

Statutory Declaration

I, Oweetaluktuk, Nooma, [REDACTED] 1974, Innujuak

(Name, first name, address, birth date)

I do solemnly declare that,

Q1: There were many situations that you wanted to share with us regarding the justice and police services.

A1: For many years I was going back and forth to detention centers for having been involved with police interventions. He wants to make a lot of complaints but he's going to try to summarize them. I've been trying to make some complaints about the situations I have encountered at the detention center but I'm glad you guys finally arrived in the community for me to verbalize what I've been trying to say.

The Inuit can pretty much become police as well, but the white people intend to have an easier time to become police, because the Inuit are being told that they are not eligible to become police.

It's hard enough to get detained but, while you're in the detention centers, you don't get the right treatment sometimes. Since I must take medication for the rest of my life, sometimes, when I had asked for my medication I would be refused.

Sometimes, there is not enough food to eat and I heard some other people that made complaints about being mistreated. There are no written complaints, only verbal complaints. When people just talk about these problems, they intend to magnify it. Even to the point where it is not the actual situation. This is regards to the police what I wanted to talk about. But I still want to add one more.

Sometimes when there is someone in possession with a firearm, Inuit can talk to the person who is in possession of a firearm, but they refuse. For example, I knew someone who was in possession of a firearm, with whom I was related to and that I was able to talk to, but I wasn't allowed to do that.

Q2: By the police officer?

A2: Yes. Concerning detention centers, for many years, I have been going back and forth in these centers and I have seen many things that are not right. It would be better if all the Inuit people would be, at least, put together in the same detention centers and they would be able to help each other for those who cannot speak fluent English.

I know it costs a lot of money if you want to visit a family member that is sent down to the detention centers, we can't do that. For the Qallunaat, the white people, all they have to do is go for a ride. They don't have to worry about taking the planes and the costs to visit the family and when they receive visits from their families at the detention centers, it helps a lot.

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Déclarant

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Q14: When you mentioned about the lack of food in detention, was it also at CFF?

A14: No, mostly here at the police station.

Q15: There was no food at the police station?

A15: No, some people that were detained at the police station, because they were intoxicated, they were not fed.

Q16: For how long?

A16: Depends.

Q17: What was the longest period, you went without food?

A17: 2014.

Q18: When they arrested you, how long were you detained without food?

A18: 3–4 days, 2 days without food, then after 4 days. Even my medication, they couldn't give it to me.

Q19: Did that happen at the detention center too?

A19: Yes, with my medication, yes, at the detention center and at the reception center.

When you have to go to the court in a different community, for example Kuujuarapik, when you are in someone's house and if someone comes in that are intoxicated, you are in a situation where you can get into further trouble with the law. As some people are coming into the house, intoxicated, or if you bump into someone you don't like, it's a dangerous situation when going to court in another community. It's like, when the court decides for an inmate, they are like fishing with a fishing rod and their catch, they are just putting it in a more dangerous place for him.

About the defence lawyers, they don't do their job properly for their clients, they are only working to make some money. It's good to get out of the detention centers but, once you're at home, it's hard to look for work. Just before you're about to be released, they ask a series of questions for planning when you are going to leave, future vision, but those asking the questions are not aware of what our home is like.

Before the justice court used to travel to different communities but now, if they come from another community, they bring the detainees. It's not better for me now. Before, the planes would leave without the detainees in the plane but now they bring the detainees in the plane. Before it was just the court people going into the communities. The justice court team are making money and there are a lot of police involved and a lot of the cases are being postponed.

I appreciate this very much for giving the time to tell my story. Although I have experience and see many things that are not right in the detention center and I hope the meeting we have will help in the future.

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Enquêteur

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Déclarant