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2 L'audience débute à 9h35

3 **THE REGISTRAR:** Order. All rise. À  
4 l'ordre. Veuillez vous lever.

5 This hearing of the Cornwall Public Inquiry  
6 is now in session. The Honourable Mr. Justice Normand  
7 Glaude, Commissioner, presiding.

8 Please be seated. Veuillez vous asseoir.

9 **THE COMMISSIONER:** Thank you.

10 Good morning all.

11 **MR. DUMAIS:** Good morning, Commissioner.

12 **THE COMMISSIONER:** Good morning, sir.

13 I'm prepared to call my next witness,  
14 Commissioner, Ms. Claire Renshaw.

15 **THE COMMISSIONER:** Thank you.

16 **MR. DUMAIS:** I am advised she is with our  
17 investigator, Commissioner. Perhaps if Mr. Crouch can just  
18 step out.

19 **(SHORT PAUSE/COURTE PAUSE)**

20 **MR. DUMAIS:** Good morning.

21 **THE COMMISSIONER:** Good morning.

22 How are you doing today?

23 **CLAIRE RENSHAW, Sworn/Assermentée:**

24 **THE COMMISSIONER:** Good morning, Mrs.  
25 Renshaw.

1 How are you doing today?

2 **MS. RENSRAW:** I'm doing good; yourself?

3 **THE COMMISSIONER:** Good.

4 As you know, you will be asked some  
5 questions here today. I would ask you to wait until the  
6 question is asked completely and give your answer in a loud  
7 voice. But, more importantly, if there is anything you  
8 don't understand or you feel uncomfortable with, just tell  
9 me, and we will be able to stop and clear things up for  
10 you.

11 **MS. RENSRAW:** Okay.

12 **THE COMMISSIONER:** If ever you need a break,  
13 just let me know.

14 **MS. RENSRAW:** All right.

15 **THE COMMISSIONER:** Thank you very much.

16 --- **EXAMINATION IN-CHIEF BY/INTERROGATOIRE EN-CHEF PAR MR.**  
17 **DUMAIS:**

18 **MR. DUMAIS:** Good morning, Claire.

19 **MS. RENSRAW:** Good morning.

20 **MR. DUMAIS:** How are you this morning?

21 **MS. RENSRAW:** I'm good; you?

22 **MR. DUMAIS:** All right.

23 I'm fine, thanks.

24 Just a couple of background questions,  
25 Claire, before we get going.

1 Were you born and raised in Cornwall?

2 **MS. RENSRAW:** I was.

3 **MR. DUMAIS:** I understand that you are  
4 married to Robert Renshaw.

5 Is that correct?

6 **MS. RENSRAW:** I am.

7 **MR. DUMAIS:** And you were married sometime  
8 in 2005?

9 **MS. RENSRAW:** Yes.

10 **MR. DUMAIS:** All right.

11 And I understand as well that you have some  
12 children?

13 **MS. RENSRAW:** I do.

14 **MR. DUMAIS:** You have three children?

15 **MS. RENSRAW:** Yes.

16 **MR. DUMAIS:** Perhaps you can just give us an  
17 idea of their age.

18 **MS. RENSRAW:** Jason, who is 26; Samantha,  
19 who is 21; and Elizabeth is 11.

20 **MR. DUMAIS:** All right.

21 And I understand that, although you're just  
22 recently married with Robert, you've had a relationship  
23 with him for a long period of time.

24 Is that correct?

25 **MS. RENSRAW:** We are in our 21<sup>st</sup> year.

1                   **MR. DUMAIS:** All right.

2                   And is Robert the father of all three  
3 children, Claire?

4                   **MS. RENSRAW:** Bob is not the biological  
5 father of Jason and Samantha, no.

6                   **MR. DUMAIS:** All right.

7                   **MS. RENSRAW:** But he is the father they  
8 know.

9                   **MR. DUMAIS:** Okay.

10                  So they have always known him as a father.  
11 He has always acted as a father figure to them.

12                  **MS. RENSRAW:** Yes.

13                  **MR. DUMAIS:** All right.

14                  Now, Claire, I understand that all of your  
15 family has lived in Cornwall until about 1993.

16                  **MS. RENSRAW:** Yes.

17                  **MR. DUMAIS:** I understand that at that time,  
18 you guys decided to move away. Perhaps you can just give  
19 us an idea of why you moved away from Cornwall or what was  
20 the reason behind the family decision to move.

21                  **MS. RENSRAW:** The main reason was to further  
22 my education. I attended the University of Waterloo. The  
23 secondary reason was the lack of employment in Cornwall.

24                  **MR. DUMAIS:** Okay.

25                  So you guys moved then to Waterloo?



1                   **MS. RENSHAW:** No, it was in the area of  
2 Mildmay, Ontario; a very rural route.

3                   **MR. DUMAIS:** Okay.

4                   So that is close to Waterloo, I take it?

5                   **MS. RENSHAW:** It was an hour-and-a-half  
6 drive to go back and forth to school.

7                   **MR. DUMAIS:** Okay.

8                   So we are going to be speaking today,  
9 Claire, about issues regarding historical sexual abuse  
10 matters.

11                   Now, in 1993, when you guys decided to move  
12 away, was anything going on in the media?

13                   Had you guys heard anything about any of  
14 those allegations at that time?

15                   **MS. RENSHAW:** No, nothing came -- we heard  
16 nothing at that time, no.

17                   **MR. DUMAIS:** Okay.

18                   So that was not an issue at that time?

19                   **MS. RENSHAW:** No.

20                   **MR. DUMAIS:** All Right.

21                   And, as a matter of fact, back in 1993, you  
22 were not aware of any of the allegations that Robert will  
23 be speaking to today.

24                   **MS. RENSHAW:** No.

25                   **MR. DUMAIS:** Now, as you were growing up in

1 Cornwall, you were raised as a Catholic.

2 Is that correct?

3 **MS. RENSRAW:** Yes.

4 **MR. DUMAIS:** All right.

5 And your parents were Catholics?

6 **MS. RENSRAW:** Yes.

7 **MR. DUMAIS:** Were they practicing in the  
8 Cornwall area?

9 **MS. RENSRAW:** Yes.

10 **MR. DUMAIS:** All right.

11 What does that mean to you?

12 Were you going to church on a weekly basis  
13 with them?

14 **MS. RENSRAW:** Within the family, yes. We --

15 -

16 **MR. DUMAIS:** All right.

17 And is that a practice that continued when  
18 you became an adult?

19 **MS. RENSRAW:** Yes.

20 **MR. DUMAIS:** Okay.

21 So you have a practice of going to church on  
22 a daily basis?

23 **MS. RENSRAW:** On a weekly basis.

24 **THE COMMISSIONER:** Weekly basis.

25 **MR. DUMAIS:** Sorry. On a weekly basis.

1                   What about your children, do they go as  
2           well?

3                   **MS. RENSRAW:** They would not attend  
4           regularly, but, yes, they would attend with me.

5                   **MR. DUMAIS:** All right.

6                   So then what about Robert?

7                   Would he go to church with you on a weekly  
8           basis?

9                   **MS. RENSRAW:** No.

10                  **MR. DUMAIS:** All right.

11                  So he never did?

12                  **MS. RENSRAW:** He did for the first for the  
13           First Communion for the children, but other than that, no,  
14           he did not.

15                  **MR. DUMAIS:** Okay.

16                  So he would go on occasion in -- if I can  
17           call it -- special circumstances?

18                  **MS. RENSRAW:** Yes.

19                  **MR. DUMAIS:** So he was never -- he never  
20           actually practiced the Catholic faith?

21                  **MS. RENSRAW:** No.

22                  **MR. DUMAIS:** And, as a matter of fact,  
23           Robert is not Catholic.

24                  Is that correct?

25                  **MS. RENSRAW:** That's correct.

1                   **MR. DUMAIS:** All right.

2                   Now, if I can take you back then -- take you  
3 forward then to 1997, I understand that at one point in  
4 time, Robert's brother, Gerald, would have showed up at the  
5 house. That would have been in early 1997.

6                   Do you recall that meeting or that visit at  
7 your house?

8                   **MS. RENSRAW:** Yes.

9                   **MR. DUMAIS:** And he would have been visiting  
10 with a gentleman by the name of Perry Dunlop?

11                   **MS. RENSRAW:** Yes.

12                   **MR. DUMAIS:** And you recall that meeting?

13                   **MS. RENSRAW:** Yes, I do.

14                   **MR. DUMAIS:** All right.

15                   Perhaps you can just give us an idea of what  
16 you recall from that day; what went on; what was the  
17 discussion.

18                   **MS. RENSRAW:** Well, both of the gentlemen  
19 came to the house. There was just an average discussion of  
20 the weather and how everybody was; an introduction and very  
21 briefly and they left.

22                   **MR. DUMAIS:** So it was not a very long  
23 visit?

24                   **MS. RENSRAW:** No. No.

25                   **MR. DUMAIS:** And was Perry Dunlop introduced

1 to you as a police officer?

2 MS. RENSRAW: No.

3 MR. DUMAIS: All right.

4 So he is dressed in plain clothes?

5 MS. RENSRAW: Yes.

6 MR. DUMAIS: And after he left your house,  
7 any reason to believe that he was a police officer?

8 MS. RENSRAW: No.

9 MR. DUMAIS: All right.

10 So at that time, is it fair to say that you  
11 thought he was just an acquaintance or a friend of Gerald?

12 MS. RENSRAW: Yes.

13 MR. DUMAIS: All right.

14 Now what about Gerald?

15 In 1997, what type of relationship would he  
16 have had with your family?

17 MS. RENSRAW: He was an uncle to my  
18 children. I'm not sure what kind of information you're  
19 looking for. He was an uncle. He was a brother to Bob.  
20 He visited periodically.

21 MR. DUMAIS: So, periodically; a couple of  
22 times a year?

23 MS. RENSRAW: Yes.

24 MR. DUMAIS: Okay.

25 So then your best guess, Claire, from 1993,

1 the date that you would have moved away, to 1997, how often  
2 would you have seen Gerald?

3 **MS. RENSRAW:** Not. We did not see him until  
4 he visited with Perry Dunlop.

5 **MR. DUMAIS:** Okay.

6 So that was the first time that he actually  
7 attended your home?

8 **MS. RENSRAW:** Yes.

9 **MR. DUMAIS:** Okay.

10 But would you have seen him between '93 and  
11 '97 in Cornwall or over Christmas or other special  
12 occasions?

13 **MS. RENSRAW:** Perhaps. I can't say for  
14 certain, but there wasn't a founded relationship between  
15 Bob and Gerry. They would see each other in passing or if  
16 there was a need, some family need, but there was nothing  
17 -- that I'll meet you for -- no regular visits between the  
18 brothers. It was just in passing.

19 **MR. DUMAIS:** He wasn't the type either to  
20 call on a weekly basis just to see how everyone was doing  
21 or ---

22 **MS. RENSRAW:** No.

23 **MR. DUMAIS:** No?

24 **MS. RENSRAW:** No.

25 **MR. DUMAIS:** Now, during that first visit,

1 when Perry Dunlop would have left your residence, would  
2 Gerald have stayed on that night?

3 MS. RENSRAW: Yes.

4 MR. DUMAIS: Okay.

5 MS. RENSRAW: Yes, he stayed.

6 MR. DUMAIS: Did he stay just for a short  
7 period of time or did he sleep over?

8 Do you recall?

9 MS. RENSRAW: I believe he slept the night.

10 MR. DUMAIS: Okay.

11 Were you part of the conversation between  
12 Robert, Gerald and Perry Dunlop that night?

13 MS. RENSRAW: No. No.

14 MR. DUMAIS: So you were aware that they  
15 were talking but you were not made -- you were not privy to  
16 any of the actual conversations?

17 MS. RENSRAW: No.

18 MR. DUMAIS: All right.

19 MS. RENSRAW: No.

20 MR. DUMAIS: So, then, after that visit that  
21 night, there is no reason for you to believe that anything  
22 was up?

23 MS. RENSRAW: No.

24 MR. DUMAIS: Now, I understand then that  
25 your next involvement or your first -- the first time you

1           were made aware of any of the allegations was on February  
2           14, 1997.

3                           Is that correct?

4                   **MS. RENSRAW:** Yes.

5                   **MR. DUMAIS:** All right.

6                           Perhaps you can just give us an idea of what  
7           went on that day.

8                   **MS. RENSRAW:** Well, as you know, it was  
9           Valentines Day, and different things were going on in the  
10          house. My two youngest daughters, we were making a  
11          Valentines cake and kind of celebrating Valentines Day, as  
12          we do with any other event. Bob was trying to get my  
13          attention, and he handed me a brown manila envelope. And I  
14          was trying to get him to hang on for a bit until I finished  
15          doing what I was doing with the girls while he was  
16          insisting that he give me this envelope.

17                           Anyway, long story short, I took the  
18          envelope, put it in my back pocket, and said that I would  
19          attend to it.

20                           So this is what he gave me for Valentines  
21          Day; it was his disclosure to Perry Dunlop.

22                   **MR. DUMAIS:** All right.

23                           I'm just going to point you to a document,  
24          Claire, and that would be document number 721879.

25                           Commissioner, since we made a conscious



1 decision of calling Claire before Robert, I am going to be  
2 filing the document because I want to put the document to  
3 Claire, but it is somewhat out of order, and I will ask  
4 Robert to identify that document, as it is a document that  
5 he signed.

6 **THE COMMISSIONER:** All right.

7 What exhibit number is it -- would be?

8 **THE REGISTRAR:** Three, thirty-four (334).

9 **THE COMMISSIONER:** I'm sorry?

10 **THE REGISTRAR:** Three, thirty-four (334).

11 **THE COMMISSIONER:** Three, thirty-four (334).

12 All right.

13 --- **EXHIBIT NO./PIÈCE NO P-334:**

14 (721879) - Affidavit of Robert Renshaw -  
15 February 10, 1997

16 **THE COMMISSIONER:** So this is an affidavit  
17 of Robert Renshaw sworn the 10<sup>th</sup> of February, 1997.

18 **MR. DUMAIS:** That is correct, Commissioner.

19 Now, would that be the document, Claire,  
20 that Robert would have given to you on that day?

21 **MS. RENSHAW:** It was.

22 **MR. DUMAIS:** Okay.

23 Now, tell me what is going through your mind  
24 as you are reading this.

25 I mean, do you know what this document is?

1                   **MS. RENSHAW:** No, I don't. At the time, I  
2 did not know what it was.

3                   **MR. DUMAIS:** All right.

4                   So if you look at the top here. It says:

5                                 "Ontario Court General Division."

6                   It says:

7                                 "Perry Dunlop, Plaintiff."

8                   And there is a number of names down there  
9 that are identified as defendants.

10                   This is what we call the Style of Cause.

11                   I mean, do you actually read those names?

12                   Is that -- are you wondering what that is  
13 exactly?

14                   **MS. RENSHAW:** Well, I probably read the  
15 names but had no clue what it was.

16                   **MR. DUMAIS:** All right.

17                   So the name -- if you look at the  
18 Plaintiff's name "Perry Dunlop" that doesn't give you a  
19 clue?

20                   You don't say, "Oh! Gees. That's the guy  
21 that was here the other day."

22                   **MS. RENSHAW:** Not immediately, no.

23                   **MR. DUMAIS:** All right.

24                   So then I take it, Claire, that you go  
25 through the paragraphs, and you read the paragraphs, and

1           you see what the allegations are.

2                           What happens afterwards?

3                           Do you sit down and discuss the contents of  
4           the affidavit with Robert?

5                           **MS. RENSRAW:** No.

6                           **MR. DUMAIS:** Okay.

7                           Well, perhaps -- give us an idea of how the  
8           discussions regarding the contents of the affidavit  
9           evolved, I guess.

10                           **MS. RENSRAW:** After I received the  
11           disclosure, I didn't know what to do. I was very upset. I  
12           was very new to reading these kinds of behaviours. It was  
13           just a whole world that was opened up to me, and I didn't  
14           know how to approach him. I didn't know what to say to  
15           him. And it was easier just to leave it alone.  
16           Thereafter, I would bring little bits and pieces up and  
17           speak to Bob about it and always monitor his agitation  
18           level. The more he got agitated I would let it go. We'd  
19           speak five minutes, ten minutes, and I'd re-approach, and  
20           re-approach, and re-approach, and after a long period of  
21           time, I got enough information to know what was really  
22           happening.

23                           **MR. DUMAIS:** All right.

24                           Now, did you have any discussions as to what  
25           was going on or what would happen; whether not charges

1 would be laid; or whether or not there would be a civil  
2 suit; whether or not he would be suing for damages or  
3 anything of that sort?

4 **MS. RENSRAW:** No, because those kinds of  
5 things were not in my awareness. I had no knowledge of the  
6 criminal or judicial system at the time.

7 **MR. DUMAIS:** Okay.

8 So then Robert would not have told you, for  
9 example, "Well, Perry Dunlop is involved in this lawsuit  
10 and I'm assisting him or I'm going to have criminal charges  
11 laid against two individuals in Cornwall."

12 So that was not part of the discussion?

13 **MS. RENSRAW:** No, there was never a  
14 discussion like that.

15 **MR. DUMAIS:** Okay.

16 Now, back in 1997, you still had family in  
17 the Cornwall area?

18 **MS. RENSRAW:** Yes.

19 **MR. DUMAIS:** And did you happen to discuss  
20 this affidavit?

21 I believe you had sisters residing here. Is  
22 that ---

23 **MS. RENSRAW:** I have five sisters and one  
24 brother still living in Cornwall, yes.

25 **MR. DUMAIS:** Okay.

1                   And they were living in Cornwall at that  
2                   time?

3                   **MS. RENSRAW:** Yes.

4                   **MR. DUMAIS:** Okay.

5                   And did you discuss any of this with them at  
6                   that time?

7                   **MS. RENSRAW:** No.

8                   **MR. DUMAIS:** All right.

9                   And did you have any discussions with them  
10                  or anyone else, for that matter, in the Cornwall area as to  
11                  what was going on over here or whether or not the media  
12                  were speaking about Perry Dunlop or anything related to  
13                  historical child sexual abuse in the area?

14                  **MS. RENSRAW:** There were different friends  
15                  and acquaintances that were, you know, phoning and giving  
16                  different bits and pieces of information as to the front  
17                  page and that type of thing, yes. So we were a bit in the  
18                  loop but we were receiving some information.

19                  **MR. DUMAIS:** Okay.

20                  Is it fair to say that to a certain extent  
21                  you were sort of isolated from that being -- living away  
22                  from Cornwall?

23                  **MS. RENSRAW:** Very much so, yes.

24                  **MR. DUMAIS:** Okay.

25                  Now, from February 1997 until the time that

1 Robert gave a statement to the OPP, and that would have  
2 been November 5<sup>th</sup>, 1997, would you have had any interaction  
3 with Perry Dunlop between those two dates?

4 **MS. RENSRAW:** No, I would not have.

5 **MR. DUMAIS:** So you would not -- you would  
6 not come back -- you would not travel back to Cornwall and  
7 met with him or met with his wife or family?

8 **MS. RENSRAW:** On occasion when I did come  
9 back to Cornwall and meet with my mother -- my mother was  
10 quite ill. When I did come back and meet with my mother,  
11 if I was upset or emotional I would give Helen a call and  
12 I'd go over and have tea and she would help me through  
13 difficult times, like talk and chat. Basically, we talked  
14 about kids and muffins and the girl thing and kind of  
15 released some stresses that I was feeling because this was  
16 all new to me.

17 **MR. DUMAIS:** Okay.

18 So then, Claire, would you have had some of  
19 those visits between February and November of that year?

20 **MS. RENSRAW:** Quite possibly, yes.

21 **MR. DUMAIS:** Okay.

22 So -- and the first time you would have gone  
23 to their home, you would have called beforehand or they  
24 would have invited you?

25 How did that ---

1                   **MS. RENSRAW:** I called.

2                   **MR. DUMAIS:** Okay.

3                   You called and you indicated who you were  
4                   and that you wanted to meet with them?

5                   **MS. RENSRAW:** M'hm.

6                   **MR. DUMAIS:** Is that fair?

7                   **MS. RENSRAW:** M'hm.

8                   **MR. DUMAIS:** Okay.

9                   And you would have gone over to their -- to  
10                  their home residence?

11                  **MS. RENSRAW:** Yes.

12                  **MR. DUMAIS:** All right.

13                  And you went alone or did Robert go with  
14                  you?

15                  **MS. RENSRAW:** The first time I went I  
16                  brought my youngest child with me.

17                  **MR. DUMAIS:** Okay.

18                  And you would have met with Perry Dunlop or  
19                  with Helen?

20                  **MS. RENSRAW:** They were both there but Perry  
21                  was there briefly.

22                  **MR. DUMAIS:** Okay.

23                  So, I mean, you were principally meeting  
24                  with Helen; is that ---

25                  **MS. RENSRAW:** Yes.

1                   **MR. DUMAIS:** All right.

2                   **MS. RENSRAW:** Yes.

3                   **MR. DUMAIS:** And during that first visit  
4 would you have discussed any of these allegations that  
5 Robert had made or did you simply discuss other matters?

6                   **MS. RENSRAW:** We didn't discuss the  
7 allegation. We did discuss what the whole investigation  
8 was, in part like "I can't believe what's happening to me",  
9 like I don't know what this process was, and that kind of  
10 thing. But we didn't discuss any details.

11                   **MR. DUMAIS:** Okay.

12                   So none of the specifics; you were just  
13 talking in general terms?

14                   **MS. RENSRAW:** Yes, a woman to woman chat  
15 thing.

16                   **MR. DUMAIS:** Yes.

17                   And is it fair to say that these visits  
18 would have continued past 1997; is it fair to say that they  
19 would have continued until such time as the Dunlops would  
20 have moved away from the Cornwall area?

21                   **MS. RENSRAW:** Yes, that's fair to say.

22                   **MR. DUMAIS:** Okay.

23                   Now, Claire, I understand that, at one point  
24 in time, in the fall of 1997, you would have received a  
25 phone call from a police officer wanting to meet with



1 Robert.

2 Is that correct?

3 **MS. RENSRAW:** Mr. Dupuis?

4 **MR. DUMAIS:** Yes.

5 **MS. RENSRAW:** Yes.

6 **MR. DUMAIS:** So you knew him as -- did you  
7 know him as Detective Constable or as Joe or what did you  
8 call him at that time?

9 **MS. RENSRAW:** Dupuis.

10 **MR. DUMAIS:** Dupuis.

11 All right.

12 And so he gives you a call and you're the  
13 one that speaks to him.

14 Is that correct?

15 **MS. RENSRAW:** Yes.

16 **MR. DUMAIS:** Okay.

17 So what's the gist of the conversation the  
18 first time that he calls you?

19 **MS. RENSRAW:** They wanted to meet with Bob  
20 in Walkerton, Ontario. They wanted him to come down and  
21 speak with him, and I said that we'd have to make  
22 arrangements for that, that I had a work schedule that was  
23 quite tight, and I'd have to take the time off or rearrange  
24 my schedule. He didn't have much patience with that  
25 statement. He made a statement, "Well, we've come a long

1 way." And I said that I needed to rearrange my schedule,  
2 that I couldn't just book off a shift, nor could I afford  
3 to call in sick.

4 It sounded to me, from the verbal reaction  
5 that I got, that he little patience for that. It was like  
6 we had to be there.

7 **MR. DUMAIS:** All right.

8 So when he made -- how long before the  
9 actual meeting that this call occurred; do you recall at  
10 all?

11 **MS. RENSHAW:** No, I don't recall that  
12 timeframe.

13 **MR. DUMAIS:** All right.

14 So there was a -- and there would have been  
15 a specific date when they wanted to meet with Robert; is  
16 that ---

17 **MS. RENSHAW:** Yes, and that date was not  
18 negotiable. This was the date and this is the day that the  
19 interview was going to take place.

20 **MR. DUMAIS:** Okay.

21 **MS. RENSHAW:** With or without me by my  
22 husband's side.

23 **MR. DUMAIS:** All right.

24 So during that phone call there, were they -  
25 - how were they identifying themselves?

1                   Were they saying they were associated with  
2           Project Truth?

3                   **MS. RENSRAW:** Yes, yes.

4                   **MR. DUMAIS:** So they would say that?

5                   **MS. RENSRAW:** Yes.

6                   **MR. DUMAIS:** All right.

7                   And would they say, for example, any  
8           specifics of the allegations or just as a general request  
9           for a meeting?

10                  **THE COMMISSIONER:** Excuse me, Mr. Dumais.

11                  **MR. DUMAIS:** Sorry.

12                  **MR. WALLACE:** Excuse me.

13                  Commissioner, as I have been following the  
14           evidence, Mrs. Renshaw is saying that she spoke to  
15           Constable Dupuis. My friend, in framing his questions, is  
16           always framing it in the plural. So it's -- I think we  
17           should let the witness identify who, in fact, she is  
18           speaking to. It may have changed. I don't know. But she  
19           certainly wasn't speaking to two people at the same time.

20                  **THE COMMISSIONER:** Okay.

21                  **MR. WALLACE:** Thank you.

22                  **THE COMMISSIONER:** Thank you.

23                  **MR. DUMAIS:** That's a fair comment,  
24           Commissioner.

25                  **THE COMMISSIONER:** Yes.

1                   **MR. DUMAIS:** So just so that we are clear,  
2                   Claire, during that initial telephone conversation it was  
3                   Detective Constable Dupuis that you were speaking to?

4                   **MS. RENSRAW:** Yes.

5                   **MR. DUMAIS:** All right.

6                   **THE COMMISSIONER:** Before we go any further  
7                   can I just get -- where were you living when you got this  
8                   phone call?

9                   **MS. RENSRAW:** Mildmay, Ontario.

10                  **THE COMMISSIONER:** Okay.

11                  And how far is that from Walkerton?

12                  **MS. RENSRAW:** It was a six-minute drive.

13                  **THE COMMISSIONER:** Okay.

14                  Thank you.

15                  **MR. DUMAIS:** Perhaps if you can just help us  
16                  with geography, how far would Mildmay and Walkerton be from  
17                  Cornwall?

18                  **MS. RENSRAW:** Seven and a half hour drive;  
19                  approximately 500 miles.

20                  **MR. DUMAIS:** Sorry.

21                  Mildmay from Cornwall?

22                  **MS. RENSRAW:** Mildmay from Cornwall.

23                  **MR. DUMAIS:** All right.

24                  **MS. RENSRAW:** Yes.

25                  **MR. DUMAIS:** Thank you.

1                   During that first telephone conversation,  
2           Claire, was the actual meeting set?

3                   Did you agree on November 5<sup>th</sup> or was there a  
4           further telephone conversation?

5                   **MS. RENSRAW:** I believe, to my recollection,  
6           that this was a date that was given to us, given for Bob to  
7           meet them.

8                   **MR. DUMAIS:** Okay.

9                   And did you have -- sorry -- was Robert  
10          present when you were having this discussion with Detective  
11          Constable Dupuis?

12                  **MS. RENSRAW:** I believe he was in the  
13          background.

14                  **MR. DUMAIS:** Okay.

15                  And were arrangements finally made so that  
16          you could attend at that meeting in November?

17                  **MS. RENSRAW:** We were given a date in  
18          November and that was the date we were to be there.

19                  **MR. DUMAIS:** Okay.

20                  So you guys made arrangements and you  
21          attended on November 5<sup>th</sup>?

22                  **MS. RENSRAW:** Yes, I called in sick.

23                  **MR. DUMAIS:** Okay.

24                  Now, do you recall whether or not they had  
25          asked you to bring anything with you?

1                   **MS. RENSRAW:** No, I don't recall.

2                   **MR. DUMAIS:** Do you recall if either you or  
3 Robert brought anything at that meeting?

4                   I'm thinking specifically of that affidavit  
5 that Robert gave you.

6                   **MS. RENSRAW:** Not to my recollection, no.

7                   **MR. DUMAIS:** Okay.

8                   Now, you meet up on November 5<sup>th</sup>, 1997.

9                   Can you just explain to us where the meeting  
10 occurred and who was there and what was the discussion?

11                   **MS. RENSRAW:** We went to the OPP detachment  
12 in Walkerton, Ontario, and it's a very small building. As  
13 you enter the building it's a very small little front foyer  
14 that is all locked up.

15                   We entered, rang the buzzer. Constable  
16 Dupuis came out, chatted a few seconds. We went to go into  
17 the police area and they said, "You can wait here." And I  
18 asked to come in and they said, "No. You can wait here."  
19 And I sat outside and waited for Bob.

