

Statutory Declaration

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I do solemnly declare that,

I solemnly declare, meeting with Annick Wylde, investigation agent from the Viens Inquiry, on May  2018, in  .

Q1: You want to speak about which services today?

A1: The health sector. The event happened in 2011. I was having stomach ache. When I went to the clinic, the nurse just gave me the pain killers and after that I went back, the pain killers didn't really work so they had to inject the pain killers with the needle. I kept puking, and when I was puking it was from the cold bladder. By the time it was like that, my husband was gone to Kuujuuaq along with my second daughter; my second daughter was having her tonsils removed, and I could not be with my daughter, my husband had to follow to Kuujuuaq. When they came back, my husband had to bring me to the clinic again, and they only gave me the pain killers and the injection. That was the only thing they gave me. The real problem was that the cold bladder was already damaged, that's why I kept puking and puking, and I want this service to be evaluated. More evaluations needs to be done, and to be more precise (on) how to take care (of) a person with a stomach ache. They don't even look into what is really happening, they only give out the pain killers and that's about it. I have more to say about this.

For the past two years, I've been having another stomach ache. First of all, I thought it was the cold bladder, but it's another pain. Every time I go to the clinic, my pain is always there, constantly, and they always give me some pain killers. Finally this year they brought me to Montreal; when they brought me to Montreal they finally explained because I was put to ICU. When I got there they finally looked into my stomach, où il y a l'ovule, son utérus, il y avait de l'infection et c'était rapetissé aussi. When my uterus got smaller, now I know why I have that pain. I was prescribed with some other medicine along with the pain killers, and that helps about eighty percent of my pain, but the pain is always there.

By the time I went to the hospital in Montreal, I saw my doctor, and the doctor was there and there was a lot of other patients. That young doctor took me to a room where there is no light, a very dark room.

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That young doctor asked me: “Why are you here? For what reason are you here?” that’s what the doctor asked me. I said: “You’re the one who is supposed to tell me why I am here. I want to know why I have these pains, it is your duty to tell me what is wrong with me. I don’t want to be here and be asked why I am here, it’s you that has to tell me why I am here”. That’s how it happened.

This has been about me, now it’s about my son, the one who died, the one who got murdered. Last year, he got hit by a truck.

Q2: Last year, 2017?

A2: Yes. He was in a coma, for fifteen days he was in a coma in ICU. I prayed for him, on the sixteenth floor. While I was praying for him every day by touching him, for him to be healed, a lot of patients were there too in the ICU. The first time I saw two white women, they came to me and told me – my daughter was here, every time we went to, me and my daughter went in... [REDACTED] and my son is [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Q3: Date of birth?

A3: [REDACTED], he died at almost nineteen. The whole family wanted to be there but the regulations are two visitors at a time at the ICU department. Two white women came to me: “Do you want your son to die?” that was the question of the two ladies. That was awkward, that was really weird when they walked into the room. They walked away, and I followed them where they went. I lost them. My husband and my sons, I went to them in the waiting room and told them: “Do you want your son to die?” I was in shock because I was asked by two white women.

Q4: Were they the employees of the hospital?

A4: I don’t know, I tried to follow them but they were gone. They walked fast and I couldn’t keep up with them. They walked away.

Q5: Which hospital was that?

A5: CHUM, the new hospital.

Q6: In Montreal?

A6: Yes. On the sixteenth floor. This is done for the health sector.

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Q7: I know that you said you wanted to speak about health, social services, correctional, justice?

A7: Social services. There are a lot of people in pain in this town. I hold so many things ever since I lost my son, I held back so many things. I have a wisdom, I keep the wisdom in me. I want to help other people, they need help too. I'm not that good, but I know I want to help. I want to help, I need to find a job where I can help other people. I know I cannot rescue so many people, but at least I can help. I have a desire to help; I don't have any diplomas, even if I don't have one I want an open job where I can help other people.

