
15 I'll be honest with you, I kissed a guy, but I didn't sleep
16 with him." He went straight to the Les Deux Poivrots pub,
17 and I knew what was going to happen. I stayed there, and he
18 tried to suffocate me with a pillow. I almost died, my God,
19 I was crying. He let go of the pillow. At one point, I had
20 had enough, and I went back to the Tipinuaikan shelter for
21 abused women, and that's where I learned how to get out of
22 violent situations. They helped me a lot. I remember one
23 time, when my son was around 9 and my daughter was around
24 11 and my other daughter was around 4. I said to my son,
25 "Go downstairs, look after your little sister, I have to

1 go."

2 He asked why.

3 I said that I thought that his father was coming. He was
4 going to be coming from the pub, and I had to get out of
5 there. I went outside, and he was there. He asked where I
6 was going. I told him I was going somewhere. He was
7 completely drunk. So I went to my sister's [Sister 1], and
8 the next day I got a call at my sister's place, and she
9 said, "I don't know, she's here." And that she didn't know
10 anything. I could tell that something had happened, and I
11 asked [Sister 1] what was going on. She told me my house
12 had burned down. I started crying and asking where my
13 children were. She said they were at Caroline's. So I went
14 to the house, and my son had gone to the private institute
15 and my daughter was at Caroline's. I went in the house, it
16 was all dark, and I was crying and crying. I looked around
17 the house, went downstairs, and I could see my husband's
18 hand prints. He was lying there, all black. Anyway, I told
19 myself, "I'm done with this. You have to stop at a certain
20 point." I chose to divorce him. That was enough violence,
21 and my children even experienced some stuff. It's like my
22 son told me, it was traumatic for him because he's the one
23 who saved his father. He had made fries. He probably made
24 fries. My son thought he was eating chips, then he went
25 upstairs and it was the fryer. He carried his dad to the

1 door. He would talk about it all the time. I said, "Look,
2 please forgive me. I had to get out of there." And today,
3 he understands a bit better, because we all went through
4 *Aptitudes* therapy, and all that. And he understands a bit
5 more. And I got divorced about 13 years ago. We get back
6 together from time to time, and it starts off OK, but then
7 he starts... He tries to control me... Sometimes he even
8 got jealous when I went to Alcoholics Anonymous meetings.
9 One time, I got home at 11:30 p.m.; I used to play slot
10 machines back then. I got home at 11:30 p.m. "Where did you
11 just come from?"

12 "Geez, it's only 11:30!"

13 He said, "It's 11:30!"

14 So I said, "Calm down! It's not 3:30 in the morning and I'm
15 not drunk! So don't try controlling me!" I went to my room.
16 I was (speaking in an Indigenous language). I used to swear
17 sometimes! But not here. (Laughs). But at least, I told
18 myself, "At least, I didn't..." I was so scared of him, at
19 one point I told myself, "I'm going to defend myself!" So I
20 defended myself, and at one point, he was scared of me.

21 When I beat him up once, he was the one who was afraid of
22 me. So I was afraid of him and he was afraid of me. We had
23 gone to court and the judge had told him not to contact me,
24 not to call me and uh... Not to beat me. And I'd like to
25 say that to people, to battered women: "Goddammit! Get out

1 of there!" At any rate, I got out of there, you (inaudible)
2 because there were police officers. I went through therapy
3 called: *Flame on the wall*. I was a battered woman, and my
4 sister and I did a type of sketch. My sister had also been
5 a victim of domestic violence. We danced and well, Tina
6 Turner is beautiful and she's a good singer. After the
7 sketch, people asked us: "Do you know about Tina
8 Turner?" Yes, she's beautiful and a good singer. Well, no,
9 I'm a woman, a battered woman. Then we started crying. We
10 didn't know that about her, and my sister escaped that kind
11 of violence as well. Not long ago, I got back together with
12 my husband, and my house burned down last year, and he
13 said... I went home on May 5, and he had said, "If you come
14 home, I'll buy you a car." OK. So I went home. And I said,
15 "Buy me a \$2,000-\$3,000 car, that'll do it for me." But
16 him, he makes empty promises, so I asked where the car
17 was. He said, "Oh! You can wait!" I was livid. So then, the
18 last time, two weeks ago, he said, "Where are you going?"
19 - Well, geez! Live and let live! Give me a break! I don't
20 ask you when you go out...
21 Sometimes he goes hunting, or he goes to Montreal, to
22 Pessamit, to the Galeries. I don't ask him where he's
23 going. He can go where he pleases. So then, I said, "Stop
24 controlling me. You're always trying to control me!" He
25 said, "Oh, OK! I'll take my clothes."