20                   **MR. DUMAIS:** All right.

21                   Now, did you understand, Claire, that they  
22 wanted to take a statement from Robert?

23                   **MS. RENSRAW:** No. I wasn't exactly sure  
24 what they wanted.

25                   **MR. DUMAIS:** All right.

1                   And were any requests made at that time by  
2                   either you or Robert that you both attend that meeting or  
3                   that you both be there?

4                   **MS. RENSRAW:** Yes.

5                   **MR. DUMAIS:** And the police officers -- were  
6                   there one or two officers there?

7                   **MS. RENSRAW:** I believe there was two.

8                   **MR. DUMAIS:** Okay.

9                   Do you recall the name of the second police  
10                  officer?

11                  **MS. RENSRAW:** I don't want to guess.

12                  **MR. DUMAIS:** Okay.

13                  Now, who was doing the talking; would that  
14                  have been that Detective Constable Dupuis?

15                  **MS. RENSRAW:** To myself and Robert?

16                  **MR. DUMAIS:** Yes.

17                  **MS. RENSRAW:** Mr. Dupuis, oui.

18                  **MR. DUMAIS:** Okay.

19                  Did he explain to you at all why he had a  
20                  preference that you wait, and that they take the statement  
21                  or that they take away Robert?

22                  **MS. RENSRAW:** No, the statement was, "You  
23                  can stay here. You can wait here."

24                  **MR. DUMAIS:** Okay.

25                  So you actually stayed there.

1 Is that correct?

2 MS. RENSRAW: Yes.

3 MR. DUMAIS: All right.

4 And were you part -- were any statements  
5 taken from you at that time?

6 MS. RENSRAW: No.

7 MR. DUMAIS: Okay.

8 And I take it, then, that Robert came out of  
9 the meeting some three hours later.

10 Is that correct?

11 MS. RENSRAW: Yes.

12 MR. DUMAIS: And did you have any further  
13 discussions with Constable Dupuis or anyone else there?

14 MS. RENSRAW: No.

15 MR. DUMAIS: Okay.

16 So no discussion as to how -- what the next  
17 step would be or whether or not they would be contacting  
18 you or be in communication with you?

19 MS. RENSRAW: I believe they said we'll be  
20 in touch or something to that effect.

21 MR. DUMAIS: Okay.

22 So would that have been clear then the  
23 extent of your involvement at this meeting?

24 MS. RENSRAW: Yes.

25 MR. DUMAIS: All right.



1                   Were there any discussion about Perry  
2                   Dunlop's involvement with Robert during that meeting?

3                   **MS. RENSRAW:** I was not in the meeting.

4                   **MR. DUMAIS:** Okay.

5                   So prior to that meeting, no discussions  
6                   involving Perry Dunlop that you would have witnessed?

7                   **MS. RENSRAW:** Not that I would have  
8                   witnessed. I was not in the meeting.

9                   **THE COMMISSIONER:** No, but I think he is  
10                  referring to when you came into the police station or  
11                  afterwards, you know, when Robert came out ---

12                  **MS. RENSRAW:** M'hm.

13                  **THE COMMISSIONER:** --- was there any  
14                  discussions there about ---

15                  **MS. RENSRAW:** No, they had no conversation  
16                  with me whatsoever. It was, "You can wait here."

17                  **MR. DUMAIS:** Okay.

18                  **THE COMMISSIONER:** Thank you.

19                  **MR. DUMAIS:** All right.

20                  Now, to the best of your recollection,  
21                  Claire, what would have been the next meeting or telephone  
22                  conversation you would have with Detective Constable  
23                  Dupuis?

24                  **MS. RENSRAW:** I'm going to say my request  
25                  for counseling.

1                   **MR. DUMAIS:** Okay.

2                   So you did at times have a number of  
3                   telephone conversations with different police officers  
4                   about the counseling issue? Is that ---

5                   **MS. RENSRAW:** Yes.

6                   **MR. DUMAIS:** All right.

7                   And would it be fair to say that the next  
8                   conversation would have been, in all likelihood, sometime  
9                   in 1998?

10                  **MS. RENSRAW:** That's fair, yes.

11                  **MR. DUMAIS:** Okay.

12                  Now, we're going to touch on the issue of  
13                  counselling shortly, Claire, but I'm just trying to keep  
14                  some sort of chronological order. So there's one issue  
15                  that I'd like to talk to you about and that's a newspaper  
16                  letter that you would have written, and we do have that  
17                  document which I intend to file, and that's doc number  
18                  706612.

19                  **THE COMMISSIONER:** Exhibit 335 is a copy of  
20                  a -- well, there's a couple of things on this document but  
21                  it looks like newspaper clippings. One (1) is from John  
22                  MacDonald dated April 5<sup>th</sup>, 1998 and Claire Lacelle ---

23                  **MS. RENSRAW:** Chouinor.

24                  **THE COMMISSIONER:** Chouinor?

25                  **MS. RENSRAW:** Oui.

1                   **THE COMMISSIONER:** Oui.

2                   --- April 8<sup>th</sup>, 1998 and then another one  
3 from the Ottawa Sun. In any event, there we go.

4                   All right.

5                   So that's Exhibit number 335.

6                   **--- EXHIBIT NO./PIÈCE NO P-335:**

7                   (706612) - Newspaper article "Abuse victims  
8 shouldn't be forgotten" - 08 April,  
9 1998

10                  **THE COMMISSIONER:** So you're looking at the  
11 middle article, Mr. Dumais?

12                  **MR. DUMAIS:** That's correct, Commissioner.

13                  The red line reads:

14                         "Abuse victims shouldn't be forgotten".

15                  And is that a letter that you would have  
16 written to the editor, Claire?

17                  **MS. RENSRAW:** Certainly is.

18                  **MR. DUMAIS:** Okay.

19                  Now, and that date sort of makes sense to  
20 you, April 8<sup>th</sup>, 1998?

21                  **MS. RENSRAW:** M'hm.

22                  **MR. DUMAIS:** That would have been the  
23 publication date.

24                  Perhaps you can just -- do you want to read  
25 through it? Do you want ---

1 MS. RENSRAW: Yes, please.

2 MR. DUMAIS: Okay.

3 Go ahead.

4 MS. RENSRAW: "To the Editor:

5 The time is now when we, as a society,  
6 despite role, position or status, need  
7 to be held accountable for our  
8 behaviour. Stand up people. The  
9 children of yesteryear are our adults  
10 of today. Who are we to question the  
11 emotional trauma forced upon them?  
12 It saddens me to think both as a mother  
13 and a wife of a survivor that some  
14 people have forgotten our children of  
15 yesteryear only to protect those in  
16 power. As adults, we choose life's  
17 individual path. We choose to interact  
18 with others in our own unique ways,  
19 which separates each and everyone of us  
20 as an individual, career, partner,  
21 children, all choices we make during  
22 life's wondrous journey.  
23 As individuals, we are responsible for  
24 our choices and certainly our  
25 behaviour. What about our children of

1 yesteryear whose right to choose was  
2 stolen, a right taken away from them  
3 before they had the intellectual  
4 ability to know what a choice is, to  
5 know, in fact, what life is?  
6 The emotional trauma forced upon these  
7 children of yesteryear is life long. I  
8 ask now, "Who chose the life of these  
9 children?" These children of  
10 yesteryear were kicked to the curbs,  
11 muzzled with money in exchange for  
12 silence, silence of the wounded soul.  
13 No amount of money in the world will  
14 ever stop or change the emotional  
15 rollercoaster our survivors have  
16 endured.  
17 It is not time to bow one's head but to  
18 stand up and yell for the children,  
19 yell to protect them from evil. Get  
20 with the program, Cornwall. How many  
21 children's emotional health may be  
22 sacrificed before we come together?  
23 Stand in unity to protect all God's  
24 children from this or any type of  
25 revolting behaviour forced upon them.

1 Do not cast the stone at the child but  
2 do as the adult with the cognisant of  
3 their behaviour. Let us not be  
4 disbelievers but educate oneself with  
5 the existing facts.  
6 It is through one man in the  
7 community..." -- excuse me -- "It is  
8 through one man the community has been  
9 made aware of the facts, one man's  
10 courage, human decency and outstanding  
11 support of his family. God bless you,  
12 Perry Dunlop. You are a true warrior,  
13 a warrior in which all parents and  
14 guardians need to acknowledge. Your  
15 act of heroism will in no doubt protect  
16 the emotional health of many of the  
17 children in Cornwall.  
18 Claire Lacelle Chouinor"

19 **MR. DUMAIS:** Now, Claire, does this reflect  
20 your thoughts at that time, your state of mind?

21 **MS. RENSRAW:** Yes.

22 **MR. DUMAIS:** All right.

23 And did anything specifically prompt you to  
24 write that letter?

25 **MS. RENSRAW:** I was angry at the time for --

1 I had written many, many letters to the Standard  
2 Freeholder. Most of the letters were being cut out. Parts  
3 of the letters were being cut out. Some were not even  
4 printed, and I'm sure some not acknowledged, but I was  
5 angry that I was just -- they weren't writing my letters.  
6 They were writing letters -- sorry -- they weren't printing  
7 my letters, and, yes, I was angry.

8 **MR. DUMAIS:** Okay.

9 But, certainly, they did print this letter  
10 in April of '98.

11 **MS. RENSRAW:** Yes, they did.

12 **MR. DUMAIS:** All right.

13 So was there -- and I guess my more specific  
14 question is: Was there anything happening with Perry  
15 Dunlop that prompted you to write this letter?

16 **MS. RENSRAW:** There was a lot of negativity  
17 going his way. People were casting stones at him and  
18 pointing fingers at him like he was an evil person.

19 **MR. DUMAIS:** All right.

20 And you had concerns about that and you did  
21 not agree with that.

22 **MS. RENSRAW:** No, I did not agree with that.

23 **MR. DUMAIS:** All right.

24 So, essentially, you wrote this letter in  
25 support of Perry Dunlop; is that ---

1                   **MS. RENSRAW:** Yes, I did.

2                   **MR. DUMAIS:** All right.

3                   Now, the next thing that -- or the next  
4 event I want to discuss with you, Claire, is the contact  
5 that the OPP would have made with Robert's sister and that  
6 would have been, as far as I can tell, sometime in May of  
7 1998.

8                   Can you tell me what you recall about that  
9 incident, tell us what happened, and how it was dealt with?

10                  **MS. RENSRAW:** Are we speaking about Mr.  
11 Seguin's breaking of confidentiality?

12                  Is that what we're speaking of?

13                  **MR. DUMAIS:** Well, I understand that a  
14 police constable contacted Robert's sister who was living  
15 out West.

16                  **MS. RENSRAW:** Yes. At that time, in our  
17 lives, Bob and Gerry were not getting along for many, many  
18 reasons, and Mr. Seguin took it upon himself to phone  
19 Carole, a sister of the brothers that lived out in the  
20 Calgary area, and, to my understanding, he disclosed to her  
21 that the boys were victims. She knew nothing of this fact.

22                  By breaking confidentiality -- and I was  
23 quite upset that he did so -- he opened a whole world that  
24 was very negative for us. It was very difficult to deal  
25 with her knowing this information.



1                   **MR. DUMAIS:** All right.

2                   Now, perhaps if we can just start, Claire,  
3                   by explaining what type of relationship you had with  
4                   Robert's sister.

5                   **MS. RENSRAW:** I had no relationship with  
6                   her.

7                   **MR. DUMAIS:** Okay.

8                   **MS. RENSRAW:** I had an argument with her  
9                   once and that was it.

10                  **MR. DUMAIS:** Okay.

11                  And Robert did not as well?

12                  **MS. RENSRAW:** No relationship with his  
13                  sister.

14                  **MR. DUMAIS:** Okay.

15                  And so fair to say that - well, actually,  
16                  I'm not sure when you stopped speaking with her.

17                  So do you recall; when was the last time  
18                  that you would have dealt with her?

19                  **MS. RENSRAW:** I spoke with her once, and  
20                  once only, and that erupted into an argument, and that was  
21                  it.

22                  **MR. DUMAIS:** Okay.

23                  **THE COMMISSIONER:** How far before some  
24                  police officer would have phoned her about that  
25                  information?

1                   **MS. RENSRAW:** Oh! This argument probably  
2 was maybe 1990-'91.

3                   **THE COMMISSIONER:** Okay.  
4 So this is eight years -- seven-eight years  
5 later?

6                   **MS. RENSRAW:** Yes.

7                   **THE COMMISSIONER:** Okay.

8                   **MS. RENSRAW:** And it was unrelated to any of  
9 this.

10                  **THE COMMISSIONER:** Yes. Right.

11                  **MR. DUMAIS:** Okay.

12                  Now, how did you find out about this  
13 telephone conversation?

14                  **MS. RENSRAW:** From Mr. Seguin and Carole?

15                  **MR. DUMAIS:** Yes.

16                  **MS. RENSRAW:** She phoned. She phoned me.

17                  **MR. DUMAIS:** All right.

18                  **MS. RENSRAW:** She phoned the house and was  
19 speaking to my middle child, Samantha, identified herself  
20 as her aunt Carole.

21                  **MR. DUMAIS:** Yes, and then did you take the  
22 telephone from Carole -- sorry -- from your daughter?

23                  **MS. RENSRAW:** Samantha, yes, I did.

24                  **MR. DUMAIS:** Okay.

25                  And tell me about the conversation then.

1                   **MS. RENSRAW:** Well, I asked her, "Why are  
2                   you phoning my house?" "Why are you bothering my family?"  
3                   "We have nothing to do with you. Don't phone my house."  
4                   And she proceeded to tell me, "I didn't my brother was  
5                   sexually assaulted" and carried on the conversation and I  
6                   was very upset. And I said, "How did you know?" "Well,  
7                   this guy Seguin phoned me."

8                   Needless to say I hit the roof.

9                   **MR. DUMAIS:** All right.

10                  So then do you know in what -- what was the  
11                  reason for him communicating with his sister?

12                  **MS. RENSRAW:** My understanding was that he  
13                  spoke to the sister and asked the sister to speak with her  
14                  two younger brothers in hopes of getting them to get along  
15                  a little bit better.

16                  **MR. DUMAIS:** Okay.

17                  So, as far as you know, the purpose of the  
18                  call would not have been as a potential witness here?

19                  **MS. RENSRAW:** That's not what I derived from  
20                  the conversation.

21                  **MR. DUMAIS:** Okay.

22                  **MS. RENSRAW:** No.

23                  **MR. DUMAIS:** And if you can just give us an  
24                  idea, Claire, Carole would be older or younger to Robert?

25                  **MS. RENSRAW:** Older.

1                   **MR. DUMAIS:** Okay.

2                   So she's an older sister?

3                   **MS. RENSRAW:** Yes.

4                   **MR. DUMAIS:** All right.

5                   And was that the extent of the conversation  
6 with her?

7                   Did you have any other telephone ---

8                   **MS. RENSRAW:** Well, she phoned back several  
9 times in making attempt to try to talk to her brother. I  
10 knew that it would create a lot of havoc in my family, in  
11 my immediate -- in my home if she did talk to my -- sorry --  
12 - her brother.

13                   **MR. DUMAIS:** Okay.

14                   So you did not agree with her course of  
15 action I guess?

16                   **MS. RENSRAW:** No, not at all.

17                   **MR. DUMAIS:** And do you know whether or not  
18 she ever did speak to Robert?

19                   **MS. RENSRAW:** Yes.

20                   **MR. DUMAIS:** Okay.

21                   And do you know what was said in the  
22 conversation or were you there?

23                   **MS. RENSRAW:** Do you have bleeps here?

24                   **THE COMMISSIONER:** No.

25                   **MS. RENSRAW:** Okay.

1 She said several cuss words. She said a  
2 statement to him; I overheard him say several cuss words  
3 and hung up the phone.

4 **MR. DUMAIS:** Okay.

5 And would then this -- would this have been  
6 the last conversation with her?

7 **MS. RENSHAW:** I'm going to say she tried to  
8 make more calls, but I intervened, and kept just hanging up  
9 on her.

10 **MR. DUMAIS:** Okay.

11 Did you have any discussion with respect to  
12 Detective Constable Seguin on this matter?

13 **MS. RENSHAW:** Yes, I did.

14 **MR. DUMAIS:** All right.

15 **MS. RENSHAW:** I phoned him. I'm not sure if  
16 it was that day or the next day. I phoned him and reamed  
17 him out for phoning the sister, and questioned him on his  
18 code of ethics, and the confidentiality clause, and how  
19 dare he do something, you know, such negligence. This was  
20 confidential and the whole fact of it being an abuse should  
21 not have been told.

22 **MR. DUMAIS:** All right.

23 And what was his response?

24 **MS. RENSHAW:** He was quiet. He didn't say  
25 nothing.

1                   **MR. DUMAIS:** Okay.

2                   Now, did you discuss this incident with  
3 anyone else from the OPP?

4                   **MS. RENSRAW:** To complete the conversation  
5 with Mr. Seguin, I told him that, in no uncertain terms, I  
6 do not want him calling my house, visiting my house or have  
7 anything to do with myself or my husband, that we will no  
8 longer deal with him, that we will deal with Dupuis.

9                   **MR. DUMAIS:** All right.

10                   And is that essentially what happened after  
11 that?

12                   **MS. RENSRAW:** Yes.

13                   **MR. DUMAIS:** All right.

14                   Did you ever discuss with any other OPP  
15 officers the fact that there had been this communication  
16 with Robert's sister?

17                   **MS. RENSRAW:** Yes, I brought it up with  
18 Dupuis.

19                   **MR. DUMAIS:** Okay.

20                   And what was his position on this?

21                   **MS. RENSRAW:** He didn't say yea or nea. He  
22 just more or less listened to me.

23                   **MR. DUMAIS:** Okay.

24                   **MS. RENSRAW:** But I made firm that I would  
25 deal with him and him only.

1                   **MR. DUMAIS:** All right.

2                   What about the name of Robert's sister and  
3                   the information to contact him; where would that have come  
4                   from?

5                   Do you know?

6                   **MS. RENSRAW:** Can you repeat that question?

7                   **MR. DUMAIS:** The name of Robert's sister and  
8                   the contact information.

9                   **MS. RENSRAW:** I don't know where that  
10                  information would have come from.

11                  **MR. DUMAIS:** Okay.

12                  Certainly, it would have come from either  
13                  you or Robert; is that fair?

14                  **MS. RENSRAW:** No, because I didn't know  
15                  where she lived. Bob didn't -- I can't speak for Bob.

16                  **MR. DUMAIS:** Yes.

17                  **MS. RENSRAW:** But I did not know where she  
18                  was and we had not had any contact within our relationship.  
19                  So.

20                  **MR. DUMAIS:** So you wouldn't have had any  
21                  knowledge of how to contact her at that time?

22                  **MS. RENSRAW:** No.

23                  **MR. DUMAIS:** All right.

24                  Now, the -- now, I understand that the  
25                  preliminary inquiry for Robert would have occurred sometime

1 in 1999; is that correct?

2 MS. RENSCHAW: I am going to say yes.

3 MR. DUMAIS: Okay. You don't recall  
4 specifically ---

5 MS. RENSCHAW: The date?

6 MR. DUMAIS: --- what date that was?

7 MS. RENSCHAW: No.

8 MR. DUMAIS: All right.

9 So then, if I tell you March 9<sup>th</sup>, 1999, does  
10 that make sense to you or not?

11 MS. RENSCHAW: I am going to agree with that.

12 MR. DUMAIS: Okay. Now, I want to know,  
13 Claire, what type of meetings you would have had with  
14 either Detective Constable Dupuis or someone from the  
15 Crown's office to prepare Robert for the preliminary  
16 inquiry. Do you recall any of those telephone  
17 conversations or visits?

18 MS. RENSCHAW: Well, I'm sure there must have  
19 been conversations in order to let us know when to be there  
20 and at what time. So, yes, I am going to say there must  
21 have been some contact. I do recall one specific meeting  
22 that we met with Mr. Pelletier, I believe.

23 MR. DUMAIS: Okay. Well tell us about that.

24 MS. RENSCHAW: Initially, we walked into the  
25 courthouse and Bob and I were sitting there and Mr. Dupuis



1           came over and said, "Okay, Bob, you can come in the room"  
2           and we both stood up and he said "No, Claire, you can wait  
3           here". And I said, "Where Bob goes, I go". And he said  
4           "No". He said "You can't come in the room". And I said,  
5           "Well if I don't go, Bob doesn't go".

6                           And he became very annoyed with that and he  
7           said maybe Bob could make that decision. And Bob said  
8           "Where Claire blank, blank goes, I go". And Mr. Dupuis  
9           said, "Well, it would be unfortunate if you came all this  
10          way for nothing". And Bob said "Blank, blank, we're out of  
11          here". We both got up and proceeded to leave and he said  
12          "Okay, wait here". We again sat for a few minutes and we  
13          were both led into a small office.

14                           **MR. DUMAIS:** All right.

15                           And just so that I'm clear, Claire, who  
16          would have been present at this meeting; who were you  
17          having the conversation with?

18                           **MS. RENSHAW:** I had no conversation, I was  
19          just sitting in the corner.

20                           **MR. DUMAIS:** Okay. So then the conversation  
21          was between Robert and who was the ---

22                           **MS. RENSHAW:** I believe it was Mr.  
23          Pelletier.

24                           **MR. DUMAIS:** Okay. So the gentleman, the  
25          prosecutor who would have been present at the preliminary

1 inquiry.

2 MS. RENSRAW: I am going to say yes.

3 MR. DUMAIS: Okay.

4 MS. RENSRAW: There was a lot of people  
5 filling that role.

6 MR. DUMAIS: Okay. So you're not entirely  
7 sure if that was ---

8 MS. RENSRAW: No, I cannot say for certain.

9 MR. DUMAIS: Okay. And did you say that  
10 this meeting would have occurred in Walkerton?

11 MS. RENSRAW: No, it was in Cornwall.

12 MR. DUMAIS: In Cornwall, okay. And do you  
13 think that this meeting happened shortly before the  
14 preliminary inquiry?

15 MS. RENSRAW: I'm going to say yes.

16 MR. DUMAIS: Okay. As far as you can  
17 remember, does it make sense to you that you would have  
18 travelled to Cornwall, met with Mr. Pelletier and the  
19 following day Robert would have testified, or would it have  
20 been previous to that?

21 MS. RENSRAW: I am not sure if there was a  
22 bit of time in between there, but I do know that we were  
23 leaving that day after that meeting to go back home. So I  
24 am going to safely assume that there was a bit of time  
25 between this meeting and when Bob was to appear.

1                   **MR. DUMAIS:** Okay. Now, just on this issue,  
2                   Claire, there are some documents that shed light with  
3                   respect to dates and these are essentially the notes from  
4                   Constable -- Detective Constable Dupuis, and the first one  
5                   I want you to have a look at is doc number 7333622.

6                   **THE COMMISSIONER:** Exhibit 336.

7                   **MR. DUMAIS:** Correct. And as I'm reminded,  
8                   Commissioner, perhaps I can give the Bates page number  
9                   because my understanding is that's part of a bigger  
10                  document. It would be Bates page 7131359.

11                  **THE COMMISSIONER:** So Exhibit 336 is a  
12                  photocopy of police officer's notes, and do you have any  
13                  idea who that would have been?

14                  **MR. DUMAIS:** These are the notes from  
15                  Detective Constable Dupuis and although that page does not  
16                  have a specific date on it, and the date would be on the  
17                  page that would precede it which ---

18                  **THE COMMISSIONER:** Well, there is a date,  
19                  18<sup>th</sup> of January 1999, if I am looking at the right one?

20                  **MR. DUMAIS:** That is -- I believe the date  
21                  would be January 5<sup>th</sup>, 1999, Commissioner.

22                  **THE COMMISSIONER:** Well, wait a minute now.  
23                  Is there page 19 on the top of these police officer's  
24                  notes? Now, we may have grabbed the wrong document.

25                  **MR. DUMAIS:** It would be doc number 733622,

1 Bates page number 7131358.

2 THE COMMISSIONER: No, wrong document. So  
3 hold on there for a second.

4 MR. DUMAIS: Yes, Commissioner.

5 Sorry. It would be 7131359, which is the  
6 only page I intend to file, and if no one has any  
7 objections, Commissioner ---

8 THE COMMISSIONER: So we're going to take  
9 this back and we're going to enter a new document as 336,  
10 which are police officer's notes of Officer Dupuis.

11 ---EXHIBIT NO./PIÈCE NO P-336:

12 (733622) Bates 7131359 - Notes of Cst.

13 Dupuis - Januaray 5, 1999

14 MR. DUMAIS: Just bear with us, Claire.

15 MS. RENSRAW: Thank you.

16 MR. MANDERVILLE: Excuse me, Mr. Dumais?

17 MR. DUMAIS: Yes.

18 MR. MANDERVILLE: What document?

19 MR. DUMAIS: Doc number 7336 ---

20 THE COMMISSIONER: Two-two (22).

21 MR. DUMAIS: Six-two-two (622).

22 MR. MANDEVILLE: Thank you.

23 MR. DUMAIS: And Commissioner, I know we  
24 only have that one page that I intend to put to Claire and  
25 unfortunately that page does not provide us with a date but

1 I can advise that the previous page which has not been --  
2 the paper copy has not been prepared and that is Bates page  
3 73131358. It does identify the date as being January 5<sup>th</sup>,  
4 1999.

5 **THE COMMISSIONER:** All right.

6 **MR. DUMAIS:** So the relevant entry, Claire -  
7 - do you have the document in front of you?

8 **MS. RENSHAW:** I do.

9 **MR. DUMAIS:** All right.

10 So the relevant entry is the 1356 entry, and  
11 I'll just read it to you:

12 "Contacted Robert Renshaw, advised him  
13 of meeting date with Mr. Pelletier. He  
14 will come. Call back confirming such  
15 date."

16 And then at 1512:

17 "Called Robert Renshaw. His wife  
18 advised that Robert was no longer  
19 employed, has no money. Concern about  
20 talking to police and the Crown without  
21 his wife present. Advise with [I'm not  
22 sure if that's with] with Robert and  
23 wife, would talk to Crown, come up with  
24 a plan and call them back".

25 So do you recall that conversation about setting up that

1 meeting?

2 **MS. RENSRAW:** I believe, yes.

3 **MR. DUMAIS:** Okay. So do you recall that  
4 that might have been an issue as well, Claire, about the  
5 expense to travel back and forth and ---

6 **MS. RENSRAW:** It was quite a distance to  
7 travel and, as I said, Bob was unemployed so that's a chunk  
8 of change.

9 **MR. DUMAIS:** All right.

10 And do you recall that arrangements were  
11 made to pay for your expenses?

12 **MS. RENSRAW:** M'hm. On one visit they were.

13 **MR. DUMAIS:** Okay.

14 **MS. RENSRAW:** The one we traveled they were  
15 -- expenses were paid, yes.

16 **MR. DUMAIS:** All right.

17 Now, the next relevant entry -- and that's  
18 the same doc number, Bates page 7131366.

19 **THE COMMISSIONER:** That would be Exhibit  
20 number 337. Again, those are notes from Officer Dupuis, I  
21 think, at page 11 of his notebook.

22 **MR. DUMAIS:** Correct. And there is a date  
23 on this page, Commissioner. It would be January 11<sup>th</sup>, 1999.

24 **THE COMMISSIONER:** Yes.

25 ---EXHIBIT NO./PIÈCE NO P-337:

1 (733622) Bates 7131366 - Notes of Cst.

2 Dupuis - January 11, 1999

3 **MR. DUMAIS:** So the relevant entries at  
4 1011, Claire -- so you see that it appears that Detective  
5 Constable Dupuis had a conversation with Robert Pelletier  
6 about paying for some of the expenses for the meeting and  
7 at 1354 it appears that he contacted Robert back to advise  
8 him that expenses would be paid for the appointment of  
9 February 11<sup>th</sup> '99 and then that arrangements had been made  
10 to set that meeting.

11 It appears that that confirmation call would  
12 have been with Robert. Does that make sense to you? Do  
13 you recall that?

14 **MRS. RENSHAW:** I can't say for certain  
15 whether he was talking with Robert or not.

16 **MR. DUMAIS:** Okay.

17 And the next relevant page in document  
18 733622 is Bates page number 7131401.

19 **(SHORT PAUSE/COURTE PAUSE)**

20 **MR. DUMAIS:** In fairness to Madam Clerk,  
21 Commissioner, these are just documents that we have  
22 prepared this morning.

