

Statutory Declaration

I, (RATT, Maudie, Wemindji, 1950 )

Story recorded on the (2018-07-04) at (by phone).

I do solemnly declare that,

Consent form read and filled in on the phone. It's recorded in the statement on: (2018-07-04). She wants to remain **identifiable**.

Q1 : If you want to start, you can share your event. Please try to give as much details as possible. The more details you give, the better it is going to be. So you can give the names, the dates, where [it happened] and everything like that. So whenever you are ready, you can start.

A1 : It happened in 2005, beginning of January. Beginning of January, right after New Year and my son was sick and here, they transferred him to CHISSASSIBI and they said they said had an heart attack, but he kept saying : "I don't have a heart attack". So they transferred him to Montreal, but the weather was bad so they transferred him to ROUYN. So he was there for a couple of days, and they treated him like a heart attack patient so then after a few days, I don't know how many days, they told us they were taking [him] to Val-d'Or by ambulance, to have a scan there, to find out if he had a heart attack. So we got on the ambulance and they drove us to... Just as we were coming out of ROUYN and the ambulance driver had a call and they said they need an ambulance at the Old Aged Home, there's somebody there and the driver answered: "Can't you send somebody else? I'm on my way to Val-d'Or with a patient". And the answer from the patient system said: "No, we want check it out", and the guy was not very happy. So we went to the Old Aged Home and the guy went in to the Old Aged Home. He was gone for about half an hour or more. We stayed in the ambulance, so when they came back he relayed a message. He said get another ambulance, he said, I'm going to VAL D'OR with this patient. My son was lying on the stretcher and so we left to Val-d'Or and he had a scan in his heart was checked and the doctors said: "You didn't have a heart attack.... He didn't have a heart attack, that he had. So, we went back to ROUYN, to the hospital. He stayed another three (3) days there and then he was discharge. So then, he went to Val-d'Or again as a patient for another two (2) days just to make sure he was alright and he kept saying: "I didn't have a heart attack". So when we were at the hotel, we were discussing about what happened the other day. We said: "I wonder if this would have happened to a white guy or a French Canadian if he had a heart attack you know. I wonder if the ambulance would have stop for another observation somewhere". So we were very mad at them, but we didn't say anything. That why a brought that

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up you know. I did not want this to happen to another person. Especially if it was an elder [to whom] that happened, an elder that didn't speak English, didn't understand the system. So I wouldn't want this to happen to anybody again. Especially a native person that doesn't speak Cree... I mean, who doesn't speak English or French, that's why I brought that up.

Q2 : Can I ask you some questions? You said that your son was... what is the name of your son?

A2 : . He's a police officer in WEDMINJI.

Q3 : Okay. What is his date of birth?

A3 : 

Q4 : Okay, so he's going to have  I think he is born around   or 

A4 : Yes. Something like that. He speaks English and Cree. But he understands a little bit of French, but he doesn't speak.

Q5 : Can I ask you how come you've been with him in the hospital and in the ambulance?

A5 : Because I was the escort.

Q6 : So, you've been back and forth from ROUYN and Val-d'Or and they sent you back to ROUYN and then Val-d'Or again to pass some other tests.

A6 : Yes.

Q7 : Do you remember the name of the doctor?

A7 : No, I don't.

Q8 : What else... How much time did you spend, you said that the ambulance's driver had to go to that other place. How much time did you spend in the ambulance waiting for him?

A8 : We spent about over than half an hour.

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Q9 : And it was in January so I suppose it was cold anyway, right?

A9: Yes.

Q10 : So you never went to Montreal to get other tests, right?

A10 : No, no we didn't go. But after he got better, after like, after a couple of months he had that test done again to make sure he doesn't have a heart attack. So he doesn't.

Q11 : So he's doing good now?

A11 : Yes. He's working.

Q12 : Good. Do you think that he might be interested in sharing that specific story also? Do you think that if we might be able to reach him?

A12 : Yeah, I mentioned [it] to him. I told him they might ask you some questions so he said that's alright because he himself wasn't too happy about that situation, you know? That's why he said that what if it was an elder person in that situation that doesn't speak English, he said.

Q13 : Totally, I agree.

A13 : And he said I wonder if this would happen to a white person or a French person. Is it because we were Cree that this happened to us? he said.

Q14 : And what would it be if it was a real emergency then?

A14 : Yes.

Q15 : By chance he wasn't really sick.

A15 : Yes.

Q16 : How did you feel about this specific situation?

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Enquêteur

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Déclarant

A16 : I felt really mad and like I talked with my sons and they said : "Is this the way we native people, are treated are the only people who are treated like that?" And he said they're really mad you know. And I said to him if only I could speak French I would talk to somebody, you know.

Q17 : I agree. And have you ever been a witness to other situations like that? Have you ever heard about other situations happened like the one that you've been through?

A17 : No, about different things, I heard about that.

Q18 : About the ambulance and the dispatch ?

A18 : Yes.

Q19 : And ten(10) years ago, maybe thirteen(13) years ago.. [Reads notes] Oh okay, he was young at this time, he was [REDACTED] that time.

A19 : Yes.

Q20 : Did someone try to reach you to explain you why did they decided to send that ambulance or you never got any explanations?

A20 : I never got any explanations.

Q21 : About that?

A21 : Yes, no.

Q22 : Well, do you have any information that you want to add? Do you think that you...?

A22 : Well, the only thing is that I kept wondering, you know... In ROUYN, do they only have one ambulance on the road or...? To send a person that was with us over there. That's what I was wondering, you know. I'm sure they have more than one.

Q23 : By the way, do you remember the weather it was? Was it snowing?

A23 : It was a little bit snowing, but not too much just a little bit snowing. It wasn't blowing snow otherwise it would have been really cold.

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Enquêteur

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Déclarant

Q24 : So, if another ambulance was sent, it wasn't dangerous for the other driver anyway who was already on the road, but I mean... ?

A24 : Yes. I think the road was suitable for driving.

Q25 : And if you had any recommendations or did you have any expectations about the situation that you've been through, what would they be?

A25 : Like I said, I wouldn't want this to happen to anybody else. Like, I always tell just somebody talk to me this is what happen to me when we went to the hospital and they always say tell somebody, complaint, you know. And that's the only way we can avoid things happening like that.

Q26 : Oh, by the way, I just wonder, did the ambulance driver speak English also or...?

A26 : Yes, he spoke English and French.

Q27 : Okay, good. So you were at least well served with the language.

A27 : Yes.

Q28 : Okay, I think I have all the information. It might happens that we try to contact [REDACTED] I don't know if the lawyer will ask for that, but if you don't have any more details I'm going to stop the recorder now.

A28 : Okay.

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Enquêteur

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Déclarant