1 "So take your clothes!" I said.

2 I think he wanted me to beg him to stay. I'm so happy he's
3 gone now! That's what I want to say to women who are
4 abused: "You can get out of the violence, too." Because
5 it's psychological as well, and he always used to tell me
6 that I was good for nothing and that sort of stuff. "You
7 can't even buy yourself a car!" I told him to stop, and
8 he's not in my life at the moment, and I feel good. So
9 that's it, I don't know where I'm going now. I'm going to
10 stop a bit. Yes.

11 **MS. SHEILA MAZHARI:** Yes.

12 **MS. DORIS FONTAINE:** Yes, because I don't
13 know what else to say.

14 **MS. SHEILA MAZHARI:** Would you like to take a
15 break?

16 **MS. DORIS FONTAINE:** Yes.

17 **MS. KATHLEEN MCKENZIE:** You want to take a
18 break?

19 **MS. DORIS FONTAINE:** OK. Earlier I was
20 telling you about (speaking Innu).

21 **MS. KATHLEEN MCKENZIE:** Water purification?

22 **MS. DORIS FONTAINE:** (Speaking Innu). They
23 installed a water purification plant because there's shit-
24 we used to have a lovely beach at Uashat. Then the White

1 people set that up. And we can't go swimming, it's
2 frustrating. I remember there was Dominique Michel with
3 Denise Filiatrault, and many other people-actresses and
4 singers. Anyway, it was great fun. Anyway, White people
5 introduced that, once again. It frustrates me when that
6 happens, and they did that about thirty years ago. That's
7 frustrating. And...

8 **MS. KATHLEEN MCKENZIE:** (Speaking in an
9 Indigenous language)

10 **MS. DORIS FONTAINE:** Huh-uh. And the aluminum
11 plant, the dams, too. At any rate, it's true, you know,
12 they destroy our land and we take care of our land. We have
13 to protect our mother earth. The White man dumps his
14 garbage, come one. Behind our place, there's a White man
15 who puts his garbage behind our place. I went to see him,
16 and said: "Pick up your garbage. You can't dump your
17 garbage there just because I'm an Indian." He had a
18 convertible car, if you think that... He didn't dump his
19 garbage there. When I get attacked, for example, it's too
20 bad, because I suffered enough when I was young. I won't go
21 through that again today. I also remember when I used to
22 drink, in bars... Oh my God! There was so much violence:
23 Indians against Whites, the waiters. The waiters
24 especially, they were always against the Whites. And
25 anyway, there were fights every evening. But I would always

1 leave. I was so scared of violence. I used to always leave
2 and I still... I witnessed the violence, but I was never
3 abused that way. But of course, what I said earlier about
4 the White people, for sure. But, oh my God, it was bad, and
5 even in restaurants. At Chez Paul, I would look at the
6 others, they were eating, and the other was being served.
7 There was a waitress who threw sauce at a woman from
8 Schefferville, and I thought to myself, "Wow! What was that
9 about?" It was so racist! And they always used to serve
10 White people before us. And that's how it was... At any
11 rate... Like I said, I was so ashamed to be an Indian. Now
12 I'm proud to be an Indian. And wow. I think, "Wow!" And I
13 love myself. And I've seen things more clearly since I've
14 been sober. Isn't it funny? I was talking to Robert Cintra
15 and (inaudible) she worked there, too. And my therapy
16 circles, too, they've helped me stay away from alcohol and
17 drugs. You say... I had a dream. I said to Robert, "I
18 dreamed that I was at home and there were elders on rocking
19 chairs, smoking a pipe, and there were rocks. I was 7 and I
20 was looking at them. But I didn't know what they were
21 saying. I was looking at them, and they were talking to
22 each other." So Robert said, "Why didn't you follow
23 them?" I said, "It's a dream!" He thought that at 7 I
24 had... But still, my father used to have people over when
25 there was mass at 7 p.m. He would feed the children and we