23 Apparently, Commissioner, we can't locate  
24 that document and perhaps I can just ask questions without  
25 filing the document and we'll locate it at the morning

1 break and I'll just -- I'll file it then.

2 **THE COMMISSIONER:** M'hm.

3 **MR. DUMAIS:** So then, this is again an  
4 excerpt from Detective Constable Dupuis' notes dated  
5 February 11<sup>th</sup>, 1999. It appears to be the date that was set  
6 up for the interview and I'll read you the entry at 1059 on  
7 that day:

8 "Robert Renshaw and common-law wife re:  
9 pre-trial interview. Claire Lacelle  
10 Chouinor, she took no part in the  
11 interview, only there for moral support  
12 for Robert".

13 So that would have been the entry on that meeting.

14 So do you recall Constable Dupuis being  
15 there, Detective Constable Dupuis?

16 **MRS. RENSHAW:** Yes.

17 **MR. DUMAIS:** Okay.

18 Now, you did indicate earlier, Claire, that  
19 you thought that you had been part of that, the interview  
20 with Mr. Pelletier.

21 **MRS. RENSHAW:** Excuse me?

22 **MR. DUMAIS:** You thought that that  
23 preparation meeting sometime in 1999 before the preliminary  
24 inquiry, that you would have been part of that interview?

25 **MRS. RENSHAW:** I'm not understanding your



1 question.

2 THE COMMISSIONER: When he met with Mr.  
3 Pelletier?

4 MS. RENSRAW: Yes.

5 THE COMMISSIONER: You had traveled from  
6 your home?

7 MS. RENSRAW: Yes.

8 THE COMMISSIONER: They had covered the  
9 expenses?

10 MS. RENSRAW: Yes.

11 THE COMMISSIONER: Did you go in and meet  
12 with them?

13 MS. RENSRAW: I was there for support for my  
14 husband.

15 THE COMMISSIONER: Right. So were you in  
16 the room when Mr. Pelletier asked questions of your  
17 husband?

18 MS. RENSRAW: Yes.

19 THE COMMISSIONER: Okay.

20 MR. DUMAIS: All right.

21 So do you recall what they reviewed, Claire?

22 MS. RENSRAW: What was going to happen in  
23 Court?

24 MR. DUMAIS: Okay. So he would have  
25 explained to you the process that he would have been asking

1 questions and then someone else would be cross-examining  
2 him on his answers.

3 MS. RENSRAW: Yes.

4 MR. DUMAIS: Do you recall whether or not  
5 they went through his statement that he had previously  
6 given?

7 MS. RENSRAW: I don't recall that they did.

8 MR. DUMAIS: Okay, all right.

9 MR. DUMAIS: Now, do you recall the date of  
10 the preliminary inquiry when Robert testified?

11 MS. RENSRAW: No, I don't.

12 MR. DUMAIS: Did you attend a court when ---

13 MS. RENSRAW: Yes.

14 MR. DUMAIS: Okay.

15 And do you recall where the preliminary  
16 inquiry happened or occurred?

17 MS. RENSRAW: Right here in Cornwall.

18 MR. DUMAIS: Okay.

19 And you guys both travelled for the court  
20 attendance?

21 MS. RENSRAW: Yes.

22 MR. DUMAIS: And you weren't present in the  
23 body of the courtroom while Robert was testifying?

24 MS. RENSRAW: He went to a few court  
25 sessions. One I was present. Thereafter, I was not able

1 to be present because I was subpoenaed.

2 MR. DUMAIS: Okay.

3 MS. RENSRAW: So I could not be in the room.

4 MR. DUMAIS: Okay.

5 So he did, from time to time, travel and  
6 appear when the matter was simply set to be adjourned or to  
7 be spoken to or something of that sort,

8 MS. RENSRAW: M'hm. Each time when we were  
9 required to be there we attended together, yes.

10 MR. DUMAIS: Okay. And did Robert sometimes  
11 attend alone or were you always there?

12 MS. RENSRAW: No, we were always together.

13 MR. DUMAIS: Okay. So whenever he attended  
14 you had been there as well?

15 MS. RENSRAW: That is right.

16 MR. DUMAIS: Now, there would have been this  
17 one occasion at the preliminary inquiry in 1999 where he  
18 testified -- the first time he testified, do you recall  
19 that?

20 MS. RENSRAW: Yes, I do.

21 MR. DUMAIS: All right. And you're not in  
22 the body of the courtroom?

23 MS. RENSRAW: The first time, I am going to  
24 say was a preliminary. I was there. The second time I was  
25 not there, no.

1                   **MR. DUMAIS:** Do you recall if the first time  
2                   you're referring to whether this was a pre-trial? Does  
3                   that ring a bell for you?

4                   **MS. RENSRAW:** No, because this process was  
5                   all new to me. A court was a court so was a court to me.

6                   **MR. DUMAIS:** Okay, fair enough. Fair  
7                   enough.

8                   All right. So there is this one appearance  
9                   where Robert testifies and you're not in the body of the  
10                  courtroom. Is that correct?

11                  **MS. RENSRAW:** Yes.

12                  **MR. DUMAIS:** Right. And the reason for that  
13                  is you had received a subpoena yourself.

14                  **MS. RENSRAW:** Yes.

15                  **MR. DUMAIS:** And which means that you're a  
16                  potential witness, which means you can't be in the body of  
17                  the courtroom while someone else, another witness is  
18                  testifying.

19                  **MS. RENSRAW:** That's the information he gave  
20                  me.

21                  **MR. DUMAIS:** All right.

22                  And when you're saying that, "that's the  
23                  information he gave me" who gave you that information?

24                  **MS. RENSRAW:** Dupuis.

25                  **MR. DUMAIS:** Okay. And did you ever have

1 any discussions with Mr. Pelletier regarding the fact that  
2 you had been summoned as a witness?

3 MS. RENSRAW: I spoke to Dupuis about it.

4 MR. DUMAIS: Okay. And that was the extent.  
5 You never addressed this issue with the Crown?

6 MS. RENSRAW: No.

7 MR. DUMAIS: No.

8 Now, at the preliminary inquiry did -- were  
9 you called to testify as a witness?

10 MS. RENSRAW: No.

11 MR. DUMAIS: Okay. And after Robert gave  
12 his evidence, was that the extent of your involvement on  
13 that day? You say after he was done you guys simply left?

14 MS. RENSRAW: Yes.

15 MR. DUMAIS: Okay. So were there any  
16 discussions a with either the Crown or any police officer  
17 or otherwise of about what was the next step or what would  
18 happen or whether or not the matter would proceed to trial?  
19 Do you recall any discussions on that day?

20 MS. RENSRAW: My recollection is once Bob  
21 got off the stand he simply stormed out of there and just  
22 kept going. So I'm going to say "no".

23 MR. DUMAIS: Okay, all right.

24 Now, Claire, I want to talk to you about  
25 different issues with respect to counselling. And I know

1 that you've had a number of conversations with different  
2 police officers on this issue and different people involved  
3 in the judicial system as well.

4 Now, some of these contacts would have been  
5 with the Victim Witness Awareness Program. Are you aware  
6 what that is and ---

7 **MS. RENSRAW:** M'hm, yes.

8 **MR. DUMAIS:** And I guess, in the same  
9 category I want to talk to you about your -- Robert's  
10 application with the Criminal Injuries Compensation Board.

11 Now, just in general terms, Claire, and  
12 I'm going to put some documents to you -- I mean, what was  
13 the issue with counseling and what -- your requests were  
14 made and what was being asked and what was being offered,  
15 just in general terms.

16 **MS. RENSRAW:** I repeatedly made phone calls,  
17 mainly to Mr. Dupuis, asking for counselling for Bob. He  
18 was getting more and more agitated as the case went on.

19 So I kept phoning and phoning and phoning,  
20 "Can we get this man counselling? Can we get this man  
21 counselling?" The reply I received was I had two options,  
22 go to Ottawa for The Men's Project or travel to Cornwall in  
23 a group.

24 **MR. DUMAIS:** Okay.

25 **THE COMMISSIONER:** For some group

1 counselling then?

2 MS. RENSRAW: Yes.

3 MR. DUMAIS: All right.

4 But that information would not have  
5 necessarily -- came directly from Detective Constable  
6 Dupuis, right?

7 MS. RENSRAW: No, no. I spoke with many,  
8 many people but my main contact in requesting counselling  
9 was with Mr. Dupuis.

10 MR. DUMAIS: All right.

11 Well, perhaps then we can have a look at  
12 some of these contacts where -- so the first document would  
13 be doc number 726813. And I'm just hoping that that's not  
14 one of the cross documents, although that may very well be,  
15 Madame Clerk, it is.

16 If we can then just have a look at doc  
17 number 7104400?

18 Doc number 710400, Bates page 7039475.

19 (SHORT PAUSE/COURTE PAUSE)

20 THE COMMISSIONER: So we'll just see, first  
21 of all. Is this a document being the interview of Fred  
22 Leroux?

23 MR. DUMAIS: Pardon me.

24 THE COMMISSIONER: What document do you want  
25 to ---

1                   **MR. DUMAIS:** Bates page 7039475.

2                   **THE COMMISSIONER:** Yes, and this is an  
3 interview of Fred Leroux?

4                   **MR. DUMAIS:** It's just the first entry on  
5 that page.

6                   **THE COMMISSIONER:** Okay, but that's the  
7 correct document?

8                   **MR. DUMAIS:** Yes.

9                   **THE COMMISSIONER:** All right.

10                   So 338 is the exhibit number. Again, this  
11 is -- but this is a typed version. No, it says at the  
12 bottom:

13                                 "This concludes my will-say to date."

14                   So can you identify this document for us?

15                   **MR. DUMAIS:** Yes, Commissioner. This is the  
16 will-say statement of Detective Constable Joseph Dupuis,  
17 and that's the entry for August 14, 2000.

18                   **THE COMMISSIONER:** Right, okay.

19                   **MR. DUMAIS:** So exhibit -- sorry. Has that  
20 been made an exhibit, Commissioner?

21                   **THE COMMISSIONER:** Yes, 338.

22                   **--- EXHIBIT NO./PIÈCE NO P-338:**

23                                 (710400) Bates 7039475 - Interview of Fred  
24 Leroux - August 14, 2000

25                   **MR. DUMAIS:** So then I'm looking at the



1 entry, the first relevant entry. That's at 21 -- 24 hours,  
2 Claire. Do you see that?

3 **MS. RENSRAW:** Yes I do.

4 **MR. DUMAIS:** So it says here:

5 "Received call from Sergeant Paul Yelle  
6 at the com centre. He received a call  
7 from Claire Chouinor requesting an  
8 officer from Project Truth call her."

9

10 And then the entry at 21:28:

11 "Call Miss Chouinor. She advised Dick  
12 Nadeau had called Robert Renshaw."

13 And we're going to deal with the Dick Nadeau  
14 issue shortly, Claire, if we can just leave that aside for  
15 now.

16 **MS. RENSRAW:** Okay.

17 **MR. DUMAIS:**

18 "Nadeau advised going to put his name  
19 back on Project Truth. Both Chouinor  
20 and Renshaw they're upset. Chouinor  
21 also requested assistance with  
22 counselling for Robert."

23 And then, the note from Detective Constable  
24 Dupuis:

25 "Advise Miss Chouinor I would look into

1 the matter on August 15, 2000."

2 And there's an entry then on August 15, 2000  
3 at 9:03:

4 "Discuss Robert Renshaw issue with Ms.  
5 Cosette Chafe. [She will -- or Chafe]  
6 she will look into getting counseling  
7 for Robert Renshaw."

8 Do you recall, Claire, who this Cosette  
9 Chafe is, or do you know this person?

10 **MS. RENSRAW:** The name rings a bell. I tend  
11 to think she was with the project in Ottawa.

12 **MR. DUMAIS:** Okay.

13 And what do you mean by that, the project in  
14 Ottawa?

15 Is that some type of counseling service or -  
16 --

17 **MS. RENSRAW:** Yes. Yes, it was for victims  
18 of abuse.

19 **MR. DUMAIS:** And do you recall, Claire,  
20 whether or not she was associated with the V/WAP program,  
21 the Victims ---

22 **MS. RENSRAW:** No, I don't recall where the  
23 association, where the connection was but I know that it  
24 had some type of connection with the Project Truth  
25 investigation. It was all like under the same umbrella.

1                   **MR. DUMAIS:** Okay. Fair to say that at one  
2 point in time she would have contacted you or Robert or --  
3 and spoken to you?

4                   **MS. RENSRAW:** Yes.

5                   **MR. DUMAIS:** Okay.

6                   **MS. RENSRAW:** That's fair.

7                   **MR. DUMAIS:** Okay. And do you recall if  
8 anything was decided or any arrangements were made with  
9 respect to counseling?

10                   **MS. RENSRAW:** No, I don't recall if any  
11 arrangements were made. I just recall the two options  
12 being opened to us.

13                   **MR. DUMAIS:** Okay. So that would have been  
14 in August of 2000. There's another document, Claire, that  
15 I wanted you to have a look at, and that's doc number  
16 710495, Bates page 7039806; 710495, Bates page 7039806.

17                   **THE COMMISSIONER:** All right. Thank you.

18                   And that is a -- that's his will statement.  
19 No, will-say number 2 of Joe Dupuis and it's dated -- what  
20 date was it? What does it say?

21                   Do you have a date for this document, Mr.  
22 Dumais. It's Exhibit 339. Yes, 339.

23                   **--- EXHIBIT NO./PIÈCE NO P-339:**

24                   (710495) - Bates 7039805 - Will say of Cst.  
25 Dupuis

1                   **MR. DUMAIS:** Yes, The date would be  
2                   September 19, 2000, Commissioner.

3                   **THE COMMISSIONER:** Thank you.

4                   **MR. DUMAIS:** So then there is the entry on  
5                   this date, and that's September 19, 2000, Claire, at 16:19  
6                   hours. And, again, that is the will-say statement of  
7                   Detective Constable Dupuis. It says there:

8                                   "Spoke to Ms. Chouinor re: website and  
9                                   will get to the website issue shortly  
10                                  and money for assistance for Robert."

11                   Is it fair to say, Claire, that in most  
12                   contact or communications that you would have had with any  
13                   police officer involved in this, you would be requesting  
14                   for counseling?

15                   **MS. RENSRAW:** Every time I spoke with them.

16                   **MR. DUMAIS:** All right, because that was an  
17                   important issue for you.

18                   **MS. RENSRAW:** Yes. It was very important.

19                   **MR. DUMAIS:** Now, would you have spoken, at  
20                   one point in time, to Inspector Pat Hall?

21                                   Do you recall that gentleman?

22                   **MS. RENSRAW:** Yes, I do.

23                   **MR. DUMAIS:** Just in general terms, Claire,  
24                   what was his involvement in this case, if any?

25                   **MS. RENSRAW:** When the website went up, I

1 recognized one of the statements on the website. I phoned  
2 Dick Nadeau and said, "You know, you can't do this. You  
3 don't have the permission of the individual. You need to  
4 take that down."

5 To be very polite, he was non-compliant. I  
6 insisted and he was not -- he used profanity towards me and  
7 hung up. I phoned back and gave him to the end of the day  
8 or that I would take ---

9 **MR. DUMAIS:** I don't want to cut you off  
10 there, but I just want to leave the website issue just  
11 apart for now. I just want to deal with the counselling,  
12 and we are going to get back to that precise ---

13 **MS. RENSRAW:** Okay. Okay.

14 **MR. DUMAIS:** --- that precise issue shortly.  
15 Perhaps it might be easier if we can just --  
16 I'll point you to the document -- that would be document  
17 number 726562, Bates page is 7101408.

18 **THE COMMISSIONER:** Thank you.

19 Exhibit 340 is notes from Detective  
20 Inspector Hall.

21 **MR. DUMAIS:** That's correct, Commissioner.

22 **THE COMMISSIONER:** M'hm.

23 --- **EXHIBIT NO./PIÈCE NO P-340:**

24 (726562) - Bates 7101408 - Notes of D/Ins.

25 Pat Hall - May 20, 1998

1                   **MR. DUMAIS:** There are probably two pages  
2 that end with 408-409. Because you did, as well, have a  
3 discussion with Detective Inspector Hall about counselling  
4 issues as well, Claire.

5                   **MS. RENSHAW:** Yes.

6                   **MR. DUMAIS:** Is that right?

7                   **MS. RENSHAW:** Yes.

8                   **(SHORT PAUSE / COURTE PAUSE)**

9                   **MR. DUMAIS:** I am just going to read you the  
10 relevant section, Claire, and then I am going to ask you to  
11 explain what the difficulty was.

12                               So the entry at 15:45 says, and the date is  
13 May 20<sup>th</sup>, 1998.

14                               All right.

15                               About mid-page at 1545 hours:

16                                       "Call from common law wife of Robert  
17 Renshaw, Claire Chouinor, [with the  
18 phone number]. Asked for Tim Smith  
19 complaining about lack of contact from  
20 Victim Assistance Program. Someone  
21 from Owen Sound was to contact them but  
22 never did. She is calling on behalf of  
23 Gerry and Robert Renshaw. Spoke to  
24 Steve who said he had spoken to Captain  
25 Stoyke in Owen Sound. I called her.

1 She was not available. Spoke to the  
2 secretary, Barb Anderson. Explained  
3 the situation. She will call them.  
4 Having difficulty getting people for  
5 free.

6 1600 hrs - She called back to say she  
7 called Renshaw. Gave three names."

8 Then at 16:20, you would have called back.

9 "Claire said I have four names; three  
10 in Owen Sound. One (1) said he would  
11 go to court; one right in Walkerton,  
12 five minutes away but there was a cost  
13 associated with that; \$50 for an hour.  
14 Her name is Martyn Coughman and the one  
15 in Owen Sound are one hour away. Need  
16 money for expenses, time off work.  
17 Told her I would discuss this with  
18 Detective Inspector Smith."

19 And the entry on the following day:

20 "May 21st - Cornwall office call from  
21 Barbara Anderson, Owen Sound, said she  
22 had another name for Renshaw in Owen  
23 Sound. She charges \$8 an hour..."

24 I believe that might be a typo,

25 Commissioner.

1 "Detective Inspector Smith attend  
2 office to discuss the case."

3 And that is an early conversation you would  
4 have had respective to counselling or V/WAP issues with  
5 Detective Inspector Pat Hall back in '98.

6 Can you explain today to us what the issue  
7 was with Owen Sound and the difficulty with the costs; just  
8 a general picture of what the problem was?

9 **MS. RENSHAW:** Owen Sound was an hour away  
10 from where we were. And as, you know, stated, there was  
11 financial difficulties. So there was a cost for travelling  
12 and there was a \$40 cost to speak with the psychologist.  
13 We simply didn't have extra money to be putting out.

14 **MR. DUMAIS:** All right.

15 Do you recall, at various times,  
16 conversations you would have had principally with Detective  
17 Constable Dupuis on the issue of counselling and cost, and  
18 him explaining that they had no budget or it was not part  
19 of their responsibilities to pay for counselling?

20 **MS. RENSHAW:** Yes, I remember something like  
21 that.

22 **MR. DUMAIS:** All right.

23 **MS. RENSHAW:** Yes.

24 **MR. DUMAIS:** Now, Commissioner, perhaps  
25 that's an appropriate time to take the morning break.



1 I do have two documents from the cross  
2 documents to recuperate and, as well, Commissioner, there  
3 are some documents that were provided to us late in the  
4 day, and perhaps I will let the counsel for the Ministry of  
5 the Attorney General to explain that, that I believe are  
6 relevant. They are documents that relate to counselling  
7 and they were given to us last night.

8 I have provided the copies -- I've asked  
9 that the copies be made for the purpose of the hearing, but  
10 I have not yet had the chance to let Claire review those  
11 documents.

12 **THE COMMISSIONER:** M'hm.

13 **MR. DUMAIS:** And I do believe all my friends  
14 were provided with copies last night. So perhaps if Mr.  
15 Kloeze can explain this.

16 **THE COMMISSIONER:** Good morning, sir.

17 **MR. KLOEZE:** Good morning, Mr. Commissioner.  
18 First I do want to apologize to Commission counsel and to  
19 my friends and to yourself for the late disclosure.

20 After we received the Commission counsel's  
21 anticipated evidence and list of documents last week, I  
22 started looking into the matter.

23 From the police notes, it became apparent  
24 that Officer Dupuis had significant conversations with  
25 Cosette Chafe who was a V/WAP Officer in Ottawa. Those

1 discussions appear in the Crown file. And so after looking  
2 at that, I contacted Sonia Faryna, who you may recall was  
3 our VS, Victim Support witness back in July, and she looked  
4 into the matter and they discovered that there were  
5 documents in Ottawa.

6 We didn't receive those documents until  
7 yesterday afternoon. I provided them immediately to  
8 Commission counsel.

9 **THE COMMISSIONER:** Right.

10 **MR. KLOEZE:** And I do apologize for the late  
11 disclosure.

12 I do understand there are other documents.  
13 I have advised Commission counsel that there may be other  
14 documents relevant to other witnesses ---

15 **THE COMMISSIONER:** M'hm.

16 **MR. KLOEZE:** --- and we will be making  
17 disclosure of those documents as well.

18 **THE COMMISSIONER:** All right.

19 So the witness -- you will give those  
20 documents to the witness to review before we come back?

21 **MR. DUMAIS:** Yes, Commissioner, and I guess  
22 that leads into perhaps if we can have a little more time  
23 so that Claire can have a chance to read those.

24 **THE COMMISSIONER:** So what time; 11:20-  
25 11:25?

1                   **MR. DUMAIS:** Eleven, twenty-five (11:25)  
2           should be good.

3                   Thank you, Commissioner.

4                   **THE COMMISSIONER:** Thank you.

5                   **THE REGISTRAR:** Order. All rise. À  
6           l'ordre. Veuillez vous lever.

7                   This hearing is adjourned until 11:25.

8           --- Upon recessing at 10:59 a.m./

9                   L'audience est suspendue à 10h59

10           --- Upon resuming at 11:29 a.m./

11                   L'audience est reprise à 11h29

12                   **THE REGISTRAR:** Order. All rise. À  
13           l'ordre. Veuillez vous lever.

14                   The hearing will now resume. Please be  
15           seated. Veuillez vous asseoir.

16                   **THE COMMISSIONER:** Maître Dumais.

17                   **MR. DUMAIS:** Thank you, Commissioner.

18                   Claire, if we can -- I guess I want to talk  
19           to you about the issue of the Criminal Injuries  
20           Compensation Board, and whether or not that was intertwined  
21           with the counselling issue. I know that you were  
22           discussing both matters at the same time with different  
23           people.

24                   Can you just start off by saying -- just  
25           telling us when -- whether or not you filed a

1 Criminal Injuries Compensation Board claim?

2 Do you recall that?

3 **MS. RENSHAW:** Yes, I did. I phoned and  
4 asked for an application. Then sent -- I completed the  
5 application and sent it in. I'm not sure of the reason  
6 that they returned it. Perhaps more information necessary,  
7 but, at that time, I was advised by -- excuse me -- Mr.  
8 Dupuis not to submit it because the more people that knew  
9 of the information pertaining to the case, the less chance  
10 it would be to get a conviction. So I did not submit, or  
11 resubmit rather, the application.

12 **MR. DUMAIS:** All right.

13 So, in your mind, that was a concern that  
14 they had that if you would pursue an application with the  
15 Criminal Injuries Compensation Board at this time, were  
16 they saying they didn't want you to submit it now or were  
17 they requesting that you do so later?

18 **MS. RENSHAW:** Yes, it was to put it on hold  
19 until after the trial was completed.

20 **MR. DUMAIS:** All right.

21 Do you recall getting the information or the  
22 address or the contact information to receive such an  
23 application form from Detective Constable Dupuis?

24 Do you remember discussing this with him?

25 **MS. RENSHAW:** I'm not sure what you're

1 asking me here?

2 **THE COMMISSIONER:** Where did you get the  
3 address?

4 Did Officer Dupuis give it ---

5 **MS. RENSRAW:** I'm not -- no, I'm not sure  
6 where I got the address.

7 **THE COMMISSIONER:** Okay.

8 **MS. RENSRAW:** I made several phone calls.  
9 So I'm not sure who gave me that information.

10 **MR. DUMAIS:** Okay.

11 I mean, if I can just take you to doc number  
12 733614 and just see if that sheds light on the matter.

13 **THE COMMISSIONER:** So this is a new exhibit,  
14 Maître Dumais?

15 **MR. DUMAIS:** Correct, Commissioner.

16 **THE COMMISSIONER:** Thank you.

17 Exhibit 341.

18 --- **EXHIBIT NO./PIÈCE NO P-341:**

19 (733622) Bates No. 7131401 - Notes of Cst.  
20 Dupuis - Feb. 11, 1999

21 **MR. DUMAIS:** Again, Commissioner, these are  
22 the notes from ---

23 **THE COMMISSIONER:** I'm sorry. Just a  
24 second.

25 **MR. DUMAIS:** --- Constable Dupuis.

1                   **THE COMMISSIONER:** Just a minute, Maître  
2                   Dumais. Madam Clerk?

3                   **THE REGISTRAR:** We missed an exhibit and we  
4                   have to -- number 341.

5                   **THE COMMISSIONER:** I'm sorry?

6                   **THE REGISTRAR:** The one you referred to  
7                   previously, and you have the document.

8                   **THE COMMISSIONER:** Right.

9                   **THE REGISTRAR:** Okay.

10                   So, that was 341.

11                   **THE COMMISSIONER:** Okay.

12                   So, Maître Dumais, Exhibit 341 is a document  
13                   that we didn't have before that you referred to, which is  
14                   document number 733622.

15                   All right?

16                   And so, now, the new exhibit that you want  
17                   to refer to now, which is document 733614, will be Exhibit  
18                   342.

19                   --- **EXHIBIT NO./PIÈCE NO P-342:**

20                   (733614) - Bates 7131304 - Notes of Cst.

21                   Dupuis

22                   **MR. DUMAIS:** These are the Notes from May  
23                   26, '98, Commissioner, taken from Detective Constable  
24                   Dupuis. I'm just looking at the entry at 10:49, Claire.

25                   **THE COMMISSIONER:** Yes.

1                   **MR. DUMAIS:** I will just read in:  
2                   "Received call from Claire, common law  
3                   wife of Robert Renshaw. Request copy  
4                   of the tape, witness statement,  
5                   requests same for personal reasons.  
6                   Also requests to know about payment of  
7                   counselling for Robert and..."

8                   I can't read that word.

9                   "... advised her the OPP do not pay for  
10                  these services. Will send her the  
11                  address for the Criminal Compensation  
12                  Board."

13                  Do you recall that discussion with Detective  
14                  Constable Dupuis?

15                  **MS. RENSRAW:** Vaguely.

16                  **MR. DUMAIS:** All right.

17                  **MS. RENSRAW:** And the word that you can't  
18                  read is "Gerry".

19                  **MR. DUMAIS:** Oh! Thank you.

20                  So you don't recall specifically if the  
21                  information ever came from him or whether or not you got  
22                  that from elsewhere.

23                  Is that fair?

24                  **MS. RENSRAW:** I can't say for certain.

25                  **MR. DUMAIS:** Okay.

1 Do you recall having conversations with  
2 respect to the Criminal Injuries Compensation Board with  
3 someone from the Victim Witness Awareness Program?

4 **MS. RENSRAW:** There was a lady that we spoke  
5 with. Lee, I believe, her name was.

6 **MR. DUMAIS:** All right.

7 Yes, and do you recall any specifics of ---

8 **MS. RENSRAW:** No.

9 **MR. DUMAIS:** Okay.

10 **MS. RENSRAW:** No.

11 **MR. DUMAIS:** So what is the status of this  
12 application, Claire; was it ever filed?

13 **MS. RENSRAW:** No. No, it was never filed.

14 **MR. DUMAIS:** The application with the  
15 Criminal Injuries Compensation Board?

16 **MS. RENSRAW:** Was never filed. It's in my  
17 filing cabinet at home.

18 **MR. DUMAIS:** Okay.

19 So is there a file afterwards?

20 You never proceeded with that?

21 **MS. RENSRAW:** No.

22 **MR. DUMAIS:** Okay.

23 All right.

24 Now, I understand that in the month of June  
25 1999 you would have spoken to Ms. Shelley Hallett.



1 Do you recall who Ms. Hallett was?

2 **MS. RENSRAW:** I recall who she is, yes.