I know there is a lot of young children that are being molested; when they finally reach into adulthood, they can finally reach out for help. I myself am a victim, I can talk about it. It used to hurt a lot; I want to help others. I recognise the hurt in them, knowing that I've been there too. That's one of the things that I've always wanted to say.

Q8: I know it's hard to make a complaint against the abuser, but it's never too late to press charges against an abuser.

A8: For the first time when I opened up, I had a friend, a police officer. He let me know that I have a right to speak, "Why are you so nice, and how come you are so quiet? There is something that you want to say, I know that you want to say something", that's what the cop was telling me. I finally opened up that I was molested as a child. The cop had a chance to do what was right and he took him away from the society. I know that I can understand people, I have the wisdom and the knowledge to help others that are going through the same thing as I did.

About justice, the court comes in and it always postpones, and the problem grows too along with it after the postponing. When the court's justice comes along, we know and we see that people need help. Even if it's not care, there are other ways of helping. There are by-laws, there are laws and recollections, they are very capable of doing things here in town because they know how the system works. I cannot direct to anyone: "here are the solutions that I cannot see".

In 1993 my husband went to school in Montreal, we were drinking and I blacked out. When I woke up, I was being raped by the couple. I was breast-feeding. I woke up, and someone, the woman was sucking the milk away, and that lady was giving me a hand-job, and the boyfriend was holding me while the girlfriend was milking me. I reported it to the cops, because I don't know Montreal, it was my first time and I was disoriented. I didn't know where I was, at least someone pick me up. When I got out I wanted to go home, I didn't go how to go home. Then I reported to the cops, because I didn't know where I was going, I had to go back to the place where the couple just raped me. When we appeared in the court, because they said I came back to them, the case was dismissed.

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Q9: And what year was that?

A9: 1993. The woman who did that died not long ago.

Q10: Was it a First Nation couple?

A10: The woman in an Inuk and the boyfriend is a white man or a French man. I want to say something else about the police. Around 2014, when I left my husband, I was mistreated by my husband, and I told him: "I am about to leave you, I'd like to talk to you. I am the mother, I am your wife, I am the mother of your children", but when I tried to approach him he kept saying to me that I was harassing him. When the cop came to my place, his name is [REDACTED], when I called the cops he came to my place. I don't know what happened, what I did; most of my kids had to go to school, and I don't know what happened there but my husband told [REDACTED] to beat me up. The cop beat me up, "I need help, I need help!" I kept calling out for help. My son and my husband, they closed the door on me. When [REDACTED] beat me up, he brought me to the police station. I forgot about the social service worker's name, she came into the police station. [REDACTED] told me, before the social service came in, he told me: "You're going to tell social service that you beat yourself up". That's what he said. I heard, someone told me that [REDACTED] wanted to sleep with my daughter [REDACTED]. My daughter told me so, while [REDACTED] was in town for one month.

This is done. What are the other topics, the institutions?

Q11: Justice, court, health, social services, correctional services. You talked about health, you talked about police officers, justice; social services, correctional services, DYP too.

A11: Social services. I forgot something about social services. While being very young, with a husband and a mother, as long as you live you have to obey your parents, it is written in the law of God. When I got married to my husband, as a young person, life was hard, life hit me, having to obey my mother and being married at a young age. I thought everything that my mother said was all truth, from what I heard and what I see, I thought everything was the whole truth, because I have to obey my mother.

When my mother witnessed, my mother said to me, while my husband was playing with my daughter: «You're husband is playing with your daughter, pretending to have sex". I believed her, and then I went to the social services and gave up all my children, gave away to the social services. They were taken away from me for too long. It really hurts when your children are taken away from you.

Q12: How many years were your children taken away from you?

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A12: More than a year.

Q13: How many kids did you have?

A13: Two, [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]. There are children being taken away and placed in other communities. I understand how hurtful and how hard it is to deal with such a pain that they are going through, knowing that these children can be placed in the same community, instead of sending them away to another community.

There is no more that I can add about this case, this file, this institution.

Q14: You spoke all that you wanted to say?

A14: Yes.

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