1 would bring them... My father was the first Indian to have
2 a car and he would drive the children to the Immaculée
3 school. Anyway, he made porridge and it was fun. I enjoyed
4 it. And those are my visions. There was an earthquake here
5 not long ago. One week earlier, I dreamed that my aunt
6 Philomène Gadbois was there in front of me, and Suzanne
7 McKenzie, and I was sitting there. I saw it, it looked like
8 a tornado, and I said to Philomène: "Philomène, look,
9 there's a tornado over there!" Suzanne kept talking, but I
10 wasn't listening. I told them to stop and look over
11 there. We looked over, and went outside (inaudible). A week
12 later, there was a torna... An earthquake, here, in Uashat.
13 You know! Hey! I said, "Wow!" I didn't want to feel the
14 earthquake, I was leaving the (inaudible). And then I left
15 and I heard a noise: boom in... It was like, I don't know
16 what. I thought that there were trucks in... Tractors...
17 And I saw someone else, a guy who had abused his niece, and
18 I wanted to go there and say, "Forgive me for saying that."
19 He was there, stiff as a board, I think... I wondered if he
20 was scared of me or something. So I went over to see, and
21 he went over there. Well, what is it? It's an earthquake. I
22 thought he was afraid of me. He's going this way
23 (laughs)... It's funny how, sometimes, I... Anyway, it's a
24 good thing God is in my life. I found my brother who
25 committed suicide. One of my sisters was with me; we went

1 home, and everything was broken, like the TV. And I told
2 [Sister 1] to go downstairs. I wasn't expecting that. I
3 went to see [Sister 2] in time, we wanted to get the keys,
4 and [Sister 2] said, "You're going to tell us what's going
5 on?" I said yes. Then we went with [Sister 1], we did all
6 that. And [Sister 1] told me to go downstairs. I wasn't
7 expecting that, because my brother Abraham would always
8 have his headphones on and smoke pot. So then, I went
9 downstairs. And then, there was light in his bed, but he
10 wasn't there. I called his name. He wasn't there. So then,
11 I turned around, and he was there, kneeling. I said,
12 "Abraham! What are you doing? Are you praying?" Then I saw
13 the... uh...

14 **MS. KATHLEEN MCKENZIE:** (Speaking in an
15 Indigenous language)

16 **MS. DORIS FONTAINE:** No, not the rope, but
17 the TV, the TV cable. I started crying. I said, "[Sister
18 1], go upstairs! I don't want you to see this! Call the
19 police and [Sister 2]." I was in shock; I couldn't even
20 move. I went upstairs, and... My God! I thought I was going
21 to go crazy and... It's a good thing Daniel Descent was in
22 my life. Because my sister had said, "Let's go to the
23 Galleries!" We wandered around the Galleries, looking around,
24 and I said, "[Sister 1], come on, I'm leaving." She asked
25 me why. I said that I didn't like the way I was being

1 looked at. I thought they were thinking, "Oh! That's the
2 girl who found her brother!" I didn't like that. I would've
3 liked if they said, "Oh! Good luck!" You know. So we went
4 to the Council, the death notice was there, and I saw
5 Danielle and started crying. Shee asked what was wrong. I
6 told her that I had found my brother after he hung himself.
7 She told me to cry if I wanted to and to not worry about
8 anyone else.