3 **MR. DUMAIS:** She was one of the Crown  
4 Attorneys on this case?

5 **MS. RENSRAW:** Yes.

6 **MR. DUMAIS:** And do you recall any telephone  
7 conversations with her at any point in time?

8 **MS. RENSRAW:** It's possible.

9 **MR. DUMAIS:** Okay.  
10 Perhaps if we can turn to document number  
11 109100?

12 **(SHORT PAUSE/COURTE PAUSE)**

13 **MR. DUMAIS:** That would be one of my  
14 documents, Madam Clerk. Since you're there, the next one  
15 would be 109101, and I'm going to be filing them separately  
16 but they're related and, I guess, one to another.

17 **THE COMMISSIONER:** All right.

18 So Exhibit 343 is -- let's see now -- is a  
19 fax with -- really, it's an affidavit of Robert Renshaw  
20 which was faxed from Shelley Hallett to Janet Lee up in  
21 Kingston on June 3<sup>rd</sup>, 1999.

22 **MR. DUMAIS:** So that should be a separate  
23 exhibit number, Commissioner.

24 **THE COMMISSIONER:** Three-forty-three (343).

25 --- **EXHIBIT NO./PIÈCE NO. P-343:**

1 (109100) - Bates 1042190 - Fax from Shelley  
2 Hallett to Janet Lee Re: Affidavit of Robert  
3 Renshaw - June 3, 1999

4 **MR. DUMAIS:** And accompanying this fax would  
5 have been a page of notes which is doc number 109101.

6 **THE COMMISSIONER:** Exhibit 344, and it's a  
7 page or notes of who?

8 --- **EXHIBIT NO./PIÈCE NO P-344:**

9 (109101) - Bates 1042200 - Notes - Janet Lee  
10 Re: Call with Shelley Hallett

11 **MR. DUMAIS:** Thank you.

12 So, Claire, this appears to be a fax  
13 transmission from Shelley Hallett to Janet Lee, the V/WAP  
14 representative in Kingston, and it's dated June 3<sup>rd</sup>, 1999.  
15 The note that we find or the comment on the fax  
16 transmission cover sheet says:

17 "Per telephone conversation of this  
18 date, will give you a general idea of  
19 allegations. Please communicate to me  
20 chief concerns.

21 Thank you for your assistance."

22 The fax was sent together with the affidavit  
23 which you previously identified earlier today. And then we  
24 have notes that appear to be from a telephone conversation  
25 with Janet Lee and it appears to describe a conversation

1           that she had with you. So these are notes from Shelley  
2           Hallett.

3                           And I'm just going to go through those notes  
4           and ---

5                           **MR. KLOEZE:** Excuse me, Commissioner.

6                           **THE COMMISSIONER:** Yes.

7                           **Mr. KLOEZE:** I'm looking at Exhibit 344 and  
8           I'm not sure that Maitre Dumais -- I'm not sure where he's  
9           getting the information that the telephone conversation is  
10          a conversation with Mrs. Renshaw. Perhaps he can ask the  
11          witness whether or not there was such a telephone  
12          conversation.

13                           I read these notes as being a telephone  
14          conversation between Shelley Hallett and Janet Lee ---

15                           **THE COMMISSIONER:** M'hm.

16                           **MR. KLOEZE:** --- and notes of that  
17          conversation.

18                           **THE COMMISSIONER:** Okay.

19                           **MR. KLOEZE:** Thank you.

20                           **MR. DUMAIS:** Fair enough, Commissioner.

21                           So I'll put that to the witness. And I  
22          think my friend is correct to a certain extent and perhaps  
23          it did not represent that correctly.

24                           I think it's concerns that Shelley Hallett  
25          voiced to Ms. Lee, and I guess I just want to -- I want to

1 find out from Ms. Chouinor -- Ms. Chouinor at that time;  
2 Ms. Renshaw today -- whether or not she had cornered what  
3 her concerns or issues were and whether or not -- she has  
4 already indicated that she remembers a telephone  
5 conversation with Ms. Hallett. So I'll attempt to clarify,  
6 I guess.

7 So, Claire, I'm looking at the last page  
8 here. These are notes, and we'll just go through some of  
9 the notes.

10 **THE COMMISSIONER:** First of all -- I'm sorry  
11 -- a mental lapse here.

12 Did you ever have a conversation with Janet  
13 Lee?

14 **MS. RENSRAW:** Yes.

15 **THE COMMISSIONER:** Okay.

16 All right.

17 **MR. DUMAIS:** And did you as well have a  
18 conversation with Shelley Hallett?

19 **MS. RENSRAW:** Yes.

20 **MR. DUMAIS:** All right.

21 Now, this note says the following:

22 "Claire Chouinor totally in the  
23 dark..."

24 **THE COMMISSIONER:** "...unprepared..."

25 **MR. DUMAIS:**

1                    "...unprepared for testifying at  
2                    prelim. The issues uncomfortable, shy,  
3                    dependent on her for support. In on  
4                    the Crown meeting..."

5                    **THE COMMISSIONER:** "...clammed up..."

6                    **MR. DUMAIS:**

7                    "...clammed up, vulnerable.  
8                    Information for how process works in  
9                    Kingston. Can't go to Cornwall for  
10                    trial. Linking for services. Life  
11                    falling apart possible and his number  
12                    one courts and, number two, special  
13                    person either in Perth, Ottawa or  
14                    Kingston [and then the initials] PT  
15                    [and a fax number]."

16                    Do you recall this discussion with either --  
17                    Shelley Hallett voicing her concerns or either Ms. Lee ---

18                    **MS. RENSRAW:** Yes.

19                    **THE COMMISSIONER:** --- calling you back?

20                    **MS. RENSRAW:** Ms. Lee I did.

21                    **MR. DUMAIS:** Can you give us an idea of the  
22                    gist of that conversation?

23                    What was discussed and what was agreed to?

24                    **MS. RENSRAW:** The focus of the conversation  
25                    was to obtain counselling for Bob because he was

1           deteriorating emotionally. It was difficult for me to  
2           support him because I didn't really understand the process  
3           of the judicial system at that time.

4                        I didn't know how to help him. I didn't  
5           know what was going to come next in the courts. I was -- I  
6           felt like I was in the dark and alone at the time. So I  
7           was voicing these concerns to her.

8                        **MR. DUMAIS:** All right.

9                        And can you perhaps indicate to us --  
10          throughout we've seen your concerns and your requests for  
11          counselling.

12                       Can you explain to us exactly what  
13          counselling you ended up benefiting from, or Robert?

14                       **MS. RENSHAW:** What counselling he benefited  
15          from?

16                       **MR. DUMAIS:** What counselling did you  
17          receive throughout this -- the criminal proceedings?

18                       **MS. RENSHAW:** Well, initially, when we were  
19          up north, Bob went to the Owen Sound office, as I said,  
20          three times. Thereafter, when we lived in Kingston it was  
21          suggested, through one professional individual -- I'm not  
22          sure who that was -- counselling in Kingston. And he did  
23          go to the counselling in Kingston but then it was stated  
24          that we needed to pay for it. So that stopped because we  
25          didn't have the funding for that and that was the only

1 counselling that he received.

2 **MR. DUMAIS:** Is it fair to say, Claire, that  
3 the counselling issue was that if it was available it was  
4 outside of the area where you were residing and if it was  
5 localized it was a situation where you would have to pay  
6 for it?

7 **MS. RENSRAW:** M'hm.

8 **MR. DUMAIS:** Is that fair?

9 **MS. RENSRAW:** Yes.

10 **MR. DUMAIS:** What about group counselling?  
11 Was that ever offered to you or was that something you ever  
12 considered?

13 **MS. RENSRAW:** It was offered but Bob was  
14 uncomfortable with sitting with a bunch of men speaking  
15 about his abuse.

16 **MR. DUMAIS:** Okay.

17 And who offered this group counselling?

18 Where did that come from?

19 **MS. RENSRAW:** I believe it was Mr. Dupuis  
20 who had given us the two options. One was to come to  
21 Cornwall with the group counselling and the other option  
22 was through The Men's Project in Ottawa and, again,  
23 finances created havoc for us and we both work fulltime.  
24 So it was a barrier to obtain counselling.

25 **MR. DUMAIS:** All right.

1                   Now, following this conversation in June of  
2                   '99 with Ms. Hallett, you did at one point meet with her.

3                   Is that correct?

4                   **MS. RENSRAW:** Together, Bob and I, yes.

5                   **MR. DUMAIS:** Yes.

6                   **MS. RENSRAW:** We met at the OPP station,  
7                   yes.

8                   **MR. DUMAIS:** All right.

9                   So can you tell us what you recall of that  
10                  meeting, how it was setup and where it occurred?

11                  **MS. RENSRAW:** It was requested we meet with  
12                  Shelley Hallett and other individuals. I believe Mr.  
13                  Dupuis was there at the time, at the OPP station in  
14                  Kingston. And so we attended and, once again, I stayed in  
15                  a little visiting area while Bob went inside and spoke with  
16                  him.

17                  **MR. DUMAIS:** All right.

18                  So you were not part of that meeting?

19                  **MS. RENSRAW:** No, I wanted to. I asked him  
20                  if I could come in and it was, "You can wait here."

21                  **MR. DUMAIS:** And was that being explained to  
22                  you, Claire, why you -- it wasn't a good idea that you be  
23                  in there or why you should let Robert do this alone?

24                  **MS. RENSRAW:** No. No.

25                  It became increasingly frustrating for me



1 because I didn't know the process.

2 **MR. DUMAIS:** So you did not personally have  
3 any conversation with Miss Hallett during that meeting.

4 Is that fair?

5 **MS. RENSRAW:** Not at that meeting, no.

6 **MR. DUMAIS:** Okay.

7 So you would have spoken to her previous to  
8 that meeting. You didn't at that time.

9 Did you speak to her at any other time,  
10 Claire?

11 **MS. RENSRAW:** Not to my recollection.

12 **MR. DUMAIS:** Okay.

13 All right.

14 Now, there is one issue that we have brushed  
15 as it was intertwined with the counselling issue, and  
16 that's the Dick Nadeau website.

17 Perhaps if you can just start, Claire, and  
18 explain to us who is Dick Nadeau, how you -- he got in  
19 contact with you, or how he met you, or how you met him,  
20 and what was the issue with respect to the website?

21 **MS. RENSRAW:** I believe Dick Nadeau was a  
22 victim. He contact -- he phoned my home, identified  
23 himself, and explained what his venture was going to be,  
24 and that would have been that he was contacting all the  
25 victims, and asking them if they wanted to partake in a

1 civil suit with Howard Yegendorf.

2 THE COMMISSIONER: Sorry.

3 With who?

4 MS. RENSHAW: Howard Yegendorf ---

5 THE COMMISSIONER: Okay.

6 MS. RENSHAW: --- a lawyer in Ottawa.

7 He gave me the details, I guess I'll call  
8 it, and stated that he wanted to talk to Bob about it. I,  
9 at that time, told him, "No, you will not speak to my  
10 husband. You'll give me the information, and I will talk  
11 to him, and if Bob is at all interested he will call you  
12 back."

13 So Bob came home from work, gave him the  
14 info and Bob was unsure. We weren't really -- we knew what  
15 a civil suit was. We just -- I guess we just didn't grasp  
16 the idea at that time. I took the information and gave it  
17 to -- for the purpose of confidentiality, I gave it to  
18 other individuals, the name and phone number of this  
19 lawyer; gave them the rundown of who Mr. Yegendorf was and  
20 the reason to contact him.

21 After that, I had several conversations with  
22 Dick Nadeau telling me about the website and he gave me the  
23 address. Well, he asked me if I was familiar with the  
24 internet and I said, "Briefly." I knew how to access my  
25 email but much more than that I didn't. So he walked me

1 through -- verbally walked me through how to get access of  
2 this www website and so I did. And I got on there and I  
3 read the statements, and I was appalled that they were on  
4 there because I knew personally one person's statement that  
5 was up there and I knew -- I was positive in my heart that  
6 he would never ever gave permission for this statement to  
7 go up on the web.

8 So after many conversations with Mr. Nadeau,  
9 I demanded that that be taken down, that he take that off  
10 the internet until he obtains permission by this one  
11 person. He began using profanity with me and hung up  
12 several times. And there was a call back and forth, and  
13 back and forth, and he called me some not so nice names,  
14 and by that time Bob had come home, and I'm visibly upset,  
15 explained it to Bob, and I will not repeat what Bob said at  
16 that time.

17 **MR. DUMAIS:** All right.

18 So if I can just understand what you're  
19 saying here.

20 I mean, so there was information on this  
21 website ---

22 **MS. RENSRAW:** Yes.

23 **MR. DUMAIS:** --- that contained statements  
24 from a number of victims; is that ---

25 **MS. RENSRAW:** It was the disclosures the

1 gents had made.

2 MR. DUMAIS: All right.

3 And it was clear from your reading of some  
4 of these statements -- or one of these statements -- sorry  
5 -- that you could identify who that victim was?

6 MS. RENSRAW: I could personally because I  
7 was acting as an advocate for this individual, yes.

8 MR. DUMAIS: All right.

9 So, then -- and you had voiced those  
10 concerns to Mr. Nadeau?

11 MS. RENSRAW: Yes.

12 MR. DUMAIS: Fair to say that he did not  
13 agree with you and would not remove any of those  
14 statements?

15 MS. RENSRAW: Yes.

16 MR. DUMAIS: All right.

17 And was Robert's name ever on this website?

18 MS. RENSRAW: Yes, it was.

19 MR. DUMAIS: And what happened to that was -  
20 - did you request that it be removed, that he comply?

21 MS. RENSRAW: My request to him was to  
22 obtain permission by this one person before putting his  
23 statement on the website. It's wasn't a concern of ours  
24 that Bob's name was there. It was not his disclosure.

25 MR. DUMAIS: All right.

1                   **MS. RENSRAW:** Everybody knew. It was out of  
2 the bag at that time. It just made reference to his name.

3                   **MR. DUMAIS:** All right.

4                   And you had enough concerns about this  
5 website that you did attempt to do something about it.

6                   Correct?

7                   **MS. RENSRAW:** I certainly did.

8                   **MR. DUMAIS:** All right.

9                   And what would you have done Claire; what  
10 did you do?

11                   **MS. RENSRAW:** Well, I got my handy-dandy  
12 book out, with all my phone numbers, and just started at  
13 the top, and kept calling, and kept calling.

14                   **MR. DUMAIS:** All right.

15                   **MS. RENSRAW:** And I just phoned every agency  
16 that I could possibly think of to voice my concern.

17                   **MR. DUMAIS:** All right.

18                   And you would have communicated with every  
19 police officer that would have been involved in Robert's  
20 case as well?

21                   **MS. RENSRAW:** Who wanted to listen, yes.

22                   **MR. DUMAIS:** All right.

23                   Now, and perhaps we can look at some of  
24 these -- the notes that some of these officers would have  
25 taken, and the first one would be doc number 727648, Bates

1 page 7105571.

2 **THE COMMISSIONER:** Thank you.

3 Exhibit 345 is a memorandum to the Director  
4 of Criminal Investigation Grant, Investigation Bureau from  
5 Detective Inspector Hall, 15<sup>th</sup> of March, '01.

6 **---EXHIBIT NO./PIÈCE NO P-345:**

7 (727648) Memo to CIB from Pat Hall Re:  
8 Project Truth Website - March 15, 2001

9 **MR. DUMAIS:** Thank you.

10 Sorry, Commissioner, just to make sure that  
11 we're -- it's document 727648, Bates page 7105571.

12 **THE COMMISSIONER:** No, this is 67. This is  
13 -- looks like there were contempt court matter dealing with  
14 the website I guess. So wrong one.

15 Okay.

16 **MR. DUMAIS:** Sorry, Commissioner, that  
17 probably would be the top page here, probably correct, so  
18 then I'd be looking at Bates page 7105571.

19 **THE COMMISSIONER:** Okay.

20 That's -- yes.

21 All right.

22 So it is the right document?

23 **MR. DUMAIS:** Yes, I believe so.

24 **THE COMMISSIONER:** Okay.

25 So it will be 345.

1                   **MR. DUMAIS:** Now -- and I'm looking at the  
2 entry, Claire, of August 9<sup>th</sup>, 2000.

3                   **THE COMMISSIONER:** Okay.

4                   So the document you referred to is a brief  
5 synopsis dealing with the internet site and that it seems  
6 that Crown Attorney's Office requested CIB assistance  
7 preparing for the judicial proceeding in this matter which  
8 was a contempt of court on Mr. Nadeau.

9                   **MR. DUMAIS:** Correct.

10                   And this is a synopsis of ---

11                   **THE COMMISSIONER:** M'hm.

12                   **MR. DUMAIS:** --- that was prepared by  
13 Inspector Pat Hall.

14                   **THE COMMISSIONER:** That's right.

15                   **MR. DUMAIS:** So I am at page -- the correct  
16 page -- I am just looking at the entry on August 9<sup>th</sup>,  
17 Claire, and I'll just read in for you.

18                   **THE COMMISSIONER:** Page 5. There you go.

19                   **MR. DUMAIS:** "August 9<sup>th</sup>, Detective  
20                   Inspector Pat Hall received a call from  
21                   Claire Chouinor common-law partner of  
22                   Robert Renshaw. She was upset about  
23                   the website and the information on it,  
24                   and felt that Constable Dunlop had  
25                   betrayed them. She said she could

1 identify all the victims on the website  
2 from reading the information. She said  
3 they had been threatened not to testify  
4 against Father Charles MacDonald.  
5 Chouinor had received information that  
6 copies of the victims' statements were  
7 distributed around the Domtar plant in  
8 Cornwall. She said she spoke to Nadeau  
9 several times about the information on  
10 the website, he told her he had  
11 received it from Dunlop".

12 I guess my first question to you, Claire, is  
13 with respect to Constable Dunlop, the fact that you had  
14 told him that you felt that he had betrayed you guys.

15 **MS. RENSRAW:** No, we did not feel that he  
16 betrayed us.

17 **MR. DUMAIS:** Okay.

18 Then, are you saying that you didn't say  
19 that or ---

20 **MS. RENSRAW:** I did not say that.

21 **MR. DUMAIS:** Okay.

22 Do you recall what was said about Perry  
23 Dunlop at that time to Inspector Hall?

24 **MS. RENSRAW:** No.

25 **MR. DUMAIS:** Okay.



1                   Do you recall discussing whether or not you  
2                   had any knowledge that Perry Dunlop had disclosed these  
3                   statements to Dick Nadeau?

4                   **MS. RENSRAW:** No, we had no knowledge of  
5                   that.

6                   **MR. DUMAIS:** Okay.  
7                   So you didn't know that at that time?

8                   **MS. RENSRAW:** No.

9                   **MR. DUMAIS:** Do you know that today?

10                  **MS. RENSRAW:** No.

11                  **MR. DUMAIS:** All right.

12                  So you don't know how he got the  
13                  information?

14                  **MS. RENSRAW:** No, we don't.

15                  **MR. DUMAIS:** Okay.

16                  Now, my second question in respect to this  
17                  entry is the last sentence of the first paragraph:

18                                 "She said they had been threatened not  
19                                 to testify against Father Charles  
20                                 MacDonald".

21                  **MS. RENSRAW:** That is untrue.

22                  **MR. DUMAIS:** Okay.

23                  So you -- and I mean, this sentence is  
24                  worded -- not sure what they meant and, I mean, eventually,  
25                  we'll ask Inspector Hall.

1                   But was there any discussions with respect  
2                   to Robert not testifying because of this or not  
3                   participating in the trial matter?

4                   **MS. RENSRAW:** No.

5                   **MR. DUMAIS:** All right.

6                   **THE COMMISSIONER:** So just so I have this  
7                   straight. You're denying having said to Officer Hall that  
8                   people had been threatened not to testify against Father  
9                   Charles MacDonald?

10                  **MS. RENSRAW:** I am denying that fact, yes  
11                  sir.

12                  **THE COMMISSIONER:** All right.

13                  Thank you.

14                  **MR. DUMAIS:** Now, what about the statement  
15                  from the second paragraph with respect to the copies of the  
16                  victims' statements being distributed at the Domtar plant?

17                  **MS. RENSRAW:** Yes, that is true. That  
18                  happened, yes.

19                  **MR. DUMAIS:** All right.

20                  And do you recall having said that to  
21                  Inspector Hall?

22                  **MS. RENSRAW:** I am not going to say yea or  
23                  nea.

24                  **MR. DUMAIS:** Okay.

25                  **MS. RENSRAW:** But it is fact. So that is a

1 possibility.

2 MR. DUMAIS: Okay.

3 You knew that, at the time, someone was  
4 circulating that?

5 MS. RENSRAW: M'hm.

6 MR. DUMAIS: All right.

7 Now what eventually happened to that  
8 website; was something done; was Mr. Nadeau charged; are  
9 you aware of ---

10 MS. RENSRAW: The only thing I know it was  
11 done. It was off the website.

12 MR. DUMAIS: All right.

13 MS. RENSRAW: That's what I know. As to  
14 whether Mr. Nadeau was charged, I have no knowledge of  
15 that.

16 MR. DUMAIS: You have no knowledge of that,  
17 and you did not participate in any type of criminal  
18 proceeding against him?

19 MS. RENSRAW: No. No.

20 MR. DUMAIS: You don't recall giving a  
21 statement on this matter other than the telephone  
22 conversations?

23 MS. RENSRAW: Other than the telephone  
24 conversations with Detective Hall, no.

25 MR. DUMAIS: Okay.

1 (SHORT PAUSE/COURTE PAUSE)

2 MR. DUMAIS: Now, if we can move to another  
3 area, Claire.

4 MS. RENSRAW: Excuse me, Mr. Dumais ---

5 MR. DUMAIS: Yes, go ahead.

6 MS. RENSRAW: --- can I please make a  
7 statement?

8 MR. DUMAIS: Yes.

9 MS. RENSRAW: It has a statement that's  
10 false and I'd like that to go on record.

11 THE COMMISSIONER: What ---

12 MS. RENSRAW: "He told her he had received  
13 the information from Dunlop."

14 I ---

15 THE COMMISSIONER: I'm sorry.

16 Help me out ---

17 Where are ---

18 MS. RENSRAW: In the same paragraph here.

19 THE COMMISSIONER: "She was upset about  
20 the website information on it and felt  
21 that Constable Dunlop had betrayed..."

22 Which caption?

23 MS. RENSRAW: It's the August 9<sup>th</sup> entry ---

24 THE COMMISSIONER: Yes. M'hm.

25 MS. RENSRAW: --- second paragraph.

1                   **THE COMMISSIONER:**  Oops!

2                                "Chouinor had received information that

3                                copies of the statements were

4                                distributed to the..."

5                   **MS. RENSRAW:**  She's moved the thing.  I

6                   can't see.

7                   **THE COMMISSIONER:**  Yes.  I know, I know.

8                   **MS. RENSRAW:**  Sorry.

9                   **THE COMMISSIONER:**  Okay.

10                   Hold on there, Madam Clerk.

11                   Is that the one, from Dunlop?

12                   **MS. RENSRAW:**  The statement in question is:

13                                "He told her he had received it from

14                                Dunlop".

15                   **THE COMMISSIONER:**  Right.

16                   **MS. RENSRAW:**  So if my understanding is

17                   correct, "Nadeau..."

18                   **THE COMMISSIONER:**  Nadeau, yes.

19                   **MS. RENSRAW:**  "...told me the information came

20                   from Dunlop."

21                   **THE COMMISSIONER:**  Right.

22                   **MS. RENSRAW:**  I'd like it to go on record

23                   that is untrue.  Nadeau never told me ---

24                   **THE COMMISSIONER:**  Okay.

25                   **MS. RENSRAW:**  --- the information came from

1 Dunlop. To this date, we are unaware of where that  
2 information came from.

3 **THE COMMISSIONER:** All right.

4 Okay.

5 **MR. DUMAIS:** Now, if we can just move away  
6 from this area then Claire, and I'm going to move forward a  
7 bit in time as well, and I am looking more at 2002. At one  
8 point in time, a trial date was set for this matter.

9 Is that correct?

10 **MS. RENSRAW:** Yes.

11 **MR. DUMAIS:** And do you recall off hand what  
12 the trial date was?

13 **MS. RENSRAW:** No, I don't.

14 **MR. DUMAIS:** So sometime in 2002?

15 **MS. RENSRAW:** I'll say yes.

16 **MR. DUMAIS:** Okay.

17 I mean, we can go through it. I'll point  
18 you to some of the documents which may identify the date.  
19 And perhaps we can start with doc number 710495.

20 **(SHORT PAUSE/COURTE PAUSE)**

21 **MR. DUMAIS:** And perhaps, Commissioner, just  
22 as Madam Clerk is looking for that document, it's a  
23 collection of notes -- I'm sorry, it's the Will Say  
24 Statements of Detective Constable Dupuis.

25 And there is some issue with those notes,

1 Commissioner. A number of names come up and you will  
2 recall, from our -- it's an issue with the publication ban,  
3 Commissioner. You will recall that there is an outstanding  
4 publication ban order from Justice Chilcott dealing with  
5 some of the alleged victims from the Father Charlie  
6 MacDonald prosecution that is still in effect.

7 We've had that ban lifted for three of our  
8 witnesses, so David Silmser, John MacDonald and Robert  
9 Renshaw, but there are still a number of outstanding  
10 victims that we have not got the ban lifted.

11 And as well, I did find out through our  
12 preparation for this evidence that there appears to be an  
13 additional publication ban that was issued by Justice  
14 Renaud at the preliminary inquiry. And it is not only a  
15 preliminary inquiry ban; there's also the section 46(3) ban  
16 on the names of the same victims and some of those names do  
17 -- are referred to in this document and we have identified  
18 monikers for the names of some of those alleged victims  
19 which we've been referring to whenever it was necessary.

20 So I simply ask that the same ban apply to  
21 this document as it relates ---

22 **THE COMMISSIONER:** If we eventually find it.  
23 So what number is it?

24 **MR. SHERRIFF-SCOTT:** Three-three-nine (339),  
25 Commissioner. Exhibit 339, sir.

1                   **THE COMMISSIONER:** All right. Thank you.  
2                   So it's already in exhibit then? So let's see.

3                   **MR. DUMAIS:** Perhaps I referred to a page  
4                   earlier on then.

5                   **THE COMMISSIONER:** Yes, three-three-nine  
6                   (339), right. Okay.

7                   **MR. DUMAIS:** So then if we can have a look  
8                   then at bates page 7039809.

9                   **THE COMMISSIONER:** It's page 441 over here  
10                  if you're looking -- have you found the document?

11                  **MS. RENSHAW:** I do. I have it. Thank you.

12                  **THE COMMISSIONER:** All right. Thank you.

13                  **MR. DUMAIS:** So this is a note, an entry on  
14                  February 7, 2002, Claire, from Detective Constable Dupuis'  
15                  notes and at 12:10 hours on that day, he does indicate,  
16                                 "Kingston; met with Robert Renshaw and  
17                                 Ms. Chouinard. Gave transcript to  
18                                 Robert of the preliminary in his  
19                                 statements."

20                  Do you recall Detective Constable Dupuis  
21                  attending your house for that purpose?

22                  **MS. RENSHAW:** I recall several gentlemen  
23                  coming to my house, yes.

24                  **MR. DUMAIS:** So I mean you don't remember  
25                  specifically this incident where Detective Constable Dupuis



1 had the transcript of the preliminary inquiry?

2 MS. RENSRAW: No. No, I can't say for  
3 certain whether he had it or not. I don't.

4 MR. DUMAIS: Do you recall, Claire, having  
5 ever read that transcript?

6 MS. RENSRAW: No.

7 MR. DUMAIS: No, you never did. All right.  
8 Now, do you recall whether Detective  
9 Constable Dupuis spent any time with Robert going through  
10 that transcript?

11 MS. RENSRAW: That day?

12 MR. DUMAIS: M'hm.

13 MS. RENSRAW: I recall several gentlemen  
14 coming to the house, two of which came to the front part of  
15 the house and spoke with me, and I believe one or two  
16 stayed back in the kitchen and were speaking with Bob.

17 MR. DUMAIS: All right. To the best of your  
18 recollection, would one of these gentlemen have been a  
19 Crown attorney?

20 MS. RENSRAW: I can't say for certain.

21 MR. DUMAIS: You wouldn't know. All right.  
22 Because if we can have a look then at -- from the same  
23 document, that's bates page number 7039810, entry of March  
24 1<sup>st</sup>, 2002,

25 "7:45 hours, 10/08 to Kingston meeting

1 with Crowns and R. Renshaw. 12:30  
2 arrived at the Renshaw residence.  
3 Crowns met with Renshaw. 14:10 left  
4 the Renshaw residence."

