

## Statutory Declaration

I, Silasie, Sequaluk, December, 30, 1968 in LaMacaza detention Centre  
(Name, first name, adress, birth date)

I do solemnly declare that,

With Annie Pisuktie, Translator

**A1:** Since he is been detained in LaMacaza, I realized that there is no help for Inuit at all. Also, the time he was detained in Amos detention centre, it was very difficult because you cannot call your family and there is no support for the Inuit.

**Q2:** When you talk about no services, which services are you referring to?

**A2:** In Amos, there should be an Inuit Liaison officer. When you want to start you healing joumey there is absolutely no support, nobody you can talk or referred to. I went in front of the Judge in Amos and I asked to do drugs rehabilitation but the judge declined that then there yet no support Inuit for healing. At the beginning, I was very confusing about how the system work and it takes me time, I felt alone, this is why I believe we need an Inuit Liaison worker.

I find also that is very difficult you lost a family member when you are in prison. You can't go to the funeral go see the family members. The staff members does not speak English and they expect you to speak French. They said that because you live in Quebec, you should leam to speak in French but I did not find place to leam French language.

During the court, my lawyer was rushing and rushing and didn't understand what was happening. Everything went so fast and after that I ended-up in prison. Up north, they have so many person that they have to pass in front of the judge that they have to go fast. They rushed it all the time and there is no support to understand the process and the justice system. I was sentenced even if I did not testified. I don't understand why someone should be sentenced without giving a testimony.

**A2a):** Do you remembered when it happened?

**A2a):** In December 2012.

Declarer signature \_\_\_\_\_

Declared before me, \_\_\_\_\_

at \_\_\_\_\_ on \_\_\_\_\_

Also, it take twenty (20) month of waiting before I finally can go in front of the judge. I would say it is very discouraging. I had to go back in front of the judge about ten time because I was not speaking French and all the services is all in French. It is very hard not be able to speak in your own language.

I changed my first lawyer because he was trying to made me plaid guilty.

In Amos, the only way we can vent and talk about our culture it is to talk with the co-inmate, There is absolute no services for us in detention. I have to be strong to face the justice system. Since I has been detain for almost twenty years (20) now and that I have seen what is wrong, I need to explain the justice with Inuit. I have seen many co-inmates that were struggling and having suicidal thought with no services.

**Q3:** How long did you stayed in Amos detention?

**A3:** I stayed in Amos for twenty (20) months the time that I was waiting for my sentence.

**Q4:** Have you been detained in other place in the provincial?

**A4:** I have been detained in St-Jérôme, Bordeau, Gatineau, Amos and Waterloo. Bordeau and Amos were the most difficult detention centre because there was no services in these two (2) places. When I was in Amos in 2012, waiting for my sentence, even though I was not talking to this guys, one of the guard approached me and he pushed me and made me fall on the ground. I tried to make a complaint with the ombudsman but because of the communication, I was not able to speak with them again. I know that there is a policemen came to detention to see the guard but there was no evidence and I had no bruises. Actually, the police came after two (2) to three (3) weeks so the bruises were not there anymore.

**Q5:** Did you tried to inform you lawyer about the lack of support in detention?

**A5:** Not really, in prison you need a collect card and your lawyer need to call you back and it was difficult to get in touch with him. I met a lawyer once when I was in LaMacaza but before that I never one in detention. Because I don't have collect card, was not able to speak with him again.

It is also very difficult to have visitors because of the distance. Sometimes my family comes in Montreal because of the lack of communication and also the distance, it is very difficult for them to visit me. Now with Makivik, it is getting a little easier to plan and get visit from family.

Thank you very much M Sequaluk.

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