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Signature du déclarant : Emmanuel Larocque

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I, Larocque, Hollie

I do solemnly declare that,

Q1: You have witnessed some difficult experiences first with your sister at the hospital and also with the police officers in your community in Gesgapegiag?

A1: My sister [redacted] was in a relationship with a man named [redacted] for about seven years. Towards the end of their relationship, they were drinking heavier, you could say they were alcoholics. The more they drank, the more they fought, or the more he became abusive. I guess he was raised violently, his parents physically abused him, which caused him, in his explanations, to become violent when he would drink too much and black out from alcohol. He mistreated her in ways to where he would hold her in their apartment against her will; she couldn't get out. There were times when he shut the electricity off so she couldn't find her way around, he raped her, and approximately one year before he strangled her to death, he broke her neck. The question is why she kept getting back with him, it would be because they had a history of seven years together. She was an amazing person with a huge heart, too forgiving I would say, but she valued their relationship and wanted to forgive him out of love. She was excusing it with the alcohol, "He was drunk and I was drinking too", and it led to her death. During the time when he abused her, there was his two brothers that were the police officers that would usually come when the cops were called. It wouldn't necessarily be her ever calling the cops on him, but neighbours would because they would hear the confrontations. They got brushed off a lot. There was a restraining order on [redacted] to remain a certain amount of feet from my sister, and those laws weren't respected by his brothers who were the police officers.

Due to her death, and [redacted] being banned from returning to Gesgapegiag, his family became confrontational with my family because of their loss as they called it. I don't think they were as warm and as considerate for the first few years as they should have been towards us who physically lost somebody off the face of the earth, to them, their brother or son is now in jail in Montreal ten hours away, they tried to compare their situation to ours and my sister [redacted] at the time of my sister [redacted] passing, became troublesome. She started drinking a lot at a very young age, got into things at a very young age, and became in trouble with the police every so often. When these two police officers were on duty and had to deal with [redacted] she wouldn't be treated fairly. I wish she would be here to tell her stories, but she gave me permission on her behalf. One of the brothers had shoved her to the ground when she was only ~~seventeen~~ ~~eighteen~~ years old. There were witnesses, it was totally uncalled for. They made statements such as... She would say to them: "Your brother killed my sister", and they would say: "What about us, we lost our brother too!" They have been very inconsiderate throughout the time.

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Q2: It was the same officer..?

A2: That refused to respect the restraining orders.

Q3: Do you have the names of those police officers?

A3: There is [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]. And also my brother, he was in a relationship with a woman from 2009 to 2012 or 2013, and there was several times where she would call the cops on him, similar situation, there was drugs and alcohol involved, again I wish he was here to tell his stories but it was always like as if he wasn't given a fair chance to tell his side of the story, it was always as if there was no respect.

Q4: You told me before about your brother Rene?

A4: Yes.

Q5: When the police came, he had an unfair treatment, so this one is more recent?

A5: It's been several times over the last years...

Q6: As for your sister, you've talked about when she gets in trouble, can you talk a little bit about the whole situation between 2001 and today?

A6: When she was eighteen years old, there was an incident where she found her boyfriend of seven-eight years in bed, naked, with two other women. She instantly panicked, ran after him, attacked him. There was some injuries involved but her thinking was that she thought he was in bed like he told her, she wanted to come and get in bed with her boyfriend, and she witnessed him cheating on her with two women. So the cops had been called that night, [REDACTED] was on the scene and my sister was frantic and panicking. [REDACTED] had violently shoved her to the ground to arrest her.

Q7: And she was a minor at that time?

A7: I believe she was eighteen, she might've been seventeen.

Q8: How do you feel now in your community?

A8: It feels like there have been so many years that have passed, to where it sort of settled. There was so many times I wished for opportunities like this, screaming and shouting and saying: "This is

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what happened, I witnessed them driving right by them when she had a restraining order on him." You know, I lost my sister, he killed her after, and I feel like if those weren't his brothers, it would have been different, but because those were his brothers, he kept getting away with it.

Q9: You have other family relations with the police community too?

A9: No, my uncle that is 77 or 78 now, retired maybe five years ago, but he was the only one.

Q10: At the time he was in the police team?

A10: I guess my cousin [REDACTED] served some time.

Q11: About [REDACTED] is the assailant still in jail now?