5 It appears that the Crowns who are not  
6 identified here would have attended your residence. Is  
7 that -- does that make more sense to you? Is that the  
8 meeting that you're referring to?

9 **MS. RENSRAW:** All I can tell you, sir, is  
10 several gentlemen came to the house.

11 **MR. DUMAIS:** All right. Fair enough.

12 **MS. RENSRAW:** And spoke with me in the  
13 sunroom and spoke with Bob separately.

14 **MR. DUMAIS:** Okay.

15 **MS. RENSRAW:** That's all I can say.

16 **MR. DUMAIS:** Do you recall what were they  
17 talking to you about specifically?

18 **MS. RENSRAW:** Not anything specifically; the  
19 sun.

20 **MR. DUMAIS:** Okay. So they were not talking  
21 to you about the upcoming trial or getting you prepared for  
22 the trial or details about what was occurring or what was  
23 going to happen?

24 **MS. RENSRAW:** I can't say for certain but if  
25 they did, none of that information stayed in my brain.

1                   **MR. DUMAIS:** Okay.

2                   **MS. RENSRAW:** And I would like to say that  
3 if they did, that information would have stayed in my brain  
4 because I was very attentive to detail.

5                   **MR. DUMAIS:** Okay. What about, Claire,  
6 being issued with a summons for witness at trial? Were you  
7 ---

8                   **MS. RENSRAW:** Subpoena?

9                   **MR. DUMAIS:** Yes. Were you subpoenaed for  
10 the trial?

11                   **MS. RENSRAW:** Yes, I was.

12                   **MR. DUMAIS:** Do you recall whether or not  
13 you had been subpoenaed on that day?

14                   **MS. RENSRAW:** No. It was a different day.  
15 A young officer came to the house. Bob was at home. I was  
16 not at home that day and served Bob with two subpoenas, one  
17 for himself and one in my name.

18                   **MR. DUMAIS:** Okay. So that was a separate  
19 meeting or ---

20                   **MS. RENSRAW:** Yes.

21                   **MR. DUMAIS:** --- a separate occurrence?

22                   **MS. RENSRAW:** It was a Kingston police  
23 officer that delivered.

24                   **MR. DUMAIS:** That delivered the subpoena?

25                   **MS. RENSRAW:** Subpoenas, yes.

1                   **MR. DUMAIS:** All right. Now, if we can look  
2 then at bates page 7039808, and again, I'm still looking at  
3 the will say statement from Detective Constable Dupuis.  
4 And that's the entry on that day of February 4<sup>th</sup>, 2002:

5                   "11:00 hours, received call from Ms.  
6 Chouinard, re meeting with Robert. She  
7 also wanted to know why she was being  
8 given a subpoena."

9                   Do you recall having that conversation with  
10 Detective Constable Dupuis?

11                  **MS. RENSRAW:** Yes.

12                  **MR. DUMAIS:** So what was your concern,  
13 Claire?

14                  **MS. RENSRAW:** Well, all of the events or all  
15 of the issues at hand happened prior to my involvement with  
16 Bob. I was baffled at what I could add to this court case,  
17 what information I could possibly have that would be  
18 pertinent. And as I said before, I was unfamiliar with the  
19 process and I wanted to know what really they wanted from  
20 me.

21                  **MR. DUMAIS:** All right. And do you recall  
22 Detective Constable Dupuis explaining or telling you that  
23 it was not his call and that you should ask that question  
24 from the Crown attorney handling the case? Does that ring  
25 a bell to you?

1                   **MS. RENSRAW:** I don't know how to answer  
2                   that question. I don't remember what he replied to me but  
3                   I did not get any information to appease me.

4                   **MR. DUMAIS:** Okay. So you didn't get any  
5                   information from him and you would not have got any  
6                   information from anyone else?

7                   **MS. RENSRAW:** No, correct.

8                   **MR. DUMAIS:** Fine. So you don't know why  
9                   you're subpoenaed?

10                  **MS. RENSRAW:** That's right.

11                  **MR. DUMAIS:** All right. Now, obviously you  
12                  never testified. Did you -- had you provided anyone with  
13                  any type of a statement?

14                  **MS. RENSRAW:** No.

15                  **MR. DUMAIS:** All right.

16                               **(SHORT PAUSE/COURTE PAUSE)**

17                  **MR. DUMAIS:** Now, at one point in time a day  
18                  for the trial was set and I believe the initial date was  
19                  March 18<sup>th</sup>, 2002 and presumably your subpoenas would have  
20                  been for that day, Claire. Do you recall ever attending  
21                  any court for this matter for trial?

22                  **MS. RENSRAW:** I wasn't permitted to sit in  
23                  but we went together, yes.

24                  **MR. DUMAIS:** And I'm not talking about the  
25                  preliminary inquiry here. I'm talking about the date that

1 was set in 2002. You did attend court?

2 MS. RENSRAW: M'hm.

3 MR. DUMAIS: Okay. And do you recall where  
4 the court was?

5 MS. RENSRAW: Cornwall.

6 MR. DUMAIS: It was in Cornwall? And what  
7 happened on that day or did -- the matter did not proceed,  
8 correct?

9 MS. RENSRAW: Correct.

10 MR. DUMAIS: And what were you told or what  
11 was explained to you?

12 MS. RENSRAW: We didn't get any explanation.

13 MR. DUMAIS: Did -- you didn't find out from  
14 anyone what was going on, whether or not there was an  
15 application being filed or there was some sort of argument  
16 being argued or the matter was being put at another date?

17 MS. RENSRAW: There were so many people  
18 involved with the Crown and it was just a mumbo jumbo of  
19 what was happening next and when was the next time we were  
20 supposed to come and we didn't really busy ourselves with  
21 the technicalities of the case. Just tell us when the next  
22 time we have to be here.

23 MR. DUMAIS: Okay. So then you would have  
24 appeared this morning. Do you have a specific recollection  
25 of speaking to anyone as to what was happening or if the

1 matter was being adjourned and why?

2 **MS. RENSRAW:** I believe Mr. Dupuis had put a  
3 few phone calls in to keep us up to date as to what was  
4 going on and, yeah, I believe he was keeping us somewhat up  
5 to date.

6 **MR. DUMAIS:** All right. At one point in  
7 time, my understanding is that you were made aware that  
8 charge had been stayed. Is that correct?

9 **MS. RENSRAW:** Yes.

10 **MR. DUMAIS:** Tell us about that.

11 **MS. RENSRAW:** A lady, her name is Constance,  
12 called my home and asked to speak with Robert. Robert was  
13 out in the shop at the time. I was with my young ones. I  
14 called for him -- I said -- I identified myself as his wife  
15 and she said, "I need to speak with Robert, please". I  
16 called him into the house and handed him the phone.

17 She proceeded to tell him that the court  
18 would call a stay. At that time, he became very loud, very  
19 upset, dropped the phone, slithered to the floor and just  
20 laid there. I picked up the phone, asked who it was. She  
21 identified herself and I asked her in a not so polite way,  
22 "What did you just say to my husband". She repeated it to  
23 me. I asked her what a stay was because I didn't  
24 understand and she apologized; "I'm sorry". I hung up the  
25 phone and helped Bob to bed.

1                   **MR. DUMAIS:** All right. Sorry, Claire, did  
2 you say who this person was that ---

3                   **MS. RENSHAW:** I believe her name was  
4 Constance.

5                   **MR. DUMAIS:** Okay. And did you know this  
6 person?

7                   **MS. RENSHAW:** I had talked with her at  
8 different times trying to obtain counselling for Bob. I  
9 phoned everybody and anybody trying to get counselling for  
10 Bob.

11                   **MR. DUMAIS:** Okay. And she would have been  
12 someone involved with the V/WAP Program. Is that ---

13                   **MS. RENSHAW:** I'm not sure if she was with  
14 that program or the Men's Project or Men's Project in  
15 Ottawa, but I remember talking to her. She was a very kind  
16 lady.

17                   **MR. DUMAIS:** All right. And then -- so you  
18 recall that she was from Ottawa?

19                   **MS. RENSHAW:** To my understanding, yes.

20                   **MR. DUMAIS:** All right. And were you aware  
21 that this legal proceeding was going on with respect to  
22 Robert's case? Were you expecting a call on this with a  
23 decision?

24                   **MS. RENSHAW:** We were expecting what we were  
25 to do next.



1                   **MR. DUMAIS:** Okay.

2                   **MS. RENSRAW:** We were expecting when the  
3 next time we had to attend Cornwall for the next step in  
4 the court process.

5                   **MR. DUMAIS:** All right. Now, what happened  
6 after that? After you took care of Robert, did you attempt  
7 to contact anyone?

8                   **MS. RENSRAW:** I got on the phone and tried  
9 to contact Mr. Dupuis, to no avail. I didn't get a hold of  
10 him that day. The following day, I phoned several times  
11 and was getting quite frustrated. I put a call into the  
12 main office and then I believe I spoke with Mr. Hall and  
13 several other people.

14                   Anyway, I did get a return phone call to Mr.  
15 Dupuis and I expressed my disappointment in him. I asked  
16 him why he could not have called us. His response to me at  
17 the time was, "I had a lot of phone calls" and I stated in  
18 a not so nice term, "R" is not that far in the alphabet.

19                   And I said to him, "There is absolutely no  
20 excuse why you could not have phoned and given us that  
21 information."

22                   **MR. DUMAIS:** All right.

23                   Now, did you request any information as to  
24 what a stay of proceeding was?

25                   **MS. RENSRAW:** Yes, we discussed that.

1                   **MR. DUMAIS:** Okay.

2                   **MS. RENSRAW:** And I asked him, "What happens  
3 next?"

4                   **MR. DUMAIS:** And what was his response?

5                   **MS. RENSRAW:** He said that they were going  
6 to have -- I believe he called it an appeal process. And I  
7 asked him what that meant and he explained that to me.

8                   **MR. DUMAIS:** What did he explain, Claire?

9                   **MS. RENSRAW:** He said that they would appeal  
10 the decision.

11                   **MR. DUMAIS:** Did they tell you that they  
12 were considering appealing or they were going ahead with  
13 the appeal?

14                   **MS. RENSRAW:** My understanding they were  
15 going to appeal.

16                   **MR. DUMAIS:** All right.

17                   And how did the conversation -- did you have  
18 any other discussion?

19                   **MS. RENSRAW:** That was the end of my  
20 discussion with Dupuis.

21                   **MR. DUMAIS:** All right.

22                   So that would have been ---

23                   **THE COMMISSIONER:** Sorry.

24                   Are we able to determine when this phone  
25 call was?

1                   **MR. DUMAIS:** I believe the stay was ordered  
2                   on May 14<sup>th</sup> and, by Claire's evidence, at least, she spoke  
3                   to him the following morning, which would have been May 15,  
4                   2002.

5                   **THE COMMISSIONER:** So Constance would have  
6                   phoned you the day of -- this date?

7                   **MS. RENSRAW:** I'm not sure, sir.

8                   **THE COMMISSIONER:** Do we know ---

9                   **MR. DUMAIS:** All right.

10                  **MS. RENSRAW:** Prior to speaking to  
11                  individuals I was unaware Wednesday was as for the date.

12                  **MR. DUMAIS:** All right.

13                  Okay.

14                  Claire, is it fair to say that you would  
15                  have spoken to Constance on one day and you would have  
16                  spoken to Detective Constable Dupuis on the following day?

17                  **MS. RENSRAW:** Within a 48-hour period, yes.

18                  **MR. DUMAIS:** Okay.

19                  So a short period of time?

20                  **MS. RENSRAW:** Yes.

21                  **MR. DUMAIS:** Sorry, Commissioner. This date  
22                  would have been the 13<sup>th</sup> of May, 2002.

23                  **THE COMMISSIONER:** So are we going to be  
24                  able to determine when -- what date she did speak to  
25                  Constable Dupuis and/or to Constance?

1                   **MR. DUMAIS:** Yes. I believe we do have  
2                   Constable Dupuis' notes.

3                   **THE COMMISSIONER:** Later; it doesn't have to  
4                   be now.

5                   **MR. DUMAIS:** Yes. I was just heading there  
6                   now.

7                   **THE COMMISSIONER:** Oh! Okay.

8                   **(SHORT PAUSE/COURTE PAUSE)**

9                   **MR. KLOEZE:** Mr. Commissioner, I can perhaps  
10                  provide some assistance.

11                  **THE COMMISSIONER:** Thank you.

12                  **MR. KLOEZE:** With respect to the phone call  
13                  with what the witness has referred to as "Constance", one  
14                  of the new documents that was disclosed yesterday actually  
15                  has a note of that telephone conversation.

16                  **THE COMMISSIONER:** M'hm.

17                  **MR. KLOEZE:** And that document number is  
18                  200130. And on the last page of the document is an  
19                  annotation on May 13<sup>th</sup>, '02 and the annotation is simply:  
20                                 "Telephone call to Robert. Advised to  
21                                 stay. Disappointed."

22                  **THE COMMISSIONER:** All right.  
23                  Thank you.

24                  **(SHORT PAUSE/COURTE PAUSE)**

25                  **MR. DUMAIS:** Perhaps if we can just -- well,

1 do we have that document, Madam Clerk?

2 Perhaps just put it on the screen.

3 **THE COMMISSIONER:** What document is this  
4 now?

5 **(SHORT PAUSE/COURTE PAUSE)**

6 **MR. DUMAIS:** Sorry, Commissioner.

7 That's a document that has not been filed  
8 yet, Commissioner. Perhaps if we can just put that  
9 document aside for now.

10 There is a police note which is doc number  
11 733629, and I'm not sure if notice had been provided, and  
12 so I'm not sure if Madam Clerk has that document.

13 Correct.

14 **(SHORT PAUSE/COURTE PAUSE)**

15 **THE COMMISSIONER:** All right.

16 So this will be Exhibit No. 346; again, some  
17 written notes from a police officer's notebook.

18 **MR. DUMAIS:** And these are the notes from  
19 Detective Constable Dupuis and it's the entry on May 14th,  
20 2002, and the entry that I'm looking at is at 1805 hours:

21 "Call Claire Chouinor..."

22 **THE COMMISSIONER:** I don't see any -- first  
23 of all, I think if this is the right document, does it say  
24 page 25?

25 **MR. DUMAIS:** It would be Bates page 7132094,

1 Commissioner.

2 **THE COMMISSIONER:** Yes, 713 -- no, this  
3 isn't it.

4 **MR. DUMAIS:** Seven-one-three-two-zero-nine-  
5 four (7132094).

6 **THE COMMISSIONER:** No -- take that back.

7 (SHORT PAUSE/COURTE PAUSE)

8 **THE REGISTRAR:** Seven-one-three-two-zero-  
9 nine-four (7132094), document number, please.

10 **MR. DUMAIS:** Seven-three-three-six-two-nine  
11 (733629).

12 (SHORT PAUSE/COURTE PAUSE)

13 **MR. DUMAIS:** Well, it is lunchtime.

14 Why don't we take the lunch break and we can  
15 find these documents on the break?

16 **MR. DUMAIS:** Fair enough.

17 **THE COMMISSIONER:** So we'll take lunch now  
18 till 2 o'clock. You are not going to discuss any of your  
19 testimony with anyone.

20 **MS. RENSHAW:** Okay.

21 **THE COMMISSIONER:** And if anyone tries to  
22 speak to you, you are to report that to me.

23 **MS. RENSHAW:** Right.

24 **THE COMMISSIONER:** Thank you.

25 **THE REGISTRAR:** Order; all rise. À l'ordre;

1           veuillez vous lever.

2                           This hearing is now adjourned until 2:00  
3 p.m.

4 --- Upon recessing at 12:27 p.m./

5           L'audience est suspendue à 12h27

6 --- Upon resuming at 2:03 p.m./

7           L'audience est reprise à 14h03

8                           **THE REGISTRAR:** Order; all rise. À l'ordre;  
9 veuillez vous lever.

10                           The hearing is now resumed. Please be  
11 seated.

12                           **THE COMMISSIONER:** Mr. Dumais.

13 --- **PRELIMINARY MATTERS BY / MATIÈRES PRÉLIMINAIRES PAR**  
14 **MR. DUMAIS :**

15                           **MR. DUMAIS:** Just before I recall Claire  
16 Renshaw, just to finish up two housekeeping matters. The  
17 first one deals -- has to do with the last witness that was  
18 called that gave evidence in camera.

19                           **THE COMMISSIONER:** Right.

20                           **MR. DUMAIS:** We were just going through the  
21 records registry for exhibits, and it was noticed that the  
22 two exhibits that were filed in the in camera session,  
23 having to do with this witness, were filed as "P" exhibits.  
24 So it would be P-332 and P-333. Those two exhibits should  
25 actually have been "C" exhibits. I'm not sure what number

1 we're at for these "C" exhibits.

2 So that given the fact that we -- I should  
3 have done this, this morning, Commissioner, and we filed  
4 other subsequent exhibits, and there is a hole now for P-  
5 332 and P-333 and I'm not sure how we should deal with  
6 that.

7 **THE COMMISSIONER:** Well, we just mark them  
8 as zeros.

9 **MR. DUMAIS:** All right.

10 **THE COMMISSIONER:** And we can mark those  
11 exhibits as "C" exhibits and give them the two  
12 corresponding numbers. And we'll have to -- Madam Clerk,  
13 do you have any idea where we are in the "C" exhibits?

14 **(SHORT PAUSE/COURTE PAUSE)**

15 **THE COMMISSIONER:** Well, in any event, what  
16 we'll do is we'll ---

17 **THE REGISTRAR:** C-111.

18 **THE COMMISSIONER:** I'm sorry?

19 **THE REGISTRAR:** C-111.

20 **THE COMMISSIONER:** C-111 ---

21 **MR. DUMAIS:** All right.

22 **THE COMMISSIONER:** --- and C-112.

23 **MR. DUMAIS:** Thank you, Commissioner.

24 **THE COMMISSIONER:** I didn't know that we had  
25 that many "C" exhibits. In any event ---



1                   **THE REGISTRAR:** We'll check it out.

2                   **THE COMMISSIONER:** --- we'll check it out  
3 later, but in any event ---

4                   **MR. DUMAIS:** It may have started at 100,  
5 Commissioner.

6                   **THE COMMISSIONER:** Oh! We had started at  
7 100.

8                   **MR. DUMAIS:** We may have. I didn't think we  
9 had that many either.

10                   **MR. DUMAIS:** The second matter,  
11 Commissioner, is we did receive a medical report from Mr.  
12 Culic having regards to David Silmser. I have asked our  
13 DBA to circulate that to the parties. So they'll be  
14 getting that shortly, and they should have a look at the  
15 report, and I believe we are addressing the matter tomorrow  
16 morning as scheduled.

17                   **THE COMMISSIONER:** I believe so.

18                   All right.

19                   Thank you.

20                   In that regard I can say that this comes as  
21 very little surprise that Mr. Silmser cannot return, and  
22 I'm aware of the fact that some of the parties have not had  
23 an opportunity to cross-examine. So it will be incumbent  
24 upon us to -- and our process -- to consider other options  
25 and to permit parties to respond.

1           I will have to consider the differences and  
2           give the evidence appropriate weight. I may well have to  
3           consider a motion for expungement of all of his evidence.

4           I don't know that I can determine what  
5           weight to give to Mr. Silmsers evidence at this point. It  
6           would be contrary to -- I would say or suggest a proper way  
7           of evaluating evidence is by looking at all of the evidence  
8           in total, and then seeing what weight, if any, to give to  
9           it.

10           In any event -- and as well, new evidence  
11           may give and shed more light on the quality of the evidence  
12           that Mr. Silmsers has -- Silmsers, sorry -- has given.

13           So far there have been two proposals or  
14           alternatives. One (1) is to agree on some kind of an  
15           alternative questions being posed, and the suggested  
16           answers for the purposes of cross-examination directed to  
17           me by way of the evidence or the exhibits, and the second  
18           one is to proceed with the motion to expunge the evidence.

19           So I guess we'll leave that discussion for  
20           tomorrow, to discuss the possible alternatives for each of  
21           the parties who have not cross-examined or, if parties  
22           insist, that then we'll deal with the motion for  
23           expungement. Now, I understand that Mr. Engelmann, who  
24           will be here tomorrow, has outlined some procedure whereby  
25           if the motion for expungement is to proceed times and dates

1 for each party to make submissions, and we'll confirm that  
2 tomorrow, and we'll leave Friday open for that eventuality.

3 All right.

4 Thank you.

5 **MR. DUMAIS:** And, Commissioner, if we can  
6 recall Claire Renshaw?

7 **THE COMMISSIONER:** Yes.

8 Thank you.

9 Good afternoon.

10 You understand you are still under oath?

11 **MS. RENSHAW:** Sorry?

12 **THE COMMISSIONER:** You're still under oath.

13 **MS. RENSHAW:** I am.

14 **THE COMMISSIONER:** All right.

15 How was lunch?

16 **MS. RENSHAW:** Very good.

17 Thank you.

18 **THE COMMISSIONER:** Truthful now.

19 **MS. RENSHAW:** It was good; a nice salad.

20 **THE COMMISSIONER:** Terrific!

21 Thank you.

22 **CLAIRE RENSHAW, Resumed/Sous le même serment:**

23 --- **EXAMINATION IN-CHIEF BY/INTERROGATOIRE EN-CHEF PAR MR.**  
24 **DUMAIS, (cont' d/suite):**

25 **MR. DUMAIS:** Claire, just before we broke

1 for lunch we were discussing the stay of proceedings of May  
2 13<sup>th</sup>, 2002 and the subsequent telephone conversation you  
3 would have had with Detective Constable Dupuis on May 14<sup>th</sup>  
4 and I wanted to put a document to you. We have now located  
5 that document. So that's doc number 733629, Bates page  
6 7132094.

7 **THE COMMISSIONER:** All right.

8 And that would be Exhibit No. 346; again,  
9 some police officer's notes and the date, May of 2002.

10 **--- EXHIBIT NO./PIÈCE NO P-346:**

11 (733629) - Bates 7132094-95, 7132097 - Notes  
12 of Cst. Dupuis - May 7, 2000 to May 16, 2000  
13 and May 21, 2000

14 **THE COMMISSIONER:** All right.

15 And where are we going Mr. Dumais?

16 **MR. DUMAIS:** Last entry at 18:05.

17 **THE COMMISSIONER:** Last entry at 18:05.

18 **MR. DUMAIS:** Last entry of that page --  
19 bottom.

20 **THE COMMISSIONER:** Okay.

21 Yes, sir.

22 **MR. DUMAIS:** So just under the date:

23 "May 14, 2002 at 18:05."

24 And I'll read it out:

25 "Call Claire Chouinor, re stay. Tried

1 to explain what a stay is. She  
2 requested counselling for Robert."

3 **THE COMMISSIONER:** Actually, it's  
4 "assistance".

5 **MR. DUMAIS:** "She requests assistance for  
6 Robert. Counselling advised. I will  
7 [missing that word] get back to her --  
8 I will check and get back to her."

9 So do you recall that conversation, that  
10 call from detective Constable Dupuis?

11 **MS. RENSHAW:** Yes. I'm going to say yes.

12 **MR. DUMAIS:** Okay.

13 So, fair to say, Claire that you may have  
14 called on that day, left a message, and he might have  
15 called you back?

16 **MS. RENSHAW:** That was usually what  
17 happened, yes.

18 **MR. DUMAIS:** All right.

19 Okay.

20 Now, the next answer in his notes -- or, the  
21 next note I want you to have a look at is same doc number,  
22 Bates page 7132095.

23 **THE COMMISSIONER:** Which is the back page of  
24 that document.

25 **MS. RENSHAW:** Okay.

1 THE COMMISSIONER: And -- I'm sorry.

2 The back page of the first page.

3 MS. RENSRAW: Oh!

4 THE COMMISSIONER: Sorry.

5 MS. RENSRAW: Go ahead.

6 THE COMMISSIONER: So, it's 126 on the top  
7 there?

8 MS. RENSRAW: Okay.

9 MR. DUMAIS: So there's two -- appears to be  
10 two entries at 9:04 and 9:07. The first is:

11 "Message left for Lorne McConnery..."

12 Which is, I believe, one of the Crown  
13 Attorney in this case.

14 "...re Claire Renshaw request..."

15 And then, the subsequent entry at 9:07:

16 "Message for Cosette Chafe..."

17 With phone number.

18 "Victim requires assistance.

19 Please call back."

20 So it appears that Detective Constable  
21 Dupuis would have contacted both the Crown's office asking  
22 -- and Cosette Chafe -- to get back to you; and then a  
23 subsequent entry which is related to these phone messages  
24 and that's doc number 7132097.

25 Sorry.

1 Madam Clerk, have we been entering these as  
2 we go?

3 **THE COMMISSIONER:** Yes.

4 **MR. DUMAIS:** All right.

5 **THE COMMISSIONER:** This is exhibit 341.

6 Wait a minute.

7 We're looking at 346 and you're looking at -

8 --

9 **MR. DUMAIS:** That's the third exhibit of  
10 this afternoon.

11 **THE COMMISSIONER:** It's on the same ---

12 **MR. DUMAIS:** All right.

13 **THE COMMISSIONER:** So, before last page?

14 Or the last page of this document is where  
15 you're going now?

16 **MR. DUMAIS:** Simply for the record,  
17 Commissioner, there's excerpts of a larger document.

18 So 733629 is a larger document that  
19 contained a lot of notes that Detective Constable Dupuis,  
20 and these are the three relevant excerpts from that larger  
21 document.

22 **THE COMMISSIONER:** Yes.

23 **MR. DUMAIS:** So it's 16:29 on May 21, 2002 -

24 --

25 **THE COMMISSIONER:** Can you scroll it up a

1 little bit, Madam Clerk?

2 Okay.

3 **MR. DUMAIS:** "Spoke to..."

4 And that's, again, Detective Constable  
5 Dupuis' note,

6 "Spoke to Cosette Chafe re Robert  
7 Renshaw. She advised that she called  
8 Renshaw, told him that they could go to  
9 Trinte (sic) for counselling. But they  
10 were not going to pay if -- of any in  
11 Kingston."

12 **MR. KLOEZE:** Forgive me, sir, that word is,  
13 in fact, Quinte, not Trinte.

14 **MR. DUMAIS:** Quinte.

15 Thank you.

16 **THE COMMISSIONER:** "...for counselling but  
17 they were not going to pay if [da-da]  
18 Kingston.

19 **MR. DUMAIS:** "...any in Kingston. The same  
20 thing they were told two years ago.  
21 Robert says did not know Claire had  
22 made the request. He also advised that  
23 he did not really want to go to any  
24 counselling. No further action  
25 required. Crown, Lorne McConnery



1                                   advised."

2           So you -- is this -- are you aware of this telephone  
3           conversation that Robert would have had with Ms. Chafe?

4                                   **MS. RENSRAW:** No.

5                                   **MR. DUMAIS:** Or whether or not he had  
6           indicated at all that counselling was not required or  
7           necessary or ---

8                                   **MS. RENSRAW:** No.

9                                   **MR. DUMAIS:** All right.

10                                   So we're now in May of 2002, subsequent to  
11           the state proceedings.

12                                   **THE COMMISSIONER:** Can I just stop you there  
13           for a second? I just ---

14                                   **MR. DUMAIS:** Yes.

15                                   **THE COMMISSIONER:** So you didn't know that he  
16           had had this conversation with Officer Dupuis.

17                                   In your view, what was your thought about  
18           his need for ---

19                                   **MR. KOZLOFF:** Excuse me, Commissioner. It's  
20           not Officer Dupuis.

21                                   **THE COMMISSIONER:** I'm sorry.

22                                   Okay.

23                                   Sorry.

24                                   Who is it?

25                                   **MR. KOZLOFF:** It was Cosette Chafe.

1                   **THE COMMISSIONER:** Whose notes are these?

2                   **MR. KOZLOFF:** It's a Dupuis-related  
3 conversation they had with Chafe where she used to make in  
4 conversation she had at one point.

5                   **THE COMMISSIONER:** Okay.

6                   Thank you.

7                   All I want to know is, back then in May of  
8 2002, what were your thoughts with respect to your  
9 husband's needs for counselling?

10                  **MS. RENSRAW:** He needed counselling in the  
11 worst way.

12                  **THE COMMISSIONER:** M'hm.

