

Statutory Declaration

I [REDACTED]

(Name, first name, address, birth date)

I do solemnly declare that,

I solemnly declare, meeting with Annick Wylde, investigation agent from the Public Inquiry Commission on Relations between Indigenous Peoples and Certain Public Services, on September 4, 2018, in [REDACTED]

Q1: What service do you want to speak about today?

A1: I used to be a police [REDACTED]. At first, I was working for [REDACTED] I was with the [REDACTED] I was hired in [REDACTED] and I was a police woman for 10 years and 11 months. Mostly, I worked alone here in [REDACTED] and sometimes I would do replacement in another community, replacing a police officer. So when I was asked to go to [REDACTED] I was asked to replace one of the constables. I worked there for about 2 weeks even though I don't really know the people in [REDACTED] but I went there anyway. It was hard.

One evening, I remember [REDACTED] asked me to work the whole night alone with no backup, with no partner. I found it hard, working alone because I didn't know where to go, I didn't know the people there. But I did work all night, I tried to do my very best. Maybe around 6:00 AM, I was so tired that I accidentally fell asleep. Then I heard the walkie-talkies mentioning my name and I woke up then I drove back to the police station.

[REDACTED] was very upset at me because I had fallen asleep after I worked hard all night. I told him "I'm sorry, I tried my best to do a good job". Then he said "How come you're a police [REDACTED] when you're a [REDACTED] You're a [REDACTED] and you still try to be a police [REDACTED] I answered "Well, I was hired to be a police [REDACTED] for [REDACTED] I wanted to be a police officer." He said he was going to give me a choice: either I resign for being a police [REDACTED] or he was going to fire me. So I was upset about that. So I asked him "Why do you want to fire me? And why did you let me work all night long in this big community of [REDACTED] I thought I was going to have another constable, not just being alone." He said again "Either you quit or I'm going to fire you." So I thought maybe if I quit, he will be easier on me but he left me no choice and that wasn't right. When [REDACTED] told me how come a [REDACTED] like is working alone in [REDACTED], I told him "No one wants to be a police

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officer. I work the best way I was trained. I work very hard and I'm on call 24/7. I never had any day off since I was the only police in [REDACTED]. I really needed a partner and that's why I fell asleep that morning. So I did apologize to [REDACTED] and he said he was going to give me a last chance to choose between resigning or being fired. So I quit being a police officer in October 2000.

I've worked as a police officer for 10 years. Mostly, I've worked for 6 years alone and during one of those years, a policeman from down south worked here for 2 years. So at least, I had a partner for 2 years and then he was transferred somewhere else. And then I've been alone again, with no co-worker.

Q2: Did you have a training with the [REDACTED] ?

A2: Yes, I went to Nicolet 4 times. Then I graduated from the police training in [REDACTED]

Q3: How did you feel when you were working alone?

A3 It was very hard and tough, very stressful too. Especially when I put my life in danger, working alone with no co-worker.

I asked my superior to have a backup but they would tell me [REDACTED] is a small town, you can work alone." But now, here in [REDACTED] they do have 2 or 3 constables. So that wasn't when I didn't have any co-worker. My schedule was 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, with no holidays.

Q4: Did you work after [REDACTED] made you choose between resigning or getting fired?

A4: I think I worked one more month and then I decided to quit. I wasn't comfortable being a police [REDACTED] hen I was told either to quit or to resign.

Q5: How was it with the [REDACTED] ?

A5: It was hard too.

Q6: Who was your superior at that time, at the [REDACTED] ?

A6: My supervisors were [REDACTED] I don't remember the rest.

Whe [REDACTED] told me "You're a [REDACTED] how come you want to be a police officer? You're [REDACTED] people can beat you up" He wasn't too polite towards me.

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Q7: How did you feel when he said that?

A7: I felt small. In the first place, I didn't even apply for that job. When I was asked by one of the police if I wanted to be a police [REDACTED] for this town, at first I said "No, I'm too scared. I don't want to be a police [REDACTED]" And my parents they said no. But th [REDACTED] said I had no choice since there were no police here in [REDACTED]. So I feel like I was forced to be a police [REDACTED]. Even though I have refused many times, they made me a police officer, since they found nobody else. So I was stocked with it and I feel like it wasn't right to be forced to do something you don't want to do.

Right now, there's good police officers and they don't work alone anymore. They have backup, co-workers so they're luckier besides me.

Q8: Did you feel racism or discrimination from your superior?

A8: Yes, I felt small and it was a really awkward feeling. Why did they forced me to be a police [REDACTED] when I'm a [REDACTED], giving me no choice?

Q7: What would you like to change about the police officers?

A7: They should not force someone to be a police. That wasn't right. It wasn't my plan to be a police [REDACTED] but I was stocked with and I tried my very best to be a good constable. I was only 20-21 years old when they asked me to be a police officer.

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