


Statutory Declaration

I, 

(Name, first name, address, birth date)

I do solemnly declare that,

2018-04-24 in 

The police (sister)

One time I saw my sister drunk outside and the police arrived to her. She was drunk, she start to be: "Don't take me." The police started to be rude at her. That way she would go into the car, because she was drunk. So they took her. I could not say nothing because I don't want to get involved with those police because they can say I can take you too. I did not feel good to say nothing but at the same time I did not like what they did to my sister.

Q.1: Can you describe a little bit more what you think, in the behavior of the police, was wrong?

A.1: Because she drinks a lot and she been taking a lot (of alcohol) and the police started to be more rude to her. Like hitting her, trying to grab her to the car and bring her to the (police) station. It really hurts me because she was not able to stand up well. The way they grab her, the way they like, hit her. Because once we are drunk, well we don't know what is going on. She did not know. I had to explain to her what really happened. She doesn't remember.

Q.2: When you say hit. You did the gesture. Do they (police) hit with something? What is that?

A.2: Yes. A stick, like a black stick. That is how I saw it. Because I did not want to be taken too. So I could not say nothing.

Q.3: You felt that they could arrest you, if you were to say something or intervene?

A.3: Yes. So I stayed back and watched.

Q.4: Do you remember why the police arrested her?

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Declared before me, _____

at _____ on _____

A.4: Because she was drinking in public, yelling, screaming and not able to walk well.

Q.5: This took place here in [REDACTED]

A.5: Yes. Near my uncle's and my aunt's place. I think she was yelling at somebody but I don't know who. I don't know the street names.

Q.6: Can you tell us? The police they were from which service?

A.6: I don't know. KRFP, I don't know what they call that. It is the local police.

Q.7: Would you be able to make the difference between the SQ and the local police?

A.7: Yes. There was a driver and a back up police. For sure they were 2. They probably brought her to the police station for her to sober up.

Q.8: Do you know how long she had to stay in the police station?

A.8: No. It happened maybe 2 or 3 years ago (2015 or 2016). It was like spring. There was still a little bit of snow. They hit her once, with the stick. I wanted to scream out loud.

Q.9: Did they searched her before entering the car?

A.9: Not that I know of. She was like rough to the police, because I think they were trying to search her.

Q.10: Did they gave her a warning before they brought her to the station?

A.10: I don't know. I was not out. I was looking through the window.

Q.11: Would you recognize the policeman today?

A.11: No I don't think so. I don't get along with those police. They were both male.

Q.12: To your knowledge they used too much (excessive) force to have her behavior stop?

A.12: Yes.

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Enquêteur

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Déclarant

Q.13: Do you know if anyone called the police about her behavior?

A.13: I believe they complained about her because she was yelling. She was not aggressive because she was not able to stand up well. But she was big mouth. Annoying and disturbing.

Q.14: What is the name of the person that was arrested?

A.14: [REDACTED].

The police towards her

They took me to sober up, because I was so mad at my husband. He had been getting me mad a lot. By cheating on me. When I get drunk I always explode. Not always anymore. I try to calm down now. Well, they took me to the (police) station and I was kind of buzzed but not that drunk. Since I knew what was going on, I got mad at them. So there was a mattress, a seat. I said to myself, let's see. I test the police. I ripped a seat, I put it around my neck and I could hang myself, not letting them know. I said look, just because I needed attention and I needed to go out early. I said look what I can do. They undressed me and put me in those (special) clothing. They put warm thing on me just because I showed them that something could happen in this cell while no one is looking while they are talking or in the office. I wanted to find out how long they would check on me and how long I would be dead. I said: "Look, look what I can do!" I could tear the gown because it had been used so many times.

Q.15: So even that special gown (to prevent suicide) does not prevent anybody from hanging themselves according to you?

A.15: No, it was possible. I feel that they need a guard. A permanent surveillance. So that people could be seen. When I was there, they did not have that.

Q.16: Did you notice if they had a camera to see you?

A.16: I don't think so. There is a camera in the corridor. No camera in the cell. I don't feel safe because with other people if they think well, it could happen. But I don't talk about it, because I don't want no one to do that in the cell. To give bad idea to anybody. I was just checking. I did not talk about this to any authorities. I don't remember the year it happened.

Q.17: Are you aware of any organisation which examined or studied the way that detention is made here. The way the surveillance is done?

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A.17: No I have never heard of anything like that. And since I have been taken to the station not just once because sometimes I am a heavy drinker too. I am not shy about it because I am human being too. There are 3 cells. I was one of the girls, I had to be alone. The other 2 cells were filled with males. I took my lighter and my cigarette in my bra and I smoked there. You know it is not well taken care of (lack of security). I could have burn that (the police station) if I wanted to. They don't really pay attention. That is how much I am not safe. If I use my mind I am very creative, I can get away with things. So I don't feel safe being in the cell. For example if there are inuit, there, that I am able to talk with, I will get better. Or I will be more rude, if I am more rude they can shut the door and I could be quiet. That way if I have my own cell to calm myself they could leave me alone.