13                  **MS. RENSRAW:** We discussed counselling over  
14 the years. He agreed to go to counselling. It was just a  
15 matter of finding a proper place.

16                  **THE COMMISSIONER:** Okay.

17                  All right.

18                  But in the end, he -- it seems that if --  
19 here from ---

20                  **MS. RENSRAW:** That's what it's reading here.  
21 Yes.

22                  **THE COMMISSIONER:** Okay.

23                  So -- and you had no knowledge of that  
24 conversation?

25                  **MS. RENSRAW:** Not until today, no.

1                   **THE COMMISSIONER:** Okay.

2                   Thank you.

3                   Maître Dumais.

4                   **MR. DUMAIS:** Now -- so, we're at the end of  
5 May 2002, Claire.

6                   From then on, did you have any subsequent  
7 dealings with the Crown Attorney's Office, from that date  
8 on?

9                   **MS. RENSRAW:** I believe not.

10                  **MR. DUMAIS:** All right.

11                  So you don't believe that Mr. McConnery or  
12 someone else from their office would have contacted you  
13 either with respect to counselling, or the -- an appeal?

14                  **MS. RENSRAW:** No.

15                  **MR. DUMAIS:** All right.

16                  And what about any subsequent dealings with  
17 Detective Constable Dupuis?

18                  Would anything have occurred after May 2002,  
19 after this last entry here?

20                  **MS. RENSRAW:** My last conversation with  
21 Dupuis, as said, was discussing why he did not inform me of  
22 the stay. That was the last conversation I had. The day  
23 is not with me right now, but that's the last conversation.

24                  **MR. DUMAIS:** Okay.

25                  So either discussions with counselling or

1 the prospect of an appeal?

2 **MS. RENSRAW:** No, no more conversations.

3 **MR. DUMAIS:** All right.

4 And is that the -- is your answer the same  
5 with any other police officers from the OPP?

6 Did you have any subsequent dealings after  
7 May 2002?

8 **MS. RENSRAW:** No.

9 **MR. DUMAIS:** Okay.

10 Now, how did Robert react to the stay,  
11 Claire?

12 Can you give us a general idea?

13 **MS. RENSRAW:** Shortly after that, Bob lost  
14 his job due to anger, and then fell into a state of deep  
15 depression for approximately three-and-a-half years.

16 **MR. DUMAIS:** All right.

17 And following May 2002, did Bob ever receive  
18 counselling?

19 **MS. RENSRAW:** I accessed counselling on my  
20 own, yes.

21 **MR. DUMAIS:** Okay.

22 And so this was some benefit through  
23 employment, Claire?

24 Is that ---

25 **MS. RENSRAW:** Through my work, we have an

1 EAP program ---

2 MR. DUMAIS: Yes

3 MS. RENSRAW: --- Employee Assistance  
4 Program, and I accessed that for him.

5 MR. DUMAIS: All right.

6 So he didn't get counselling through that --  
7 -

8 MS. RENSRAW: For a brief period, and then I  
9 accessed another lady, to which he's still seeing now.

10 MR. DUMAIS: All right.

11 What about any subsequent dealings with  
12 Perry Dunlop after 2002?

13 Had he left the area by that time?

14 MS. RENSRAW: I believe so.

15 MR. DUMAIS: All right.

16 MS. RENSRAW: I'm not sure of the date when  
17 he left the area.

18 MR. DUMAIS: Okay.

19 And would you -- after he left the area,  
20 would you have remained in communications with him?

21 MS. RENSRAW: With Helen, yes.

22 MR. DUMAIS: With Helen.

23 All right.

24 To this date?

25 MS. RENSRAW: Yes.

1                   **MR. DUMAIS:** All right.

2                   So you keep in touch through ---

3                   **MS. RENSRAW:** Email.

4                   **MR. DUMAIS:** Through email.

5                   All right.

6                   Now, we've discussed your involvement with  
7 Perry and with Helen, Claire.

8                   What about a gentleman by the name of Carson  
9 Chisholm; would you have had any contact with him  
10 whatsoever?

11                  **MS. RENSRAW:** Yes.

12                  **MR. DUMAIS:** All right.

13                  And what was the extent of that contact; was  
14 that similar to your contacts with Perry and Helen?

15                  **MS. RENSRAW:** No, it was on a different  
16 level. We just basically talked of what was happening in  
17 the newspaper, and if I had been in town, and he happened  
18 to be in the area, we'd just, "Hello." We chatted more  
19 about his horse than we really did about anything else.

20                  **MR. DUMAIS:** All right.

21                  And Mr. Chisholm would have been introduced  
22 to you through Perry and Helen.

23                  Is that correct?

24                  **MS. RENSRAW:** I don't believe he was  
25 introduced. It was just common knowledge that they were

1 relatives.

2 **MR. DUMAIS:** All right.

3 Now, you've discussed earlier this morning  
4 you're writing a letter to the editor.

5 Is that something that continued; did you  
6 have any further dealings with the medias?

7 **MS. RENSHAW:** At present?

8 **MR. DUMAIS:** After May 2002.

9 **MS. RENSHAW:** No.

10 **MR. DUMAIS:** All right.

11 And your dealings with either of Perry  
12 Dunlop, Helen Dunlop, Carson Chisholm or members of the  
13 media, did you receive any directions at any point in time,  
14 either from the Crown's office or from the police officers  
15 investigating the matter on that issue?

16 **MS. RENSHAW:** Dupuis discouraged us from  
17 speaking to other people about any facts of the case.

18 **MR. DUMAIS:** Okay.

19 Did he explain to you why?

20 **MS. RENSHAW:** Well, because the more people  
21 that have the information, the -- it would be probably be  
22 difficult to get a conviction.

23 **MR. DUMAIS:** All right.

24 Now, these are my questions, Claire. I've  
25 indicated to you that I would -- the last question I would

1 ask you is how participating in the criminal process from  
2 '97 to 2002 has affected either you or your family and,  
3 whether or not you had any recommendations that you wanted  
4 the Commissioner to consider.

5 **MS. RENSRAW:** I've summed that up in a  
6 statement that I would like

7 **MR. DUMAIS:** M'hm.

8 **MS. RENSRAW:** --- to read to you ---

9 **MR. DUMAIS:** Sure.

10 **MS. RENSRAW:** --- when appropriate.

11 **MR. DUMAIS:** Pardon me?

12 **MS. RENSRAW:** When it's time for me to read.

13 **MR. DUMAIS:** Actually, you can do that now,  
14 Claire.

15 **MS. RENSRAW:** Now's a good time?

16 **THE COMMISSIONER:** Yes.

17 **MS. RENSRAW:** And please bear with me,  
18 because there's a lot of emotions tied up in these papers,  
19 and if I cry a tear, I've got Kleenex.

20 My presence today has a beginning and an  
21 end; the end of a long, drawn-out nightmare and the  
22 beginning of my life back.

23 Ten (10) years ago, one man came into our  
24 lives and changed our whole world. You have the facts, and  
25 now let me enlighten you on the reality of it all.



1 I can only describe these last ten years  
2 like living in an emotional roller-coaster. Having been  
3 dragged through such an experience has taken its toll  
4 physically and, certainly, psychologically.

5 Unfortunately, Bob's mental health has  
6 deteriorated over the last four to five years. The bills  
7 kept rolling in, which left me holding down another job.  
8 On average, I work 60 to 65 hours a week, to date.

9 I am not the same person I was ten years  
10 ago. At one time I was a kind person, I was courteous, and  
11 certainly a tenacious woman. My personality is more  
12 abrasive and I have little patience, and at times I am  
13 short with people, with little tolerance. Honestly, I  
14 don't like the person I have turned into.

15 The last five years of my life have been  
16 emotionally debilitating. Throughout this period, I must  
17 have made hundreds of phone calls, trying to get answers:  
18 What to expect in court; how do I get counselling for my  
19 Bob; why am I being subpoenaed, and for what? I didn't know  
20 the answers.

21 I felt it was intrusive to serve me with a  
22 subpoena. I felt embarrassed and shy to go to my  
23 supervisor at work as I needed to explain person -- my  
24 personal life.

25 I could not understand why I could not be by

1 my husband's side when he was being interviewed. It was  
2 repeatedly discouraged for me sitting beside him.

3 We lived in a rural area; minimal mental  
4 health services and I felt very isolated.

5 At many times, I felt I was paranoid. I  
6 didn't know the process or who to talk to or when. There  
7 were times I got the impression they did not want Bob and I  
8 together. They wanted to speak with Bob alone. He always  
9 had to be alone. I objected and I still sat outside.

10 In the last three years, I object louder and  
11 refuse to be unheard. I no longer sit outside. I am the  
12 person who live with this man. His frustration, anger,  
13 fear, disappointment and humiliation, together we worked  
14 this out. And this is where the system failed my family.  
15 I believe the extremely high level of stress that could  
16 have been minimized a great deal if the proper systems were  
17 in place.

18 In cases such as this, could there not have  
19 been an appointed spokesperson to guide the individual  
20 and/or family through such a draining court process?

21 Perhaps a spokesperson to assist, lend  
22 support, I believe it would have helped, especially when we  
23 were going through the 73-months waste of time event.

24 I spent endless hours reaching out to  
25 agencies, talking to anybody that would listen. I needed

1 guidance. What I really needed was one person who would  
2 listen from the beginning to the end. I never got that.

3 Well, I am happy to say that we -- excuse me  
4 -- I am happy to say we found one person we both needed and  
5 that was each other. It took us a long time to finally get  
6 it and we did. We only had each other. We could count on  
7 no other.

8 My youngest is now 11 years old. We call  
9 her our gift from God. I believe she has by far done  
10 without what other children are privileged to enjoy.  
11 Through her father's extreme paranoia of people, of police,  
12 of priests, of teachers and et cetera, basically, all the  
13 professionals I taught my oldest two children to trust  
14 and/or ask for help, Beth was encouraged not to trust; not  
15 to be alone with these people; and never, ever ask for  
16 help.

17 My girl was not able to go to birthday  
18 parties, to go to Brownies, to be in Girl Guides -- excuse  
19 me -- or take dance classes. Bob's inner fear and paranoia  
20 of people made it difficult. Many times, he was  
21 irrational. The possibility that someone could harm or  
22 touch his child was overwhelming to him. At times, it took  
23 every ounce of my being to help him, and to hold him, and  
24 encourage him, "It will be okay."

25 I believe the ripple effect has deprived our

1 children perhaps socially, emotionally, psychologically,  
2 spiritually and/or physically. I don't have the answers to  
3 fix the system, and I don't know that the system has the  
4 questions for the answers.

5 From the beginning to the end, and as I sit  
6 here today and talk about the judicial system, the police,  
7 the investigators and many, many mental health providers,  
8 so many people have come in and out of our lives in the  
9 last 10 years. Yet there was no lifeline for us to reach  
10 out to. Nobody. Nothing.

11 I am here to share a life of sadness, of  
12 struggle and of financial hardship; and, most importantly,  
13 of two people who hung on to each other, and would not let  
14 go no matter who tried to separate us.

15 I conclude with the three-strikes-you're-out  
16 theory. In life, there are three factors. In my life,  
17 there are three factors. The victim who we can't repair;  
18 the perpetrator whom we did not help; and the system who  
19 could help but wouldn't.

20 Am I angry?

21 It's obvious. And as the song goes, I'm not  
22 ready to make nice.

23 Good bless Perry and Helen Dunlop and C.  
24 Parisien.

25 Thank you for your time.

1                   **THE COMMISSIONER:** Thank you.

2                   **MR. DUMAIS:** I thank you, Claire.

3                   These are my questions for you. So the  
4 parties may have questions.

5                   Thank you.

6                   **THE COMMISSIONER:** Mr. Canto.

7                   --- CROSS-EXAMINATION BY/CONTRE-INTERROGATOIRE PAR MR.

8                   **CANTO:**

9                   **MR. CANTO:** Good afternoon, Mr.  
10 Commissioner.

11                   **THE COMMISSIONER:** Yes, sir.

12                   **MR. CANTO:** Good afternoon, Ms. Renshaw.

13                   My name is Steven Canto. I am one of the  
14 lawyers here on behalf of the Citizens for Community  
15 Renewal.

16                   The Citizens for Community Renewal is an  
17 organization of concerned citizens with standing at this  
18 Inquiry. They are determined to promote needed  
19 institutional reforms so as to ensure the protection of  
20 children and justice for all.

21                   I only have two questions for you this  
22 afternoon.

23                   The first question pertains to the meeting -  
24 - the interview, actually, on November the 5<sup>th</sup>, 1997, in  
25 Walkerton, when yourself and your husband attended the

1 detachment there. My understanding is that you weren't  
2 allowed to attend with your husband when he was being  
3 interviewed.

4 Correct?

5 **MS. RENSRAW:** Correct.

6 **MR. CANTO:** And you weren't privy to any  
7 conversation, obviously, when he was being interviewed.

8 Correct?

9 **MS. RENSRAW:** Correct.

10 **MR. CANTO:** Do you recall any conversations  
11 that occurred prior to him being interviewed?

12 **MS. RENSRAW:** With who?

13 **MR. CANTO:** With any of the OPP officers at  
14 that time?

15 **MS. RENSRAW:** I'm going to safely say, yes,  
16 there must have been.

17 **MR. CANTO:** Okay.

18 Did you overhear any of these conversations?

19 **MS. RENSRAW:** I cannot give you a definite  
20 answer.

21 **MR. CANTO:** Okay.

22 How about afterwards; after his interviews?

23 Do you recall any conversations going on?

24 **MS. RENSRAW:** There must have been.

25 **MR. CANTO:** There must have been. But are

1           you aware of any of them, any -- the subject of the  
2           conversations?

3                       **MS. RENSRAW:** I did not overhear  
4           conversations that he had, if that is what you are asking.

5                       **MR. CANTO:** Okay.

6                       That's fine.

7                       The second question pertains to the CICB  
8           application.

9                       You've indicated that -- it was your  
10          evidence that Constable Dupuis informed you to delay -- to  
11          put off filing the application until after the trial of  
12          Father Charles MacDonald.

13                      Correct?

14                      **MS. RENSRAW:** I would not have used those  
15          words, but yes.

16                      **MR. CANTO:** Okay.

17                      The only question that I'm asking is, is  
18          there any reason why that application hasn't been filed to  
19          date?

20                      **MS. RENSRAW:** That has not ---

21                      **MR. CANTO:** That has not.

22                      **MS. RENSRAW:** --- been refiled?

23                      **MR. CANTO:** That's right.

24                      **MS. RENSRAW:** There's no reason.

25                      **MR. CANTO:** Okay.

1                   **MS. RENSRAW:** The purpose of filing the  
2 application in the first place was to acquire funds in  
3 order to pay for counselling.

4                   **MR. CANTO:** Okay.

5                   Ms. Renshaw, on behalf of the Citizens for  
6 Community Renewal, those are my questions.

7                   I thank you very much.

8                   **MS. RENSRAW:** Thank you.

9                   **THE COMMISSIONER:** I have a couple of other  
10 questions.

11                   When your husband came out of that meeting  
12 on November 5<sup>th</sup>, how was he when he came out?

13                   **MS. RENSRAW:** Can you ---

14                   **THE COMMISSIONER:** I'm sorry.

15                   **MS. RENSRAW:** Which meeting?

16                   **THE COMMISSIONER:** At the Walkerton ---

17                   **MS. RENSRAW:** Okay.

18                   **THE COMMISSIONER:** When you went to  
19 Walkerton, he was in an interview for about three hours.

20                   **MS. RENSRAW:** Yes.

21                   **THE COMMISSIONER:** How was he when he came  
22 out?

23                   **MS. RENSRAW:** He was very distraught. He  
24 was crying, choking back tears, and just wanted to get out  
25 of there.



1                   **THE COMMISSIONER:** And your purpose in going  
2 in or wanting to go in would be for what?

3                   **MS. RENSRAW:** Moral support.

4                   **THE COMMISSIONER:** Moral support.

5                   Okay.

6                   **MS. RENSRAW:** Bob was intimidated and afraid  
7 of police officers.

8                   **THE COMMISSIONER:** Did you tell that to the  
9 police?

10                  **MS. RENSRAW:** Yes, repeatedly.

11                  **THE COMMISSIONER:** Okay.

12                  All right.

13                  **MS. RENSRAW:** I was very vocal, sir.

14                  **THE COMMISSIONER:** Thank you.

15                  Okay.

16                  Mr. Lee.

17                  **MR. LEE:** Sir, Mrs. Renshaw isn't a member  
18 of the Victims' Group obviously, but I do represent her.  
19 So I believe that she will ask me.

20                  **THE COMMISSIONER:** M'hm.

21                  Mr. Cipriano.

22                  **MR. CIPRIANO:** I have no questions.

23                  **THE COMMISSIONER:** Thank you.

24                  Mr. Chisholm.

25                  **MR. CHISHOLM:** Thank you, Mr. Commissioner.

1                   Mrs. Renshaw, my name is Peter Chisholm. I  
2 am counsel for the local Children's Aid Society. I have no  
3 questions for you.

4                   Thank you for coming today.

5                   **MS. RENSRAW:** Thank you.

6                   **THE COMMISSIONER:** Mr. Rose.

7                   **MR. ROSE:** No questions.

8                   **THE COMMISSIONER:** Thank you.

9                   Mr. Kloeze?

10                  --- CROSS-EXAMINATION BY/CONTRE-INTERROGATOIRE PAR MR.

11                  **KLOEZE:**

12                   **MR. KLOEZE:** Thank you, Mr. Commissioner.

13                   Mrs. Renshaw, my name is Darrell Kloeze. I  
14 am counsel for the Ministry of the Attorney General, and it  
15 is our Ministry that employs the Crown attorneys, and it is  
16 also our Ministry that runs the Victim Witness Assistance  
17 Program.

18                   I only have a very few questions for you today.

19                   First, I wanted to thank you for your  
20 evidence.

21                   And the questions that I have for you  
22 basically deal, again, with the issue of counselling. I  
23 guess my first question is whether it's fair to say that  
24 one of your main concerns for your husband was making sure  
25 that he got whatever assistance and supports that were

1 available to him. And that you were able to do whatever  
2 you could to get those supports and assistance for your  
3 husband because of the process he was going through and,  
4 after he disclosed his allegations starting in 1997.

5 And your concern was to get those supports  
6 for him?

7 MS. RENSRAW: Yes.

8 MR. KLOEZE: And in your conversations with  
9 the police and many other people over the course of these  
10 events, since 1997, you often raised the issue of getting  
11 counselling for your husband and also getting whatever  
12 financial assistance was available for that counselling.

13 MS. RENSRAW: Yes.

14 MR. KLOEZE: And I believe one of the first  
15 conversations you had with the V/WAP Program -- well,  
16 firstly, I am going to ask you if you know what the V/WAP  
17 Program is. Victim ---

18 MS. RENSRAW: Well ---

19 MR. KLOEZE: Sorry, go ahead.

20 MS. RENSRAW: Can you -- V/WAP is Victim ---

21 MR. KLOEZE: It stands for Victim Witness  
22 Assistance Program.

23 MS. RENSRAW: Yes.

24 Okay.

25 MR. KLOEZE: And you understand what that

1 program is?

2 It is a program run by the Ministry in some  
3 centres. Certainly, in 1998, it wasn't in all communities,  
4 but it's a program run by the Ministry in some centres to  
5 assist victims in going through the court process.

6 **MS. RENSRAW:** I now understand that, yes.

7 **MR. KLOEZE:** You now understand that.

8 Did you understand that in 1998?

9 **MS. RENSRAW:** No, I did not.

10 **MR. KLOEZE:** The first contact you had with  
11 the V/WAP Program, I believe was in April or May of 1998  
12 when you contacted the Owen Sound program?

13 **MS. RENSRAW:** Okay.

14 **MR. KLOEZE:** Is that correct?

15 **MS. RENSRAW:** I don't know how I received  
16 that information. I don't know who the person was that  
17 gave me the information on the counsellors in Owen Sound.  
18 So I don't know where I got that information.

19 **MR. KLOEZE:** Okay.

20 Do you remember talking to either a  
21 Catherine Stoyke or a Barbara Anderson in Owen Sound?

22 **MS. RENSRAW:** Perhaps.

23 **MR. KLOEZE:** Do you recognize either of  
24 those names?

25 **MS. RENSRAW:** No, I don't.

1                   **MR. KLOEZE:** Okay.

2                   **MS. RENSRAW:** No, I don't.

3                   **MR. KLOEZE:** So you can't tell me how you  
4 came to contact -- whether you did contact them or how you  
5 came to contact anybody in Owen Sound?

6                   **MS. RENSRAW:** Well, I certainly must have  
7 contacted one of them because he did go to counselling  
8 three times in Owen Sound.

9                   **MR. KLOEZE:** Your husband received  
10 counselling in Owen Sound?

11                   **MS. RENSRAW:** Three (3) times; three  
12 sessions, yes.

13                   **MR. KLOEZE:** Okay.

14                   And was there financial assistance available  
15 for that or was that free counselling?

16                   **MS. RENSRAW:** No, we paid out of pocket.

17                   **MR. KLOEZE:** Okay.

18                   Do you know where -- you don't remember  
19 where you got the name of the counsellor?

20                   **MS. RENSRAW:** No, I don't.

21                   **MR. KLOEZE:** Okay.

22                   You don't recall contacting the V/WAP, the  
23 Victim Witness Assistance people in Owen Sound, either  
24 Catherine Stoyke or Barbara Anderson?

25                   **MS. RENSRAW:** I contacted many people, sir.

1                   **MR. KLOEZE:** You contacted many people. I  
2 understand that.--

3                   **MS. RENSRAW:** Yeah.

4                   **MR. KLOEZE:** You were trying to find  
5 whatever support you could find for your husband.

6                   **MS. RENSRAW:** Exactly.

7                   **MR. KLOEZE:** Now, as well as the three  
8 sessions that your husband received in Owen Sound, there  
9 were other names that were given to you around the area.  
10 You received a name in Walkerton I believe.

11                   Is that correct?

12                   **MS. RENSRAW:** Yes.

13                   **MR. KLOEZE:** And did you receive any other  
14 names in the area?

15                   **MS. RENSRAW:** No, I don't believe so.

16                   **MR. KLOEZE:** Now, I understand that in June  
17 of 1999, we looked at this document earlier, you had a  
18 conversation with a Janet Lee at the Kingston office? **MS.**  
19 **RENSRAW:** Yes.

20                   **MR. KLOEZE:** Okay.

21                   Do you remember how you got Janet Lee's  
22 name?

23                   **MS. RENSRAW:** No, I don't.

24                   **MR. KLOEZE:** Do you remember whether you  
25 contacted her directly or you ---

1                   **MS. RENSRAW:** Yes, I did contact her  
2 directly.

3                   **MR. KLOEZE:** You contacted her directly.  
4 Now, I'm not sure if we heard this evidence  
5 this morning, but I understand that by June 1999, your  
6 family had moved to Kingston?

7                   **MS. RENSRAW:** Yes.

8                   **MR. KLOEZE:** You are no longer living in  
9 Mildmay?

10                  **MS. RENSRAW:** April 1<sup>st</sup> of '99, we moved to  
11 Kingston.

12                  **MR. KLOEZE:** Okay.

13                                 And, again, you don't know how you got Janet  
14 Lee's phone number ---

15                  **MS. RENSRAW:** No.

16                  **MR. KLOEZE:** --- or who gave it to you?

17                  **MS. RENSRAW:** I don't recall, sir.

18                  **MR. KLOEZE:** And do you know that Janet Lee  
19 is somebody who is employed by the V/WAP office in  
20 Kingston?

21                  **MS. RENSRAW:** I recently learned of that  
22 information, yes.

23                  **MR. KLOEZE:** You recently learned that.  
24 Okay.

25                  **MS. RENSRAW:** Yes.

1                   **MR. KLOEZE:** You didn't realize at the time  
2 who Janet Lee was?

3                   **MS. RENSRAW:** She probably did identify  
4 herself, sir, but with so much information and such turmoil  
5 in my life, it just didn't stick in my brain.

6                   **MR. KLOEZE:** Okay.

7                   I understand that completely. And as you  
8 said, you were contacting as many people as you could to  
9 find whatever assistance was available.

10                  **MS. RENSRAW:** I needed help for my husband,  
11 yes.

12                  **MR. KLOEZE:** So I imagine some of the people  
13 you were contacting were not only police officers but  
14 counsellors, individual counsellors.

15                  **MS. RENSRAW:** M'hm.

16                  **MR. KLOEZE:** And community agencies?

17                  **MS. RENSRAW:** M'hm.

18                  **MR. KLOEZE:** And any other kind of -- were  
19 you contacting hospitals for ---

20                  **MS. RENSRAW:** Any mental health agency that  
21 I could find. Kingston Psychiatric Centre, any mental  
22 health centre that I could find.

23                  **MR. KLOEZE:** Okay.

24                  Do you remember talking to Janet Lee about  
25 the Criminal Injuries Compensation application?



1                   **MS. RENSRAW:** Yes.

2                   **MR. KLOEZE:** Is it possible that you got the  
3 forms from Janet Lee herself?

4                   **MS. RENSRAW:** That's possible.

5                   **MR. KLOEZE:** But you don't remember that?

6                   **MS. RENSRAW:** I cannot say for certain, no.

7                   **MR. KLOEZE:** Now, in July of 2000, I think  
8 we saw that this morning as well, you started speaking with  
9 somebody in Ottawa at the BWAP office in Ottawa, do you  
10 remember that? I think this morning, you referred to  
11 somebody called Constance ---

12                   **MS. RENSRAW:** Constance, oui.

13                   **MR. KLOEZE:** --- Constance, is it possible  
14 that you were actually referring to Cosette, Cosette Chafe?  
15 Is it possible that you've just mistaken the name or is --  
16 are there two ---

17                   **MS. RENSRAW:** The name Constance sticks out  
18 clearly in my mind.

19                   **MR. KLOEZE:** Okay. Do you remember a  
20 different person names Cosette Chafe?

21                   **MS. RENSRAW:** It doesn't ring a bell with  
22 me.

23                   **MR. KLOEZE:** Okay. And do you know where  
24 Constance lived -- or sorry, where she worked, what agency  
25 she worked for?

1                   **MS. RENSRAW:** I believe out of Ottawa.

2                   **MR. KLOEZE:** She worked out of Ottawa, do  
3                   you ---

4                   **MS. RENSRAW:** I believe.

5                   **MR. KLOEZE:** --- do you know whether it was  
6                   a VWAP agency, a VWAP organization?

7                   **MS. RENSRAW:** Sir, when they phoned me or I  
8                   was speaking with them, they identified themselves and that  
9                   didn't stick in my brain.

10                  **MR. KLOEZE:** Okay.

11                  **MS. RENSRAW:** My only purpose was to get  
12                  what I needed.

13                  **MR. KLOEZE:** Okay. That's very fair, I  
14                  understand that. Do you remember where you got this  
15                  woman's name and phone number?

16                  **MS. RENSRAW:** No.

17                  **MR. KLOEZE:** Do you remember receiving in  
18                  June or July of 2000 a letter from Shelley Hallett giving  
19                  some information about the men's project which had a name  
20                  on it, is actually Cosette Chase's name on it with her  
21                  phone number, in Ottawa? Do you remember receiving that  
22                  information in June or July 2000?

23                  **MS. RENSRAW:** No, I don't.

24                  **MR. KLOEZE:** Another name I want to put to  
25                  you if you recognize this name is Denis Lessard ---

1 MS. RENSRAW: Excuse?

2 MR. KLOEZE: Dennis Lessard or Denis  
3 Lessard?

4 MS. RENSRAW: No, I do not recognize.

5 MR. KLOEZE: You don't recognize that name?

6 MS. RENSRAW: No.

7 MR. KLOEZE: And you don't recognize any --  
8 you don't remember having any conversations with a  
9 gentleman about -- in Ottawa, about counselling programs  
10 that might have been ---

11 MS. RENSRAW: It's possible I had a  
12 conversation with him but I do not recognize the name.

13 MR. KLOEZE: Okay. And I understand you had  
14 your husband also receive some counselling in Kingston.

15 MS. RENSRAW: Yes.

16 MR. KLOEZE: Where did you get that referral  
17 from or do you remember?

18 MS. RENSRAW: I found it myself.

19 MR. KLOEZE: You found that referral  
20 yourself?

21 MS. RENSRAW: Yes.

22 MR. KLOEZE: And there was financial  
23 assistance for that as well?

24 MS. RENSRAW: No.

25 MR. KLOEZE: None at all?

1 MS. RENSRAW: No.

2 MR. KLOEZE: Okay. So you paid for that out  
3 of your own pocket as well.

4 MS. RENSRAW: There were sessions and they  
5 were free and then thereafter we tried to get more  
6 counselling and we'd then have to have to pay so the  
7 counselling ceased.

