

Statutory Declaration

I, Bonspille, Jocelyn, Kahnasatake
(Name, first name, address, birth date)

La présente déclaration statutaire a été présentée par : téléphone
 courriel courrier en personne à monsieur/madame
Jocelyne Bonspille qui nous confirme
que son contenu correspond bel et bien à ce qu'il/qu'elle nous a
rapporté(e) en date du 20 juillet 2018 2018.

I do solemnly declare that, on 2018-07-26

Signature du déclarant : [Signature]
Date : 12 octobre 2018

Q1: You may begin your story?

A1: For me, it's the police, it's the services they provide, its also with the Health and ambulance services. I had in incident with my uncle, he died a few years back, maybe in 2006-2007. He died at home on a Sunday. No one noticed, because he lived alone. However, there is a woman that goes there, we usually take turns on weekends, administering medication into his eyes. He has glaucoma, and he was not able to administer that by himself. So, it was her weekend, when she went there at 6 in the evening to give him his medication, she found him lying on the floor on Sunday afternoon. She called me and then called the police and the ambulance, because he had bodily fluids, already excreciating out because he was there for over 24 hours. He was the last seen with my brother where he brought him to do some grocery shopping. All the items that he bought were still on the table. He must have had a massive heart attack and fall. That is out timeframe.

At this point, the ambulance didn't want to pick him up because it would contaminate the ambulance and it would take too long to clean it, that is understood. Yes and no, because they could have put in a body bag to contain it. So, this went on, and they refused, the police informed me that they will have to call the coroner and he is going to come here and pronounce him dead and transport the body to the hospital.

Q2: Which hospital?

Q2: The St-Eustache hospital. It is about 25 kilometres from our home, about a half an hour drive. So, they called the coroner, the coroner said, "well it should be the ambulance to pick up the body", and the ambulance said otherwise. Anyway, it went back and forth like that, it would take too long to decontaminate the ambulance. He needs to go with the coroner. That's their protocol that the coroner needs to take the body away when that much time has lapsed. This went on for awhile and it was at 10 when they decided to not take the body and it was final, they are not taking the body because they have other calls and they proceeded. I even called the ambulance, which is a local ambulance who is owned by Ronnie Bonspille. It's the aboriginal ambulance service. he explained, I understand, that the body can wait there as there is no urgency to pick up. And if someone is sick, they can contaminate their ambulance, they can't take anyone. So, we waited for the coroner, I don't know why, this is was around 11 pm and but the coroner still hasn't arrived. My uncle is still lying there. And we are still waiting.

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I kept going back and forth and a lot of people were in shock. It was in September, when he passed away, so it was nice enough to crowd around outside. My whole family was also there with me. so, it was around 12 am now and my uncle still wasn't taken. I told police, that they had to do something at this point, as it has been over 6 hours, it's ridiculous and he's still lying there, something needs to be done. We are aware that the ambulance is not coming and wondering where the coroner will be arriving. The police told me that they were still trying to figure out who is going to come and get him and give them more time, maybe people who do the funeral will pick him up. I don't know who makes these arrangements but it's not for us to make these arrangements, we called 911 and when we discovered, and the rest is up to them. Still nothing happened and at this point, my brothers and nephews, stepped up if they don't want to take him, we will take him to the hospital. And after they will make funeral arrangements for the next day.

We told that to the police, we are tired, and we don't know why no one will pick up the body. It was now 2:30 am and no one has still picked him and the police are not able to answer me, and they kept asking for more time. As for a small native community, my nephews, have problems with the law, they have been charged for many things, kind of leery and no one is picking up their poor uncle. We are going to take him and put him in my brother's van, it will be 12 hours, that he has been there. So, we decided to act, seeing as and we will do something about it. I told the police that my brother is taking his body in the van, we understand that there is bodily fluid. There is a tarp in the van and we will be using another tarp to wrap him in it. And take him. We told them I told him step by step what we were going to do, but they told us that we couldn't do that because we haven't released the body yet, and to release the body to the coroner or other arrangements, but I responded that they had their chance and than enough time. I asked them to turn around and not to arrest anyone, it was disrespectful, and that we were mourning.

I oversaw my uncle. My nephews all walk and place my uncle on the tarp and its hurts I'm sorry. The police started taking pictures from the time they came in until they walked out into the van. I asked them very sternly, that no one will be arrested since they failed adequately to do their job, or the system is failing us. Therefore, we had to act. They did accompany their dad and the hospital could not believe or ever see that before, we still needed the escort, the question, but they would have called the police anyways. They don't receive the bodies like that at the hospital. So, we put our uncle on the stretcher and filed their paperwork as well as the police. I didn't accompany them, but they told me what happened, I was physically and emotionally exhausted as I had to drive my grandson to college the next day at 6 am. Nothing was ever done, I never received answer as to why this happened but only that this will never happen again.

There's been other deaths, it all went by ambulance, including another person who died recently, and he was there, I believe, over night and they did take him by ambulance. I don't know if their protocols, and it is not the coroner. I'm' not sure if there anything that they have to do anything differently on reserve or on an aboriginal community. I don't wish that on anyone else as it is hurtful and traumatic

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for the families. No one wants to touch bodily fluids and they didn't have gloves. My uncle did not deserve that type of treatment and should have been handled with dignity and respect. So that was my story and my experience. maybe you can get some answers for us, as to what is the protocol, if there are any changes. The justice here, we don't have aboriginal police, we still have to deal SQ, after the 1990 and I don't want to assume that it has anything to do with is. But a lot of unanswered questions as to why this happened.

Q3: How is the collaboration with the SQ?

A3: I personally have good collaboration with them. I don't hold them responsible, they were really trying to help but it was their services. I even asked them if they don't us to transport him, can they transport them. But they can't transport a dead body. It is not within their protocol. But obviously no one wants to transport at this point and we can't keep him there. Our collaboration, There is good and bad in anything, for me, I have a good rapport with native liaison officer. Guillame Delisle, I will go to him with any kind of problem and he tries to help. But I am only one person, a lot of other people don't like the SQ. It's not that, I don't mind the SQ, we need a lot of law and order here, and it's hard because some people don't like them, and they encounter a lot of problems, sometimes. Like I said, there are good and bad police officers and it is clashing all the time. Usually if something happens within the community and if I'm not satisfied I will call the liaison officer and I will inquire what happened from their perspective and to come to an understanding or resolve for myself for what happened and what's going on? I don't know, what is the protocol, do you know?

Q4: No.

A4: A few months ago, there was another man who passed away in his home. Like I said, the ambulance picked him up. I don't believe, I had asked. I don't know what happened there and why they didn't him up or if one was trying to prove a point to one another, no one was held accountable for it.

Q5: and it is involving a dead body, something that is sensitive?

A5: It is very sensitive, and it was family that removed him. It was very traumatic and even more when your nephews have been charged from one thing to another. They have had problems with the law here. I'm no saying that they are not in the wrong, but they've broken the law. The traumatic thing is wondering if they will be charged. But they weren't, nothing ever came of it. I do believe that, maybe the police documents, through written and pictures of the family taking the body to the

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hospital. I will get back to you of the specific day of the day he died. The year and the day. If you ask questions somewhere, at least you will have specifics.

Q6: thank you very much, the next step, is now we will put this information on paper and need to verify and if we can use this testimony, by which topic, example, police services, health or police and health. I will call you back and read some of the testimony, and that you agree with this testimony.

A6: The only reason why I'm giving this testimony is I don't want anyone to go through this.

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