

Statutory Declaration

I, Simon Echalook.

(Name, first name, address, birth date)

I do solemnly declare that,

I do solemnly declare, meeting with Michelle De Champlain, investigation agent from the Viens Inquiry, 25th of August 2018,

****Interpreter****

Social services:

Q1. Ok so, I'll listen to what you need to share to us.

A1. He was living in Puvirnitug for 3 years before, and with the social services and then they asked him to come back to Akulivik with [REDACTED]. I decided to ask him because I am confused with the name [REDACTED]. I thought it was a woman, but it's an [REDACTED], he's an [REDACTED] that he was assigned to take care of.

Q2. In Akulivik?

A2. In Akulivik. To take care of [REDACTED] named [REDACTED]. And then, just like that, [REDACTED] had asked to leave through social services again. It was the social services who asked him to come here.

Q3. Yeah. To take care of this man?

A3. To stay with [REDACTED]

Q4. Ok.

A4. And then [REDACTED] called the social services again to ask them to take him out of the house.

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Q5. Him out of the house?

A5. Mmm.

Q6. Ok.

A6. So, he's never, even though he was asked to come here to take care of [REDACTED] he was living in Puvirnituk, and he came. And then, they never even paid him, they never even payment, or nothing, and didn't talk to him until [REDACTED] asked him to leave the house. So, the social services just went to him and asked him to leave, and they gave him a certain time to leave. Even said that they would call the police if he didn't leave at a certain time. So, all he's saying now is that the social services, for asking him to go stay with this man, they owe him money for that.

Q7. Ok. I understand. It was the social services from where?

A7. Here in Akulivik.

Q8. The social services in Akulivik. Ok. So, the social services asked you to leave and they kind of tell you that if you don't, they will call the police?

A8. So, they told him if he didn't leave on a certain day they were going to call the police to ask him to leave.

Q9. Ok. Did they give you a reason?

A9. They just didn't give him a real reason. They just asked him to leave. He doesn't know the real reason.

Q10. Ok.

A10. So, when they asked him to leave, he took all his belongings and just left.

Q11. Ok. So, what you wanted is that the social services should pay you, the fact that you take care of this man?

A11. So, this [REDACTED] asked for help from the social services and he specified this man to help him. So, the social services was looking for him, even in Puvirnituk, even he was working at the museum there. And then it became half-day at the museum so, he decided to come and do what the social services want him to do, to help this [REDACTED]

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Q12. Yeah. I understand. The fact that they asked you to leave Puvirnitug to come here, it was something for you, I guess. You didn't want to come over here I guess, but you accepted about the offer of the social services?

A12. So, they were even looking for him specifically, in Puvirnitug to come here.

Q13. Do you have a house in PUV?

A13. Before he used...he was living, he had a blue apartment. He lived in a blue apartment before. But he didn't want to live anymore so, he decided to move to Puvirnitug. But then, this man asked him to come here and also he is still part of the rangers. And when he heard that they will be training soon he decided to move here.

Q14. Ok.

A14. To keep up with this rangers.

Q15. Ok.

A15. So, he's still part of them here in Akulivik.

Q16. Ok. So, the social services, when you took care of that man, the social services never gave you money?

A16. Nothing.

Q17. Nothing. Did they offered you when they asked you to come, did they offer you to pay you?

A17. They never, they didn't say they would pay him, but they just took him out of PUV.

Q18. Yeah.

A18. Put him here. And then after, they didn't want him, they just took him out of the house again and he had to find his own place to stay. They didn't even find him a place to stay after they asked him to come here.

Q19. I understand.

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A19. And that man has to be very well taken care of because he's an [REDACTED] ith needs.

Q20. Yeah. Ok. So, what's the name of the social services in Akulivik?

A20. [REDACTED] was working there. They are the people who take care of [REDACTED] homecare program.

Q21. Ok. From Akulivik.

A21. Akulivik.

Q22. Ok, ok.

A22. It's very uncomfortable for him because he's not getting paid and now he's staying with a younger brother of the [REDACTED]. And it's just like that, they took him out. He wants to get his own place. He doesn't drink, but when those people drink where he's staying at, he's very uncomfortable. He wants to get his own place, his rent are less than 2000\$ so, he' going to try to find a way to pay them and apply for a new housing. But right now, he has no place to go, and he's gone back to smoking weed because of his situation at the moment.

Q23. Ok.

A23. He don't drink. He don't like drinking, but he's very stressed with no place to stay so, he's gone back to smoking weed which he don't like at all.

Q24. I'm sorry about that.

A24. One more thing is that he don't get angry, while he feel angry inside, he don't like to get mad and angry.

Q25. Ok.

A25. While he feel mad and angry inside.

Q26. Ok. Ok. Do you have something else to share with us about...?

A26. He's ok otherwise, but it's very, very stressful when he knows that the social services had the [REDACTED] people, what I call [REDACTED]. They had asked him to come here, and then they just ask him to leave, and he can't have a place to stay. He likes to stay in Akulivik. A lot of people ask him to

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do this and that too. He does repairs and does mechanic work so, a lot of people ask him to do this and that. All he really wants is a place to stay where he can be comfortable in his own place.

Q27. Ok. Well, ok. I understand your story. I understand your emotion about it.

A27. It's very stressful and uncomfortable for him when people ask him 15:59 because he is always helping people out when they need help, like, mechanical or whatever to do, repairs, and for widows, and this and that. He does help a lot. But it's very stressful for him when someone asks him to leave their house and it's hard for him to ask people: "Can I stay at your house?" It's hard for him. He's not used to just asking. But it was the people who put him here, now they don't help him.

Q28. Ok. Ok. I understand. Well, thank you very much for that sharing. I will stop the recording if it's ok with you. Ok.

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