8 MR. KLOEZE: Okay. So they was some free  
9 counselling and then they wanted payment after that?

10 MS. RENSRAW: Yes.

11 MR. KLOEZE: And was that at Bertha's? Do  
12 you remember that name?

13 MS. RENSRAW: Yes.

14 MR. KLOEZE: Okay. But you don't remember  
15 who referred you -- you found Bertha's yourself, you said?

16 MS. RENSRAW: I believe I did.

17 MR. KLOEZE: Okay. The other project I  
18 wanted to ask you about was the Quinte Program, do you  
19 remember receiving any information about counselling at  
20 Quinte? I imagine that would have been out of Belleville  
21 or that area and that your husband could have had free  
22 counselling in Quinte. Does that ring any bells to you?

23 MS. RENSRAW: No bells.

24 MR. KLOEZE: Okay. In May of 2002, after  
25 the charges were stayed, you said you received a phone call

1           you believe it was from Constance ---

2                       **MS. RENSRAW:** I believe.

3                       **MR. KLOEZE:** --- who gave you a phone call  
4 and she told you that the charges were stayed. I think you  
5 said you hung up the phone; was that because you were upset  
6 with Constance or because you were just upset about the  
7 information that you just received?

8                       **MS. RENSRAW:** I was devastated. After she  
9 explained to me what a stay was, I was devastated. How  
10 could this possibly happen?

11                      **MR. KLOEZE:** So Constance gave you some  
12 information about what the stay was.

13                      **MS. RENSRAW:** She explained to me a stay can  
14 be defined within the judicial system as not guilty and not  
15 innocent. It was an infringement upon the individual's  
16 rights. That's the information that I received.

17                      **MR. KLOEZE:** That's -- and after that you  
18 hung up the phone?

19                      **MS. RENSRAW:** Yes.

20                      **MR. KLOEZE:** Because you were upset about  
21 that information.

22                      **MS. RENSRAW:** I was tending to my husband  
23 who was lying on the floor in a fetal position, yes, sir, I  
24 was.

25                      **MR. KLOEZE:** I understand. Thank you. Now

1 are you aware that there was a phone call to your husband a  
2 couple of days later telling him that there could have been  
3 counselling available for him in Quinte or in Belleville;  
4 were you aware of that information at all?

5 MS. RENSRAW: No.

6 MR. KLOEZE: Okay. That is actually  
7 something I'll probably have to ask your husband then. The  
8 only other question I wanted to ask you and you raised this  
9 a number of times, you said that no one, during this whole  
10 time, explained to you why you weren't allowed to sit in  
11 with your husband on interviews; either when he was being  
12 interviewed by the police or when your husband was being  
13 interviewed by the Crown attorneys when they were preparing  
14 him for his testimony and that it upset you that you  
15 weren't able to sit in on those interviews, but nobody  
16 explained to you why you weren't able to do that.

17 MS. RENSRAW: H'hm.

18 MR. KLOEZE: And it would have been very  
19 helpful to you to have some explanation as to why it was  
20 not possible for you to be there and support your husband.

21 MS. RENSRAW: M'hm.

22 MR. KLOEZE: I just wanted to ask you  
23 whether it was ever explained to you that you, actually  
24 yourself, might have some important evidence to give at a  
25 trial if this case ever went to trial because of the fact

1 that your husband had waited so long to disclose his  
2 information to anybody. Was that ever explained to you  
3 that, in fact, your evidence about his disclosure might  
4 have been important at a trial?

5 **MS. RENSRAW:** I didn't understand that. If  
6 somebody had explained to me what was very unclear to me,  
7 how I could hurt or help the process.

8 **MR. KLOEZE:** Okay. But if it had been  
9 explained to you that your evidence might have been  
10 helpful, and because of that, it would be important for  
11 you, for the Crowns to interview you separately as well as  
12 your husband separately, if that had been explained to you,  
13 would that have helped you understand that a bit better?

14 **MS. RENSRAW:** I don't think so.

15 **MR. KLOEZE:** You don't think so. Your main  
16 concern was to be there to support your husband while ---

17 **MS. RENSRAW:** My husband needed me  
18 throughout this process and we were repeatedly  
19 separated, sir.

20 **MR. KLOEZE:** Okay. Those are all my  
21 questions, thank you very much Mrs. Renshaw.

22 **THE COMMISSIONER:** Thank you.  
23 Ms. Makepeace?

24 **MS. MAKEPEACE:** No questions, thank you.

25 **THE COMMISSIONER:** Thank you.

1 Mr. Sherriff-Scott?

2 **MR. SHERRIFF-SCOTT:** Thank you Commissioner,  
3 I have no questions.

4 **THE COMMISSIONER:** Thank you.

5 Mr. Callaghan -- Mr. Manderville, sorry?

6 **MR. MANDERVILLE:** No questions.

7 **THE COMMISSIONER:** Thank you.

8 Mr. Kozloff?

9 --- CROSS-EXAMINATION BY/CONTRE-INTERROGATOIRE PAR MR.

10 **KOZLOFF:**

11 **MR. KOZLOFF:** Good afternoon Ma'am, my name  
12 is Neil Kozloff, I represent the Ontario Provincial Police.  
13 I have a couple of questions to ask you.

14 The first you learned about your husband's  
15 experiences was on Valentine's Day of 1997?

16 **MS. RENSRAW:** Yes.

17 **MR. KOZLOFF:** And by that time, you had been  
18 living as husband and wife for how long?

19 **MS. RENSRAW:** Not very good with the maths  
20 sir, so we are in our 21<sup>st</sup> year, so if you'd like to do the  
21 math now, go ahead.

22 **MR. KOZLOFF:** I am going to try and help  
23 you. We're in 2007 now ---

24 **MS. RENSRAW:** So I'm going to say 10 years  
25 plus.



1                   **MR. KOZLOFF:** So around 1986, is that when  
2 you started living together?

3                   **MS. RENSCHAW:** We started going out together,  
4 yes.

5                   **MR. KOZLOFF:** Okay. And you started living  
6 together shortly after that, perhaps 1987?

7                   **MS. RENSCHAW:** We started living together  
8 when I finished college and that was in 1990.

9                   **MR. KOZLOFF:** Okay. But I guess it came as  
10 a tremendous shock, not just because this was somebody that  
11 you loved, but it was somebody you had been living with  
12 side by side and not known anything about it, right?

13                   **MS. RENSCHAW:** It was a world that I knew  
14 nothing of.

15                   **MR. KOZLOFF:** And one of the consequences of  
16 you finding out was -- you're kind of a take charge person,  
17 aren't you?

18                   **MS. RENSCHAW:** You think?

19                   **MR. KOZLOFF:** One of the consequences was  
20 that you began to write letters.

21                   **MS. RENSCHAW:** Yes.

22                   **MR. KOZLOFF:** And that was very shortly  
23 after you found out?

24                   **MS. RENSCHAW:** H'hm.

25                   **MR. KOZLOFF:** And you were telling us

1 earlier that you were frustrated by the fact that these  
2 letters weren't being printed or were being edited. Is  
3 that fair?

4 MS. RENSCHAW: H'hm.

5 MR. KOZLOFF: And you wrote those letters  
6 amongst other places to the Cornwall Standard Freehold,  
7 correct?

8 MS. RENSCHAW: Right.

9 MR. KOZLOFF: Right. And this is while you  
10 were living in Mildmay?

11 MS. RENSCHAW: H'hm.

12 MR. KOZLOFF: Which as you have told us is  
13 seven hours and a light year away from Cornwall.

14 MS. RENSCHAW: Yes.

15 MR. KOZLOFF: And in the letter that we saw  
16 here today, that you read to us, you've signed your name.

17 MS. RENSCHAW: H'hm.

18 MR. KOZLOFF: And identified yourself.

19 MS. RENSCHAW: Right.

20 MR. KOZLOFF: And there would be people in  
21 Cornwall who would be aware of the fact that you were  
22 living with Robert Renschaw, correct?

23 MS. RENSCHAW: Close people that we knew.

24 Yes.

25 MR. KOZLOFF: Right. And there was a

1 purpose for you identifying yourself and sending a letter  
2 to the editor, you wanted to make your views known.

3 MS. RENSCHAW: Exactly.

4 MR. KOZLOFF: And you want people to know  
5 how Claire Chouinard feels, correct?

6 MS. RENSCHAW: H'hm.

7 MR. KOZLOFF: Okay. And so in April of 199

8 ---

9 MS. RENSCHAW: Eight (8).

10 MR. KOZLOFF: --- eight (8), you write this  
11 letter, right. And you describe your husband in the letter  
12 as a survivor.

13 MS. RENSCHAW: Yes.

14 MR. KOZLOFF: What does that mean to you?

15 MS. RENSCHAW: My husband survived a suicide  
16 attempt, and has survived everything that has gone on in  
17 our lives.

18 MR. KOZLOFF: Would it be fair to say that  
19 when you're describing your husband in that letter as a  
20 survivor, given the context of the letter, you're  
21 identifying him as a victim of historic sexual abuse?

22 MS. RENSCHAW: That's fair to say.

23 MR. KOZLOFF: All right. Your relationship  
24 with some of Bob's siblings, I guess, is not the best.

25 MS. RENSCHAW: That's correct.

1 MR. KOZLOFF: And that would include Carol.

2 MS. RENSCHAW: Yes sir.

3 MR. KOZLOFF: Would it include his other  
4 siblings as well?

5 MS. RENSCHAW: Not all of them.

6 MR. KOZLOFF: All right. Gerald?

7 MS. RENSCHAW: Somewhat.

8 MR. KOZLOFF: Fred?

9 MS. RENSCHAW: Somewhat.

10 MR. KOZLOFF: Don?

11 MS. RENSCHAW: I'm fine with Don. Don stays  
12 at a distance.

13 MR. KOZLOFF: All right. And when did you  
14 have the conversation with Carol regarding this matter?

15 MS. RENSCHAW: She phoned my house.

16 MR. KOZLOFF: All right. Was that in May of  
17 1998?

18 MS. RENSCHAW: I don't have the date at the  
19 top of my head, sir.

20 MR. KOZLOFF: I'm going to suggest to you  
21 Ma'am that the conversation you had with Carol took place  
22 some time after you'd written some of those letters to the  
23 editor, would that be fair?

24 MS. RENSCHAW: You can suggest.

25 MR. KOZLOFF: Is it a fair suggestion?

1                   **MS. RENSRAW:** I don't have the date of the  
2 conversation I spoke with her in reference to when I wrote  
3 those letters.

4                   **MR. KOZLOFF:** Well, the police met with your  
5 husband in November of 1997, correct?

6                   **MS. RENSRAW:** Okay.

7                   **MR. KOZLOFF:** Is that right?

8                   **MS. RENSRAW:** Yes.

9                   **MR. KOZLOFF:** All right. And you're aware  
10 that in January of 1998, your husband called Steve Seguin  
11 to correct the date?

12                   **MS. RENSRAW:** Yes.

13                   **MR. KOZLOFF:** All right. And I am going to  
14 suggest to you that the conversation that Steve Seguin had  
15 with Carol Deschamps, whatever the discussion was, Carol  
16 Deschamps is the name of your husband's sister, correct? At  
17 the time?

18                   **MS. RENSRAW:** Yes.

19                   **MR. KOZLOFF:** The conversation between Steve  
20 Seguin and Carol Deschamps, whatever they discussed, took  
21 place some time after the interview of your husband and  
22 after his phone conversation with Steve Seguin. Would you  
23 agree with that?

24                   **MS. RENSRAW:** Yes, I remember that.

25                   **MR. KOZLOFF:** So, what I am suggesting to

1           you is that you had already identified yourself and your  
2           husband to the community of Cornwall before Steve Seguin  
3           had his conversation with Carol Deschamps.

4                       **MS. RENSRAW:** Okay.

5                       **MR. KOZLOFF:** Okay. Do you understand my  
6           point?

7                       **MS. RENSRAW:** I understand your point, yes.

8                       **MR. KOZLOFF:** In any event, are you aware of  
9           the fact that Carol Deschamps had spoken to Perry Dunlop in  
10          the summer of 1966 -- 1996?

11                      **MS. RENSRAW:** I would not have any knowledge  
12          of that, no.

13                      **MR. KOZLOFF:** No. Nobody ever brought that  
14          to your attention.

15                      And did anybody ever bring to your attention  
16          the fact that Gerald had mentioned Bob in the context of  
17          Ken Seguin to Perry Dunlop in November of 1996?

18                      **MS. RENSRAW:** Can you repeat that, please?

19                      **MR. KOZLOFF:** All right.

20                      Bob's relationship with Ken Seguin was  
21          referred to by Gerald Renshaw in an interview he had with  
22          Perry Dunlop in November of 1996.

23                      **MS. RENSRAW:** Okay.

24                      **MR. KOZLOFF:** Were you aware of that?

25                      **MS. RENSRAW:** Yes, okay.

1                   **MR. KOZLOFF:** And in fact, it was Gerald  
2 Renshaw who encouraged your husband to meet with Perry.  
3 Are you aware of that?

4                   **MS. RENSHAW:** Yes, yes.

5                   **MR. KOZLOFF:** And you wouldn't be aware of  
6 conversations that Perry Dunlop had with Carol for  
7 instance?

8                   **MS. RENSHAW:** No.

9                   **MR. KOZLOFF:** So what you know is that Carol  
10 Deschamps gave you to believe that she had learned about  
11 your husband's abuse from a conversation that she had with  
12 a police officer; right?

13                   **MS. RENSHAW:** A recent conversation she  
14 said, yes.

15                   **MR. KOZLOFF:** All right. Okay.

16                   Your husband -- we've been provided with his  
17 examinations for discovery in two separate civil  
18 proceedings. He's given evidence or at least been examined  
19 in relation to a lawsuit involving ---

20                   **MR. LEE:** Mr. Kozloff?

21                   **MR. KOZLOFF:** Mr. Lee.

22                   **MR. LEE:** May I comment for a minute,  
23 please?

24                   **MR. KOZLOFF:** Certainly.

25                   **MR. LEE:** Mr. Commissioner, it's my

1 position, and I've advised the parties that we produced  
2 recently examination for discovery transcripts from two  
3 actions commenced by Mr. Renshaw, one in relation to an  
4 action against the Diocese of Alexandria-Cornwall among  
5 others, and a completely separate action against the --  
6 what I'll call the Ministry of Corrections. I apologize.  
7 I don't know the full name of the top of my head among  
8 others.

9 My position is that these discovery  
10 transcripts are caught by the civil deemed undertaking rule  
11 and, therefore, they are only usable at this proceeding in  
12 order to impeach the evidence of the deponent, being Mr.  
13 Renshaw. I've advised the parties of this. If I  
14 absolutely have to, I could -- I could provide you some  
15 case law on that, although I don't have copies. I had  
16 intended to bring it tomorrow.

17 My position essentially is that the deemed  
18 undertaking rule limits the use that can be made of these  
19 transcripts, although production is a different story  
20 according to the case law and my understanding of it. And  
21 therefore, should Mr. Renshaw get in the box and say  
22 something contrary to what he answered at an examination  
23 for discovery, he could be impeached using those discovery  
24 transcripts. But to put these to Mrs. Renshaw is improper,  
25 in my submission.



1                   **THE COMMISSIONER:** Well, thank you. Let's  
2                   hear the question first. Don't answer the question. Just  
3                   ---

4                   **MS. RENSRAW:** Okay.

5                   **MR. KOZLOFF:** Thank you for the opportunity.  
6                   I haven't put a question yet. No, I appreciate what you're  
7                   saying, sir.

8                   **THE COMMISSIONER:** No, no, I know.

9                   **MR. KOZLOFF:** I was just trying to give the  
10                  lady a context to ask a question that has nothing to do  
11                  with what was said at an examination for discovery but my  
12                  friend ---

13                  **MR. LEE:** I may well have jumped the gun,  
14                  sir. My position and the submission I intend to make, if  
15                  it comes to it, is that any information in a discovery  
16                  transcript is caught by the rule. You can't say to the  
17                  witness, "Here's what he said at discovery. What do you  
18                  think of that?"

19                  There essentially, in my submission, should  
20                  be almost a little *mini voir dire* where you are given the  
21                  transcript and you say, "Mr. Commissioner, I'd like to  
22                  impeach. You can look at questions 292 and 293." And you  
23                  make a ruling on whether there's anything there for  
24                  impeachment.

25                  **THE COMMISSIONER:** Okay. So you're saying

1           you can't even ask the question so I can hear it?

2                       **MR. LEE:** Mr. Kozloff is now saying he's not  
3 going to put that kind of information. I apologize. I  
4 should have waited until the question was asked. In my  
5 opinion, he shouldn't be able to say, "If Mrs. Renshaw  
6 says, 'My answer is Y'" -- Mr. Kozloff should not be able  
7 to say, "Well, at discovery, your husband said X."

8                       **THE COMMISSIONER:** Well, let's hear what the  
9 question is.

10                      **MR. LEE:** I apologize, sir.

11                      **THE COMMISSIONER:** And then if you have any  
12 comments about it and before you answer -- don't answer  
13 this question.

14                      All right. Mr. Kozloff.

15                      **MR. KOZLOFF:** Mrs. Renshaw, what I wanted to  
16 ask you was when Bob first became involved in bringing a  
17 civil action against either the Government of Ontario or  
18 the Diocese. Do you remember?

19                      **THE COMMISSIONER:** You can answer that  
20 question.

21                      **MS. RENSRAW:** Do I remember?

22                      **MR. KOZLOFF:** M'hm.

23                      **MS. RENSRAW:** Yes, sir, I do remember.

24                      **MR. KOZLOFF:** When was it?

25                      **MS. RENSRAW:** You want a date, right?

1 MR. KOZLOFF: Well, I'm not real picky.

2 (LAUGHTER/RIRES)

3 MS. RENSRAW: Well, I've confirmed that yes,  
4 I'm aware of it.

5 MR. KOZLOFF: All right.

6 THE COMMISSIONER: Sometime in the past.

7 MR. KOZLOFF: Was it in the last several  
8 years?

9 MS. RENSRAW: Yes.

10 MR. KOZLOFF: In fact, it was after the stay  
11 of Father Charles MacDonald's case?

12 MS. RENSRAW: Yes.

13 MR. KOZLOFF: And so for the years between  
14 Valentine's Day of 1997 and the commencement of the civil  
15 action with the assistance, I believe, of Mr. Yegendorf's  
16 firm; is that right, initially?

17 MS. RENSRAW: Initially, yes.

18 MR. KOZLOFF: There was no effort made to  
19 commence a civil proceeding on behalf of Robert Renshaw.  
20 Is that right?

21 MS. RENSRAW: That's correct.

22 MR. KOZLOFF: All right.

23 And so in other words, some five or six  
24 years went by?

25 MS. RENSRAW: If we do the math, that's

1 correct, yes.

2 MR. KOZLOFF: And during that period of time  
3 you've already told us that you were making numerous  
4 efforts to find counselling for Bob?

5 MS. RENSRAW: Yes.

6 MR. KOZLOFF: And one of the problems with  
7 getting him that assistance was not a lack of availability;  
8 it was cost. Is that fair?

9 MS. RENSRAW: Yes.

10 MR. KOZLOFF: In fact, whether you were  
11 living in Mildmay or whether you were living in Kingston,  
12 there were efforts made by you and by others, police  
13 officers, people with Victim/Witness Assistance Program, to  
14 get Bob assistance, weren't there?

15 MS. RENSRAW: Yes.

16 MR. KOZLOFF: And those efforts were  
17 somewhat successful except that there was a dollars and  
18 cents consequence; correct?

19 MS. RENSRAW: Bottom line, yes.

20 MR. KOZLOFF: And eventually, dollars and  
21 cents dictated that you couldn't afford to continue the  
22 process?

23 MS. RENSRAW: M'hm.

24 MR. KOZLOFF: That happened in Owen Sound;  
25 yes?

1 MS. RENSRAW: M'hm.

2 MR. KOZLOFF: It happened in Kingston;  
3 correct?

4 MS. RENSRAW: The counselling never began in  
5 Kingston.

6 MR. KOZLOFF: I thought there was Bertha's.

7 MS. RENSRAW: There was Bertha's. I'm  
8 sorry. Yes, you're correct.

9 MR. KOZLOFF: And in fact, there was even a  
10 successful effort to find free one-on-one counselling in  
11 Quinte, I suggest to you, but it was the distance factor  
12 for Bob at that point.

13 MS. RENSRAW: As well as taking time off of  
14 work.

15 MR. KOZLOFF: Right. And you in fact made  
16 inquiries of Detective Constable Dupuis and other police  
17 officers and other people about getting money for Bob to  
18 pay him for taking the time off to go for counselling and  
19 to get the counselling. Is that right?

20 MS. RENSRAW: My request for the money for  
21 counselling.

22 MR. KOZLOFF: Yes, okay. And you made other  
23 requests for financial assistance to get to interviews with  
24 police officers and Crown attorneys and those were met,  
25 weren't they?

1 MS. RENSRAW: On one occasion, yes.

2 MR. KOZLOFF: And in fact, on another  
3 occasion, I'm going to suggest to you that the police came  
4 to Kingston and then the Crowns came to Kingston to  
5 interview your husband.

6 MS. RENSRAW: Yes.

7 MR. KOZLOFF: All right.

8 And in fact, let's go back to the first  
9 interview. The police came to Walkerton to meet your  
10 husband and his brother Gerald. Is that right?

11 MS. RENSRAW: That's right.

12 MR. KOZLOFF: The same day; is that right?

13 MS. RENSRAW: The same day?

14 MR. KOZLOFF: Are you aware of the fact that  
15 Gerald and Robert were interviewed on the same day?

16 MS. RENSRAW: Yes, I know that now.

17 MR. KOZLOFF: Right. And that's a seven-  
18 hour drive from Cornwall; correct?

19 MS. RENSRAW: Yes.

20 MR. KOZLOFF: Right. And it's a five-minute  
21 drive from Mildmay; correct?

22 MS. RENSRAW: Seven minute, but yes.

23 MR. KOZLOFF: Well, one of my problems is I  
24 exaggerate.

25 (LAUGHTER/RIRES)

1                   **MR. KOZLOFF:** And so although it was  
2 inconvenient for you to meet on November the 5<sup>th</sup>, 1997, in  
3 fact, the police went a long way out of their way to  
4 accommodate Robert. Would that be fair?

5                   **MS. RENSRAW:** I don't think that's a fair  
6 statement, sir.

7                   **MR. KOZLOFF:** Well, would it have been  
8 easier for Robert to come to Cornwall to be interviewed?

9                   **MS. RENSRAW:** Did he have a choice?

10                  **MR. KOZLOFF:** Would it have been easier for  
11 Robert to come to Cornwall?

12                  **MS. RENSRAW:** No, sir.

13                  **MR. KOZLOFF:** Thank you.

14                                 And you didn't stop trying to get Robert  
15 help after the stay of proceedings, did you?

16                  **MS. RENSRAW:** No, I did not stop.

17                  **MR. KOZLOFF:** That was the end of one part  
18 of the process and an unhappy end from your point of view,  
19 but it wasn't the end of Bob's situation, was it?

20                  **MS. RENSRAW:** No, it was not.

21                  **MR. KOZLOFF:** And so was there any reason  
22 why you could not then bring your criminal injuries  
23 compensation application?

24                  **MS. RENSRAW:** There was no reason.

25                  **MR. KOZLOFF:** But you didn't?

1 MS. RENSRAW: I did not.

2 MR. KOZLOFF: Nor did he?

3 MS. RENSRAW: Nor did he.

4 MR. KOZLOFF: Thank you.

5 Thanks very much.

6 THE COMMISSIONER: Mr. Wallace?

7 (SHORT PAUSE/COURTE PAUSE)

8 THE COMMISSIONER: Before Mr. Wallace, Mr.  
9 Kozloff, could you come back for a minute?

10 MR. KOZLOFF: Absolutely.

11 THE COMMISSIONER: Thank you.

12 I'm a little concerned about the last  
13 question about whose convenience it was and I am trying to  
14 remember in the protocol, don't the police usually go to  
15 the victim to get statements and stuff? Isn't that the way  
16 it normally goes?

17 Well, I guess, because what you left with me  
18 in any event was that, you know, the police went out of  
19 their way to get that, but you know when you're doing an  
20 investigation, and I hear about police travelling out of  
21 the province and out of the country to go and see witnesses  
22 and they don't make the witnesses come here. So I just  
23 don't know ---

24 MR. KOZLOFF: I will fill that in with Mr.  
25 Renshaw, but I can let you know that this interview with



1 Gerald and Robert in Walkerton was part of a road trip that  
2 the officers took to meet victims in Windsor.

3 **THE COMMISSIONER:** Right.

4 **MR. KOZLOFF:** In the Sarnia area, I believe,  
5 and in the Walkerton area on their way back. So they  
6 basically did a round trip.

7 The arrangements were made with Gerald and  
8 Robert and they were confirmed and it was the confirmatory  
9 call that Mrs. Renshaw took and apparently she hadn't been  
10 told by her husband that the police had spoken to him and  
11 that he had agreed on a date.

12 **THE COMMISSIONER:** No, okay, but leaving  
13 aside the date.

14 **MR. KOZLOFF:** Yes.

15 **THE COMMISSIONER:** All right.

16 I don't know that the cross-examination --  
17 the way I understood it, all right, was that it was like,  
18 "Look it, you know, you just live five minutes away from  
19 the police station and we went 700 miles or a seven-hour  
20 drive". And to me, I don't know that that's necessarily --  
21 I'll use the word fair because in my view or my  
22 understanding is it's up to the police who is a public  
23 agency to seek out these people and get the statements  
24 done.

25 So I don't know that it's fair to put ---

1                   **MR. KOZLOFF:** And my response to you -- I  
2                   mean, Detective Constable Dupuis and Detective Constable  
3                   Seguin will be able to address that when they provide you  
4                   with their evidence, sir. But my point to you is that they  
5                   had made these arrangements and were simply confirming them  
6                   ---

7                   **THE COMMISSIONER:** No, no, no, that's not  
8                   the part I'm worried about. What sticks a little is that  
9                   the OPP were doing the victim a favour by going to see him  
10                  in his area.

11                  **MR. KOZLOFF:** That was not my suggestion,  
12                  sir.

13                  **THE COMMISSIONER:** Okay. Fair enough.

14                  **MR. KOZLOFF:** I don't believe I used that  
15                  word.

16                  **THE COMMISSIONER:** No, no.

17                  **MR. KOZLOFF:** That wasn't my suggestion.

18                  **THE COMMISSIONER:** No, no. It's just that's  
19                  what I interpreted and I knew I was wrong because I knew  
20                  you wouldn't do that.

21                  **MR. KOZLOFF:** No, I wouldn't.

22                  **THE COMMISSIONER:** Okay. Thank you.

23                  **MR. KOZLOFF:** Thank you.

24                  **THE COMMISSIONER:** Okay.

25                  Sorry, Mr. Wallace.

1                   **MR. WALLACE:** Good, thanks.

2                   **THE COMMISSIONER:** And after Mr. Wallace,  
3 we'll take a break.

4                   **MS. RENSRAW:** Thank you.

5                   **THE COMMISSIONER:** All right.

6                   Mr. Wallace, this second time will you be  
7 very long?

8                   **MR. WALLACE:** I'll be longer than Mr.  
9 Kozloff.

10                   **THE COMMISSIONER:** Longer than Mr. Kozloff.  
11 That's an open-ended comment.

12                   **MR. WALLACE:** Not exactly as much.

13                   **THE COMMISSIONER:** Okay. Let's see if we  
14 can get through you and then we'll get to the break.

15                   **MR. WALLACE:** Okay.

16                   **THE COMMISSIONER:** Mr. Wallace is the lawyer  
17 for the Ontario Provincial Police Association.

18                   **MS. RENSRAW:** Okay.

19                   --- CROSS-EXAMINATION BY/CONTRE-INTERROGATOIRE PAR MR.  
20 **WALLACE:**

21                   **MR. WALLACE:** Okay. So my name is Mark  
22 Wallace and as the Commissioner has told you, I am the  
23 lawyer for the Ontario Provincial Police Association. So  
24 in short terms, that means I am the lawyer that's looking  
25 after the interests of the police officers of the OPP and

1 specifically today, for our concerns, Officers Seguin and  
2 Dupuis who are primarily the officers that you dealt with  
3 over the course of your husband's involvement. Okay.