Q.18: Are you saying that the way the cells are designed there is no privacy?

A.18 No. They keep it close. It is a big door with a little opening where they can serve food (not the case presently). When they try to serve me water, coffee or food, I said no, I don't take it. You brought me here, I am not going to take service from you. That way they let me go early. Just because they don't want anything. You know, I am not stupid. They said: "You want breakfast, yes or I will give it to someone else." I don't want it. You are not going to feed me. Just give me the Bible, I will read it. Sorry I did not mean to make you scare but that is who I am. I can think. How do I get away with that? I even played with the paper toilet. I could light it up. You know, I don't like to be taken there, that is why they don't really take me anymore. Last time it was about maybe 2 weeks ago. I went to this lady and tell her: "You are a teacher, you hurt my baby's heart trying to teach and you are laughing at her saying if she can't learn I can't really..." So I went to her then she said: "I am calling the cops." Ok call the cops. She gave me the phone. I told them (police) that they can find me at home. Then I went to my place. This is too personal. I took my clothes off, kept the bra and my underwear and got ready. They came. "Are you going to take me or what?" And the cop said: [REDACTED] go home and sleep." I was ready to be taken. Because I know myself, it is too much for me. I don't belong there. That's what I wanted to say.

Youth protection

People from town knows that I drink when I want to drink. We had a fight with my girl (child) [REDACTED] because she was still in the house. My son, my husband and me. I have [REDACTED] kids. I have grand grandchildren too. During that time, they were with me. Because we were angry the police arrived. They said it was not safe for our kids because we were yelling at each other. They took my adopted boy and my 2 young daughters. The police had to call youth protection and so they pick them up. We were like: "NO YOU ARE NOT GOING TO TAKE THEM! Even though we are angry we are going to get better soon. You are not going to take them!"

Pause

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Sometimes we drink. But when we drink too much we get like arguments. So one of my granddaughters called the police. They arrived and they said: "They have kids in the house so youth protection has to be involve." We ended up saying: "No, you are not taking my kids. They are OK, we are just having an argument. We are not fighting you know!" They took my granddaughters and my boy. Since that, one of the youth protection, I got really mad at her. She doesn't know me. I don't know her. They put them (children) into different houses. At home, I don't take drugs, like weed or marijuana. It is not allowed in my house. Even though my kids are going to take it, they don't take it at home. I don't like to watch them taking that. My granddaughter and my baby boy were taken at my [REDACTED] house but they take drugs in this house and I don't like it. So I started to go to youth protection and asked them to consider the drug use in the foster family and told them that we don't do that. I am not mad anymore so I want my kids back home. They don't belong there, they are smoking drugs. Because I don't let them see that at home. Since I had a difficult time to get them back, I went to the youth protection and started to yell at her and there was a police who was already there talking to them about something else. So I started to yell at her saying: "Come on I want my kids." The police said: [REDACTED] please calm down." I said: "No, I am not going to calm down because I don't know her and she took my kids away and I don't like that because we are not angry anymore." Then they (police) charged me and I had to be in court because of that. Then the kids started to come to my place because they don't feel comfortable because there is a little boy in that house who is bullying at them. So they keep coming and I keep telling youth protection. My granddaughter was fighting away.

Q.19: She was fighting the youth protection worker who wanted to bring her back to her foster family's home?

A.19: Yes. So they finally decided to let her come back to my house. So they ended up staying with me again.

Q.20: So the 3 of them are back now? Since When?

A.20: Maybe it happened 2 or 3 years ago. Because they are my kids they can sleep overnight and come back home and stay. Because the fight doesn't continue every day. It happens because of a good reason. Because we are drunk.

Q.21: And when you say they can stay overnight you mean that if you think you are going to drink one night you take arrangements with someone to take them overnight and they can come back the next day?

A.21: Yes. When youth protection gets involved I really get mad, because they are going to bring the kids to people that we don't know.

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One time when they were taking kids away from my daughter, one of the girls said that, where she was staying, someone tried to touch her. So ever since I heard that I see the danger.

Q.22: So your point about youth protection is that you feel that they were too quick in their decision to bring your children to another family (foster)? Also that youth protection are not careful in the way they are choosing the foster family?

A.22: Yes.

For  my sister, she has so many kids. This girl ) is really broken because her kids have all been taken from her until they reach 18 years of age. She would not be a mother. I don't like that too. Us Inuit we could be mad for a week but we are fine (everything comes back to normal after). The way I see it is, I am sorry I don't want to say it but I have to, the white people they say that we are like monsters. But look, we were monsters but we are ok now! It doesn't last for life.

Children's name and date of birth: 





I think that is how far I am going to go today.

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