A11: I guess his family got him a lawyer and they were able to get him off on manslaughter, because there was no proof of premeditation. My family didn't have a lawyer, or money to get one, and they totally dismissed his whole history of abuse. He had even stated to my grand-mother that he would kill her if she ever tried to leave him. He was a violent man.

Q12: Did you have some contact with the prosecutor, or your family?

A12: I was seventeen, I was a youth.

Q13: But your family?

A13: During the time that she was killed?

Q14: No, with the prosecutor during the trial.

A14: I was a youth.

Q15: Just to be clear, can you name the members of you family who are involved in those events?

A15: [REDACTED] my sister that was murdered in 2002; my sister [REDACTED] who was a youth and involved in the system, who was treated unfairly by the [REDACTED] officers; my brother [REDACTED] who is in jail now, who stayed in trouble for a long time and was treated unfairly time and time again.

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Q16: Do you have other stories related to the police and your community?

A16: I just think it's a very biased system.

Q17: You were talking just before about your safety and the security feeling, can you talk about that?

A17: I was saying that to not be able to depend on them became normal, it's the normalcy. You typically don't call the cops, I don't know how to say it.

Q18: You told me it's kind of normal now in your community that...

A18: It became normal not to rely on them.

Health services:

Q19: We will switch now about the hospital situation, can you tell me a bit about who was involved?

A19: It was [REDACTED] she gave me permission to tell her story because she couldn't be here. It was my first experience witnessing a birth. It was a great experience up until the very ending. After she gave birth, she had a fairly easy birth, it only lasted for an hour and a half, you know the excitement, it was a great experience until it took the doctor to sew her up. She had ripped a lot I guess and we waited and waited, and another ten minutes went by. She was crying in pain and she kept asking what was going on and what was taking so long. After forty-five minutes, they had to shut the door and I don't know what they did but come to find out that the person who was stitching her, it was their first time, and that's why it took so long. She also explained that they never made her aware that that was going to happen, and that she didn't sign anything giving permission; it was her first time giving birth and she probably wouldn't have chosen for someone with zero experience to do that. As her sister and being there, it was extremely upsetting to the point where it's another reason why I am here, to tell the story. There should have been some sort of approval on her behalf, she should have been able to authorize that first.

Q20: Can you tell me the name of your sister and where the delivery took place?

A21: It was at the [REDACTED] hospital, her son was born on [REDACTED] 2017, and it was my sister [REDACTED]

Q22: Can we talk before about what the family witnessed, you were not alone with her?

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A22 My mother was there, her boyfriend, her boyfriend's mom and my niece. We were all standing behind her, and she was just laying there with her legs wide open. They took her son out and it just felt like it should have taken sixty seconds, or two minutes, five minutes at the most, and after forty-five minutes we all felt so violated.

Q23: Besides the fact that it was the first time for the doctor to sew the stitches, was there any explanations or excuses given for the family?

A23 The experienced doctor was standing there and the unexperienced one was sitting at the chair doing it, and the experienced doctor was just standing behind there, speaking French every now and then. I don't know what was being said, we just felt that at some point that maybe they should have switched positions, it was unfair.

Q24 You talked about language gap in the [REDACTED] hospital?

A24 There is still zero English signs in this hospital. It's ten minutes from my house, I was just there the other day getting service and I've been going there for sixteen years. I know plenty of English speaking people that go there and to this day, it's 2018, there is still no English signage.

Q25: You talked about the services too in English, it's not only the sign?

A25: No, I've never been really accommodated. There are certain people that do speak it, but it's not offered, you don't feel accommodated. The one last thing I wanted to mention about the hospital services other than that traumatic story was that my dad died of emphysema in of 2016. We didn't feel a lot of compassion from the nursing staff, but my complaint was that when he had entered the hospital on Christmas day 2015, he had a jacket on that I bought him and that was in perfect condition, that he wore for over ten years. A day after he passed, I felt the strength and I returned to the hospital to ask for his belongings; he had been there since December 25<sup>th</sup>, he had been there a few months. Nobody could locate his belongings and somebody actually ended up telling me they were thrown out; I was just appalled, he has five children and you don't think that anybody would want them?

Q26: Can you tell me the name of your father?

A26: [REDACTED] He died on [REDACTED] 2016. Thank you, that's all.

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