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Jennifer Russel qui nous confirme
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Date : 3^e octobre 2018

Statutory Declaration

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I, Russel Jennifer 
(Name, first name, address, birth date)

I do solemnly declare that, on March 10, 2018 at the Hotel expresso in Montreal

EM: (Introduction)

Police:

A1: The incident involves me and the neighbour. We were drinking. My neighbour was very intoxicated. She was with 3 other persons and they jumped me. They pulled a knife, beated me. I managed to get out of the house. She is my neighbour: she lives downstairs and I live on the second floor. Her child was in the house also. I phoned the police. Two relatives of her came back up into my apartment, while I was calling the police with my cell phone and I got assaulted again by her friends because they had warrant for their arrest. I didn't know that, because I just met them that night. So they attacked me and tried to make me not phone again and then they left my apartment. 911 called me back.

I was crying and I said I have been assaulted few times by people. The police arrived. The previous tenant before me is Mohawk, I took is apartment. He had a flag, a warrior flag that he putted on is mail box. That is about him, not related with me. So the police arrived. They saw me, saw the bruises and also saw the flag on the mail box. They spoke French. I asked them to speak English because I don't speak French. They were rude. They went into my house, looking everywhere, in the kitchen, in my bedroom, in the cupboards, closets, etc. I said "that is not why I called you for, I called you because I am a victim of assault". They were speaking French and I didn't understand. I was mad and asked them for their badge number. They laugh at me. They didn't give me their numbers. I asked them to leave, because obviously they were not helping me.

I called back 911 and asked them "who did you send?" so they send again more police. They were 6-7 police officers all over my house. Only one was actually listening to me. Half of them went downstairs to the other lady and I don't know what happened there. I wanted her to be charge because my neighbour attacked me outside too and almost throw me off the balcony. I wanted her to be charged but they wouldn't charged her I don't know why. I have a friend who used to work with RCMP with Native People. Because the way I was treated, I also believe that my neighbour downstairs, she is Black, seeing that we are women's of colours and natives, they completely treated us differently. They were laughing at me. I couldn't get answers for anybody. I said I wanted to make complain against them. It was in the evening. One police officer was concerned because I said I had

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set most of the night out. I had no hat, no coat, no boat, in the middle of December. I almost froze to death.

When became the sun, it come to my head that I could go to Native Women shelter. I tried walking, I couldn't walk. I finally walked on a overpass, I was just too tired, almost frozen and unable to continue walking, so I stopped and put my head down. All I remember is someone touching my shoulder and it was two policemen. They asked me if I was ok. I didn't answer and I felt asleep. After what happened, I was not into talking to those policemen. It was not a good night for me. Those policemen were nice. They check my pockets but didn't treat me disrespectful, they were nice and caring. I was thankful. They brought me into the Native women shelter. I stayed there until I find a new apartment to rent.

That story brought me not to trust the policemen. Even in my work, with my clients, I see the same thing again and again, especially with women. I managed to move on with my life but it is something that I see in some police, not all of them. They think they have an answer for us without listening what our answers are. They see image of an aboriginal women and focus on it. It has nothing to do with me. For example, when they saw the flag of warrior, I understand the history of Oka crisis and all that, but they treated me differently because of that and they putted me into that group without knowing what was all about. I still deserve to be treated with respect and dignity but that night I didn't get it.

Q3: It was a rough night?

A3: Yes! With the Native Women Shelter, I worked on getting back my brain and confidence. It is not every day you get attacked and they get away with it. I was terrified to go through all that. I started my career as a Native co-worker in Ontario, in the prisons. I worked with police. Earing about what happened in Val-D'or, we are in 2018 and these things have to change.

Conclusion: Thank you very much for your time.

Enquêteur

Déclarant