9 I cried and howled. That made me feel better, and you know,
10 when I, anyway...

11 When someone is feeling suicidal, I tell them, "Call me!
12 Call me!" Because I'm an educator! "Call me!" A battered
13 woman came to my place the other week. Goddammit, she had
14 swollen lips, a bump here and she was hurt there. I told
15 her, "I don't want you to go back there; he's going to beat
16 you again. You're going to sleep here!" She said, "Sure,
17 fine." She could barely move, and she took a shower. The
18 next day, she said, "I'm going to get some help... I'm
19 going to the hospital." I said OK. And there were other
20 people who called me to (inaudible). And anyway: "Thank you
21 for being in my life Doris, and all that." I like helping
22 people who are in difficulty because I've also been
23 suicidal. When I lost my father, my mother was at home, I
24 was pregnant, and I saw my mother crying, "William!

1 William!" My father was dead, and I didn't want to see her
2 suffer. I said... I was a little inebriated, too; we had
3 just come back from vacation. So then, I said to my mother,
4 "Do you have Tylenol? I have a headache." I knew she had
5 plenty of pills. The doctor prescribed sleeping pills for
6 her because she had diabetes. So I mixed them up with
7 syrup. And I went to my room, locked the door and took a
8 sip: bam! I fell asleep and I was unconscious and uh...
9 [Sister 4] knocked the door down. Police Officer Pinette,
10 another Pinette, not... Anyway, he brought me to the
11 hospital, and I was conscious then, at the hospital. They
12 gave me a shot, and I could see my clothes. I took my
13 clothes. I went to leave. The nurse said, "Where are you
14 going, Ms. Fontaine?"

15 "Home," I said.

16 "No!" he said.

17 He put me back in my room and gave me another shot, there,
18 I was on the second floor at that point. Then he asked,
19 "Ms. Fontaine, do you want an abortion?"

20 "No!" I said.

21 "Well, why do you want to commit suicide?" he asked.

22 "Because of my mother," I said, "she's grieving, and I
23 didn't want to see her suffer." And on top of that I was

1 pregnant, and I wanted my husband, my boyfriend who wasn't
2 there. You experience some pretty intense things, and I've
3 got to say...

4 There's also the time when I was pregnant with my daughter,
5 and there was a baseball tournament here, in Malio, and my
6 house burned down. It's like, hmm... The girl from... We
7 went to Rivière-du-Loup with her, her house... Her
8 apartment burned down with her boyfriend. They died. My
9 husband was here; I thought he was going to come back to
10 Uashat. He got back on Monday, once his weekend was over,
11 and I gave him a good kick. I said, "Go away! Your weekend
12 is over and now you come here? No, go away!" That man made
13 me suffer so much and... No... That's it for me, and I'd
14 like to thank the people who helped me in my... Like her,
15 she works at the Centre Tipinuaikan, there's Robert Saint-
16 Onge, plenty of people, Danielle Descent, plenty of people
17 from... Who took care of (inaudible), and I did as well.
18 And of course, AA, I go to meetings all the time. Not all
19 the time, I drank for two years, but I go Mondays and
20 Fridays, that's enough. And that's it, thank you very much
21 for...

22 **MS. SHEILA MAZHARI:** Thank you.

23 **MS. DORIS FONTAINE:** It was my pleasure to
24 share my testimony and I said to the women, "Go on! Do what

1 I did! Denounce your husbands and you'll be OK, you'll be
2 happy!" It's good!

3 **MS. SHEILA MAZHARI:** OK. Thank you very much.

4 **MS. DORIS FONTAINE:** Huh! (Inaudible)

5 Upon adjourning at 2:32 p.m.

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LEGAL DICAT-TYPIST'S CERTIFICATE*

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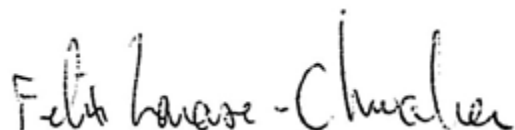
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Félix Larose-Chevalier, August 25, 2018.

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