4 **MR. WALLACE:** Now, I think I will just pick  
5 up on what Mr. Kozloff and the Commissioner were talking  
6 about. That was the first interview that took place on the  
7 5<sup>th</sup> of November '97 in Walkerton. And as you have told us -  
8 - at least as I understood your evidence, at the time of  
9 the interview you were not aware that Gerald was being  
10 interviewed, that you learned that later. Have I got that  
11 right?

12 **MS. RENSRAW:** M'hm.

13 **MR. WALLACE:** Okay. As I understand  
14 the way the things unfolded, as Mr. Kozloff alluded to,  
15 that there were phone calls made by Constable Dupuis,  
16 originally to your brother-in-law, because as you've  
17 learned, the OPP learned of his name through Perry Dunlop  
18 to set up this interview.

19 It was your brother-in-law who provided the  
20 OPP with the phone number for your husband. Did --were you  
21 aware of that?

22 **MS. RENSRAW:** Until now, no.

23 **MR. WALLACE:** Okay. In any event, there  
24 were phone calls made, both to Gerald and your husband with  
25 a view to setting up this interview and, as my

1 understanding was that there was a call about a week before  
2 saying that we; that is, the OPP, in the person of  
3 Constable Dupuis and his partner Constable Seguin were  
4 going to be in the area the following week and wanted to  
5 make an appointment. Were you a part of that conversation,  
6 or were you only informed after the fact?

7 MS. RENSRAW: I was informed after the fact.

8 MR. WALLACE: So your husband would have  
9 told you that the OPP are coming to town and they'd like to  
10 speak to me. I assume that you knew what it was about, why  
11 they were coming.

12 MS. RENSRAW: Yes.

13 MR. WALLACE: Okay. Your husband wasn't  
14 being investigated as an accused person. This was coming  
15 to discuss the issues of the abuse that you had become  
16 aware of back in -- on Valentine's Day.

17 MS. RENSRAW: M'hm.

18 MR. WALLACE: Correct.

19 MS. RENSRAW: Right.

20 MR. WALLACE: When there was a further call,  
21 as I understand it, put through to firm up a date, did you  
22 take that phone call, or again were you informed the OPP  
23 are going to meet with me at the detachment next week?

24 MS. RENSRAW: I did take one phone call and  
25 that date that was presented to me at the time, I was

1 working that day. I had a nursing shift that day.

2 MR. WALLACE: Okay. You indicated that that  
3 time wasn't convenient to you. Correct?

4 MS. RENSRAW: Yes.

5 MR. WALLACE: Yes. And we have -- Mr.  
6 Kozloff alluded to the fact that this particular interview  
7 was one of a series of interviews. As I understand it,  
8 there was the interview with your husband took place on the  
9 5<sup>th</sup>, which according to the notes that I'm looking at was a  
10 Wednesday.

11 On the Monday they; that is, Constables  
12 Dupuis and Seguin, were in the Kitchener area and conducted  
13 an interview in Hamilton. Then the following day they went  
14 to the Windsor area and following that on Tuesday they were  
15 in Windsor. On Wednesday morning they were conducting an  
16 interview in a place called St. Clair Beach, which I  
17 understand again is in the Windsor area. Then later in the  
18 day they travelled to Walkerton and, in fact, this  
19 interview you attended with your husband, or the interview  
20 process, was in the evening, was it not?

21 MS. RENSRAW: Yes.

22 MR. WALLACE: Yes. So they conducted that  
23 interview with your husband the evening of the 5<sup>th</sup> of  
24 November. Correct?

25 MS. RENSRAW: Okay.

1                   **MR. WALLACE:** You were not aware that there  
2 had been a previous interview that evening with Gerald.  
3 Like, you didn't see Gerald.

4                   **MS. RENSRAW:** No.

5                   **MR. WALLACE:** Okay. When the date was  
6 suggested to you, I gather you were not aware or told that  
7 this was going to be the date. You were not aware of where  
8 your husband fit in the schedule of interviews. Fair?

9                   **MS. RENSRAW:** Yes.

10                  **MR. WALLACE:** Given the fact that there  
11 appeared to be this schedule and, to your knowledge, your  
12 husband hadn't objected to the time and place of the  
13 interview. Correct?

14                  **MS. RENSRAW:** To my knowledge.

15                  **MR. WALLACE:** It was -- you were the person  
16 who was voicing the objection. Correct?

17                  **MS. RENSRAW:** Yes.

18                  **MR. WALLACE:** Yes. And as far as you knew  
19 your husband was agreeable to that time and place?

20                  **MS. RENSRAW:** I'm going to say "fair".

21                  **MR. WALLACE:** Fine. And it was he that they  
22 were really interested in speaking to. Correct?

23                  **MS. RENSRAW:** Yes.

24                  **MR. WALLACE:** Yes. And, in fact, I think  
25 you made it quite clear. You were never in fact

1 interviewed that particular evening.

2 MS. RENSRAW: No.

3 MR. WALLACE: Okay. Would it be a fair  
4 statement to say that in this conversation that you had --  
5 concerning your availability it was told to you. Maybe not  
6 in the detail that I've gone through, but that they were  
7 going to be in that part of the province conducting  
8 interviews and your husband was one of them. Is that a  
9 fair statement?

10 MS. RENSRAW: That they were going to be in  
11 the ---

12 MR. WALLACE: That part of the province.  
13 You knew they were coming from the Cornwall area.

14 MS. RENSRAW: M'hm.

15 MR. WALLACE: Correct.

16 MS. RENSRAW: M'hm.

17 MR. WALLACE: I'm just going to suggest to  
18 you that when you were saying to them:

19 "Listen, that time and place or that  
20 time and date is not convenient to me."

21 I'm going to suggest to you that in response  
22 they told you, or Constable Dupuis, words to the effect,  
23 "Listen, it -- Bobby is not the only one we are  
24 interviewing. There is a number of other people that we  
25 are down in that part of the province to interview." You



1           were given an explanation along those lines. Do you recall  
2           that?

3                       **MS. RENSRAW:** No.

4                       **MR. WALLACE:** Are you -- is it possible it  
5           was told to you; you just don't recall it?

6                       **MS. RENSRAW:** It is possible. I just don't  
7           recall it.

8                       **MR. WALLACE:** Okay. And, in -- you'd agree  
9           with me that given the fact that they're coming from the  
10          Cornwall area and there are a number of other interviews  
11          that are being conducted, including your brother-in-law,  
12          that the wish to conduct them all in a row was not an  
13          unreasonable suggestion. It wasn't convenient to you but  
14          it wasn't an unreasonable position for the police. Fair?

15                      **MS. RENSRAW:** Fair.

16                      **MR. WALLACE:** Now, when your husband, now  
17          husband, arrived for the interview as you indicated, you  
18          were not aware that Gerald had been interviewed earlier  
19          that evening.

20                      **MS. RENSRAW:** No, I didn't know that.

21                      **MR. WALLACE:** My understanding was that  
22          Gerald provided Perry Dunlop with your husband's name.  
23          That's how your husband came to end up giving a statement  
24          up in Newmarket in early 1997. Correct?

25                      **MS. RENSRAW:** That's correct.

1                   **MR. WALLACE:** Your brother-in-law was living  
2 in the area, fairly close by to where you were living.

3                   **MS. RENSRAW:** Yes.

4                   **MR. WALLACE:** Your brother-in-law was having  
5 a difficult time coping with things. Is that a fair  
6 statement?

7                   **MS. RENSRAW:** Both of the guys were. Yes.

8                   **MR. WALLACE:** Yes, but more so Gerald. He  
9 was your husband's younger brother?

10                   **MS. RENSRAW:** I cannot speculate at this time  
11 that he was having more difficulties than Bob.

12                   **MR. WALLACE:** Okay.

13                   **MS. RENSRAW:** How would I know that?

14                   **MR. WALLACE:** Let me put it to you this way.  
15 Did your husband -- I'll suggest to you that your husband,  
16 when he ultimately told you about the disclosure to Perry  
17 Dunlop, gave you the document and then you later discussed  
18 it. I am suggesting that as part of his explanation as for  
19 why he went up to Newmarket was he wanted to support  
20 Gerald. Gerald was having a hard time and he wanted to  
21 give him a hand with this.

22                   Do you recall that?

23                   **MS. RENSRAW:** No.

24                   **MR. WALLACE:** I'm sorry.

25                   **MS. RENSRAW:** No, I don't know that.

1                   **MR. WALLACE:**    You don't know that. Okay.  
2                   But it doesn't sound unreasonable though when you look back  
3                   on the circumstances as they prevailed.

4                   **MS. RENSRAW:**    It sounds odd given the  
5                   relationship between the two boys.    Yes.

6                   **MR. WALLACE:**    Okay.    In any event, your  
7                   husband's name as far as you later learned had been given  
8                   to Mr. Dunlop by Gerald and he attended up in the Newmarket  
9                   area and provided a statement to Mr. Dunlop.    Correct?

10                  **MS. RENSRAW:**    Yes.

11                  **MR. WALLACE:**    We also know that your husband  
12                  provided a written statement to Mr. Dunlop.    He also  
13                  provided an affidavit to Mr. Dunlop, which we -- that's  
14                  actually the document that you received.

15                  **MS. RENSRAW:**    Yes.

16                  **MR. WALLACE:**    Okay.    You were aware of the  
17                  fact that he also provided to Perry a written statement,  
18                  quite a lengthy written statement?

19                  **MS. RENSRAW:**    Okay.

20                  **MR. WALLACE:**    Okay.    We know that Gerald had  
21                  provided a written statement as well.    Mr. Kozloff raised  
22                  that with you a little while ago, but there were a number  
23                  of -- he gave a couple of statements to Mr. Dunlop.    Were  
24                  you aware of that?

25                  **MS. RENSRAW:**    That Gerald did?

1                   MR. WALLACE: Yes.

2                   MS. RENSRAW: I am going to say "Yes".

3                   MR. WALLACE: You were aware that Gerald had  
4 gone up to -- had been -- Gerald was the one who provided  
5 the introductions with Mr. Dunlop?

6                   MS. RENSRAW: M'hm.

7                   MR. WALLACE: Okay. And so the fact that he  
8 gave a statement; that is, Gerald, would not come as a  
9 shock to you.

10                  MS. RENSRAW: No.

11                  MR. WALLACE: No. Perhaps this might be a

12                  THE COMMISSIONER: Yes. It is getting a  
13 little long. Why don't we take a short break?

14                  MS. RENSRAW: Thank you.

15                  THE COMMISSIONER: Right. Thank you.

16                  THE REGISTRAR: Order; all rise.

17 --- Upon recessing at 3:23 p.m. /

18                  L'audience est suspendue à 13h23

19 --- Upon resuming at 3:49 p.m. /

20                  L'audience est reprise à 15h49

21                  THE REGISTRAR: This hearing is now resumed.

22                  CLAIRE RENSRAW, Resumed/Sous le même serment:

23 --- CROSS-EXAMINATION BY/CONTRE-INTERROGATOIRE PAR MR.

24 WALLACE (cont' d/suite):

25                  MR. WALLACE: Mrs. Renshaw, I want to just

1 move forward a bit now. Your husband has had an interview  
2 with the officers in November and I understand that there  
3 was contact made with the OPP in the person of Constable  
4 Seguin.

5 As I understand it, he spoke to you and you  
6 told him about the fact that your husband may have been  
7 wrong about a date that he had given to the officers in the  
8 interview about the date that abuse -- that he was alleging  
9 that Father Charlie was involved in. You brought that to  
10 Constable Seguin's attention and then he said he'd speak to  
11 your husband about it. Does that ring a bell?

12 **MS. RENSRAW:** No.

13 **MR. WALLACE:** Okay. You're aware of the  
14 fact that there was this confusion as to the dates?

15 **MS. RENSRAW:** Yes.

16 **MR. WALLACE:** In your husband's mind?

17 **MS. RENSRAW:** Yes.

18 **MR. WALLACE:** Okay. And in fact you're  
19 aware of the fact that he spoke to Constable Seguin and  
20 explained the situation to him?

21 **MS. RENSRAW:** Yes.

22 **MR. WALLACE:** Yes. And the situation  
23 required Constable Seguin to send a medical release for  
24 your husband to sign so he could go and get some medical  
25 records that would establish the date.

1 MS. RENSRAW: Yes.

2 MR. WALLACE: Does that ring a bell?

3 MS. RENSRAW: Yes.

4 MR. WALLACE: Okay. And all of that was  
5 handled in short order. Your husband had a phone call with  
6 Constable Seguin and it was looked after quite promptly, as  
7 far as you know.

8 MS. RENSRAW: As far as I know.

9 MR. WALLACE: Yes. Your husband wasn't  
10 complaining to you, "Listen, they never got back to me" or  
11 anything like that.

12 MS. RENSRAW: Bob very rarely dealt or spoke  
13 with these people.

14 MR. WALLACE: Okay.

15 MS. RENSRAW: I was the primary contact  
16 person.

17 MR. WALLACE: Sure. So that actually brings  
18 me to another point. When the officers were wanting to set  
19 up appointments in the future, like, for example, meeting  
20 with the Crowns and telling you about trial dates and stuff  
21 like that, they'd leave the information with you and you  
22 would pass it on to Bob,  
23 as a general statement?

24 MS. RENSRAW: I would confer with Bob, yes.

25 MR. WALLACE: Yes and you were like the

1 liaison person for your husband?

2 MS. RENSRAW: Yes.

3 MR. WALLACE: Yes.

4 And so that the information flow, generally  
5 speaking, went through you?

6 MS. RENSRAW: Yes.

7 MR. WALLACE: Okay.

8 Now, dealing with the issue of the -- what  
9 you've called the breach of confidence that Constable  
10 Seguin was involved in, I just want to summarize what I  
11 understand your evidence to be.

12 First of all, it was Constable Seguin who  
13 contacted your sister-in-law, not the other way around.

14 Is that your understanding?

15 MS. RENSRAW: Yes.

16 MR. WALLACE: And you have no idea how it  
17 was that they were able to contact her?

18 MS. RENSRAW: No.

19 MR. WALLACE: Okay.

20 In fact, you wouldn't have known how to  
21 reach her.

22 Is that a fair statement?

23 MS. RENSRAW: I have not spoken to her.

24 MR. WALLACE: Okay.

25 Nor if you wanted to, could you pick up the

1 phone and dial her phone number; you don't know it.

2 MS. RENSRAW: I did not know her phone  
3 number.

4 MR. WALLACE: Okay.

5 Now, my understanding of what you told us  
6 was that the reason that he called, that is Constable  
7 Seguin, as told to you by your sister-in-law, was to have  
8 her act as a mediator, as it were, between your husband and  
9 brother-in-law.

10 MS. RENSRAW: Yes.

11 MR. WALLACE: Is that fair?

12 MS. RENSRAW: Yes.

13 MR. WALLACE: Okay.

14 The reason he called was not, as told to  
15 you, to elicit information from her concerning this  
16 investigation but rather to get the two guys talking  
17 together.

18 MS. RENSRAW: That was my understanding  
19 through a conversation with her, yes.

20 MR. WALLACE: Okay.

21 And that's what she told you?

22 MS. RENSRAW: Yes.

23 MR. WALLACE: That's what the reason was ---

24 MS. RENSRAW: Yes.

25 MR. WALLACE: Correct?



1                   Okay.

2                   It would then come as a surprise to you  
3                   that, first of all, the date of the conversation was  
4                   actually the 21<sup>st</sup> of April, 1998. And at that time, he  
5                   reached her out in the western part of Canada. But it  
6                   would come as a surprise to you that she provided  
7                   significant -- or in terms of amount of information  
8                   concerning the investigation, specifically Mr. Seguin and  
9                   Father Charlie. That would come as a surprise to you.

10                  You weren't aware of that?

11                  **MS. RENSRAW:** At that time, no.

12                  **MR. WALLACE:** Okay.

13                  Have you become aware later that she  
14                  disclosed information concerning this investigation to  
15                  Constable Seguin?

16                  **MS. RENSRAW:** Yes.

17                  **MR. WALLACE:** I'm sorry.

18                  **MS. RENSRAW:** Yes.

19                  **MR. WALLACE:** Okay.

20                  And when was that?

21                  **MS. RENSRAW:** Just recently.

22                  **MR. WALLACE:** Okay.

23                  Was that in connection with the preparation  
24                  for this?

25                  **MS. RENSRAW:** Yes.

1                   **MR. WALLACE:** Okay.

2                   So that would be what; in the last week, 10  
3                   days?

4                   **MS. RENSRAW:** Yes.

5                   **MR. WALLACE:** Okay.

6                   So prior to that, you were not aware of it?

7                   **MS. RENSRAW:** No.

8                   **MR. WALLACE:** Okay.

9                   And, in fact, she didn't tell you that, did  
10                  she?

11                  **MS. RENSRAW:** No.

12                  **MR. WALLACE:** Okay.

13                  She framed the conversation as simply an  
14                  effort on the part of Constable Seguin to get these two  
15                  fellows talking again.

16                  Correct?

17                  **MS. RENSRAW:** Repeat please.

18                  **MR. WALLACE:** She explained it to you as  
19                  Seguin wanting her to act as a go-between for the two  
20                  brothers?

21                  **MS. RENSRAW:** She wanted the brothers to  
22                  start to get along, yes.

23                  **MR. WALLACE:** Okay.

24                  And then, it appears that he -- according to  
25                  your sister-in-law, he gratuitously threw that in, that is

1 the abuse.

2 Fair?

3 For no reason.

4 **MS. RENSRAW:** I can't answer that. I don't  
5 know.

6 **MR. WALLACE:** Okay.

7 In any event, it was made clear to you that  
8 the purpose of the phone call was not to elicit information  
9 from her concerning the investigation.

10 Correct?

11 **MS. RENSRAW:** I don't know that, sir.

12 **MR. WALLACE:** Okay.

13 Well, that's what I think you told us just a  
14 few minutes ago.

15 **MS. RENSRAW:** Okay.

16 Fine.

17 **MR. WALLACE:** Okay.

18 And you don't know as a fact what the  
19 conversation was.

20 Correct?

21 **MS. RENSRAW:** Correct.

22 **MR. WALLACE:** And you are aware of the fact,  
23 obviously, that your husband had disclosed the abuse to  
24 Perry Dunlop.

25 Correct?

1 MS. RENSRAW: Correct.

2 MR. WALLACE: You are aware of the fact that  
3 he had also disclosed the details of the abuse to Perry  
4 Dunlop's lawyer, Mr. Bourgeois in Newmarket.

5 Correct?

6 MS. RENSRAW: Correct.

7 MR. WALLACE: And you were not aware of the  
8 fact, I gather, until just recently, that your sister-in-  
9 law had been speaking to Mr. Dunlop prior to your husband.

10 Correct?

11 MS. RENSRAW: Correct.

12 MR. WALLACE: So, clearly, the fact that  
13 your husband had been abused, the source of this  
14 information could certainly be people other than Constable  
15 Seguin.

16 Correct?

17 MS. RENSRAW: Correct.

18 MR. WALLACE: Okay.

19 And what you have or what you've been told  
20 is that it was him, and that's Carole who told you that.

21 Correct?

22 MS. RENSRAW: Correct.

23 (SHORT PAUSE/COURTE PAUSE)

24 MR. WALLACE: Now, throughout the dealings  
25 that you had with the police and also the Victim Witness

1 Assistance people, you made considerable efforts to see  
2 that your husband would get some counselling.

3 Correct?

4 **MS. RENSRAW:** Correct.

5 **MR. WALLACE:** Originally, this was raised --  
6 or earlier on, it was raised, and it was put to you this  
7 morning that you spoke to Pat Hall concerning this issue?

8 **MS. RENSRAW:** M'hm. Yes.

9 **MR. WALLACE:** And then, a short time later,  
10 you spoke to Constable Dupuis about the same thing?

11 **MS. RENSRAW:** Yes.

12 **MR. WALLACE:** Okay.

13 In the conversation with -- or let's just  
14 back up for a second here.

15 In listening to your evidence both, this  
16 morning and this afternoon, it seems that, originally, the  
17 problem was getting a referral to a counsellor just period.  
18 And then the problem developed into what was really a money  
19 problem.

20 Is that a fair statement?

21 **MS. RENSRAW:** No.

22 **MR. WALLACE:** Okay.

23 You were -- it was always a money problem,  
24 is that what you mean?

25 **MS. RENSRAW:** Yes.

1                   **MR. WALLACE:** Okay.

2                   Right from the get go, it was -- well, in  
3                   some cases, the counselling was offered free.

4                   Correct?

5                   **MS. RENSRAW:** Through my work program, yes.

6                   **MR. WALLACE:** Yes. And then in other cases  
7                   where it was free counselling, it also required travel.  
8                   You had to travel, and that's where the money came into.

9                   **MS. RENSRAW:** Yes.

10                  **MR. WALLACE:** Correct?

11                  **MS. RENSRAW:** Yes.

12                  **MR. WALLACE:** So throughout the dealings  
13                  that you had with both, the police and the Victim Witness,  
14                  it would be a fair statement, from looking at the efforts  
15                  that people went to, that they were quite sympathetic to  
16                  the problem.

17                  Correct?

18                  **MS. RENSRAW:** Correct.

19                  **MR. WALLACE:** And everybody agrees that it  
20                  would be in your husband's best interest if he got some  
21                  counselling.

22                  Correct?

23                  Everybody felt it was a good idea ---

24                  **MS. RENSRAW:** Yes.

25                  **MR. WALLACE:** --- and everybody was trying

1 to help.

2 Correct?

3 **MS. RENSRAW:** Yes.

4 **MR. WALLACE:** Yes. And, in fact, from the  
5 police perspective, the healthier your husband is, it just  
6 follows the better the witness he would be.

7 Correct?

8 **MS. RENSRAW:** Correct.

9 **MR. WALLACE:** And, obviously, therefore, the  
10 police have a direct interest in helping this chap.

11 Correct?

12 **MS. RENSRAW:** Correct.

13 **MR. WALLACE:** And when you spoke to  
14 Constable Dupuis, this was put to you this morning. So it  
15 was a conversation that you had on the 26<sup>th</sup> of May. So  
16 we're pretty early on in the proceedings here. You've  
17 brought the issue up with Pat Hall on the 20<sup>th</sup> and then,  
18 less than a week later, you call Constable Dupuis and the  
19 issue is back on again. At that point in time, you're  
20 asking for a copy of your husband's interview, the tape,  
21 the interview he gave down in Walkerton.

22 **MS. RENSRAW:** Right.

23 **MR. WALLACE:** Which you ultimately received.

24 Correct?

25 **MS. RENSRAW:** Correct.

1                   **MR. WALLACE:** Yes. And you then also talk  
2 about requesting about payment for counselling for Robert  
3 and Gerry. You were concerned that Gerry get some  
4 counselling as well.

5                   **MS. RENSRAW:** No.

6                   **MR. WALLACE:** Okay.

7                   That's ---

8                   **MS. RENSRAW:** My concern was my husband.

9                   **MR. WALLACE:** Okay.

10                   Did you raise Gerry's name in that  
11 conversation?

12                   **MS. RENSRAW:** I don't recall raising Gerry's  
13 name.

14                   **MR. WALLACE:** Okay.

15                   But given the fact it appears in his notes,  
16 as you heard this morning, can we take it that you did  
17 mention the name?

18                   **MS. RENSRAW:** No.

19                   **MR. WALLACE:** Okay.

20                   **MS. RENSRAW:** Because I -- no.

21                   **MR. WALLACE:** You're not saying that ---

22                   **MS. RENSRAW:** I was not advocating on behalf  
23 of Gerry for counselling.

24                   **MR. WALLACE:** Okay.

25                   But Constable Seguin told you, at the time,



1 "Listen, I understand what you're saying, but the OPP  
2 doesn't pay for counselling." He told you that.

3 Correct?

4 **MS. RENSRAW:** I'm going to say yes.

5 **MR. WALLACE:** Yes. He also indicated that  
6 he would give you the address for the Criminal Injuries  
7 Compensation Board.

8 Correct?

9 **MS. RENSRAW:** I don't know where I've got  
10 that address, but I acquired it somehow.

11 **MR. WALLACE:** Yes. Oh! I'm aware of that,  
12 but the note of his conversation that was shown to you this  
13 morning, I'll show it to you again if you'd like, but I'll  
14 just read it here:

15 "Also request to know about payment of  
16 counselling for Robert and Gerry.  
17 Advised her the OPP do not pay for that  
18 service. Will send her address for  
19 Criminal Compensation Board."

20 Do you remember reading that this morning?

21 **MS. RENSRAW:** I have seen it this morning,  
22 yes.

23 **MR. WALLACE:** Okay.

24 And I'm asking you does that jog your memory  
25 in terms of the conversation that you had with Constable

1 Seguin?

2 MS. RENSRAW: No.

3 MR. WALLACE: I will suggest to you that the  
4 conversation, you were asking about financial assistance,  
5 and he explained to you that the OPP doesn't pay for that.

6 MS. RENSRAW: Okay.

7 MR. WALLACE: Okay.

8 And then he was supportive of the idea of  
9 the counselling, and he was trying to push you along as far  
10 as, "Here's another source."

11 Correct?

12 MS. RENSRAW: Okay.

13 MR. WALLACE: You accept that?

14 MS. RENSRAW: That he was trying to help?

15 MR. WALLACE: Yes.

16 MS. RENSRAW: I accept that.

17 MR. WALLACE: Okay.

18 MS. RENSRAW: Yes.

19 MR. WALLACE: And was saying, "Well, listen,  
20 this is what this fund is for." And that's what you were  
21 looking for.

22 Right?

23 You were looking for money for counselling.

24 MS. RENSRAW: Yes.

25 MR. WALLACE: And he was saying to you

1 that's what this is for, why don't you give it a try?

2 Fair?

3 **THE COMMISSIONER:** The Criminal Injuries  
4 Compensation Board.

5 **MR. WALLACE:** Compensation Board.

6 **MS. RENSRAW:** Okay.

7 **MR. WALLACE:** Yes.

8 **MS. RENSRAW:** So you are asking me ---

9 **MR. WALLACE:** I'm asking you if you recall,  
10 during the conversation, does it not seem reasonable that,  
11 given the context, you were looking for money.

12 **MS. RENSRAW:** M'hm.

13 **MR. WALLACE:** His note says that he was  
14 going to send you the address for the Board. You were  
15 looking for money not to line your pockets but for  
16 counselling.

17 **MS. RENSRAW:** Yes, sir, it does seem  
18 reasonable, but I do not recall the conversation.

19 **MR. WALLACE:** Okay.

20 So you would agree with me that it's a  
21 reasonable interpretation of what we've -- of the notes  
22 here, that he was suggesting this as a way of solving this  
23 money problem.

24 **MS. RENSRAW:** M'hm.

25 **MR. WALLACE:** Okay.

1                   **MS. RENSRAW:** Yes.

2                   **MR. WALLACE:** And throughout the time that  
3 he dealt with you on this issue, it appears that he was  
4 dealing promptly. You were calling and then he would phone  
5 the Victim Witness people for them to follow up to see what  
6 was going on.

7                   Am I too close?

8                   Okay.

9                   **THE COMMISSIONER:** So did he follow up with  
10 you fairly regularly and promptly?

11                  **MS. RENSRAW:** Not promptly, sir.

12                  **THE COMMISSIONER:** Not promptly?

13                  **MS. RENSRAW:** Regularly, yes. Not promptly.

14                  **MR. WALLACE:** Okay.

15                   I'm talking here now with the issue of  
16 counselling.

17                   You were aware of the fact that he was not  
18 going to be doing any counselling.

19                   Correct?

20                  **MS. RENSRAW:** Yes.

21                  **MR. WALLACE:** And that the referrals for the  
22 counselling, the people that were really set up for this  
23 were the Victim/Witness Assistance people. Correct?

24                  **MS. RENSRAW:** Correct.

25                  **MR. WALLACE:** So you were not expecting that

1 he was going to find a counselor for your husband, correct?

2 MS. RENSRAW: Correct.

3 MR. WALLACE: You were really just asking  
4 him to make inquiries of the Victim/Witness people to see  
5 what's going on.

6 MS. RENSRAW: I was asking that they lead me  
7 in the proper direction so I could do it myself.

8 MR. WALLACE: Okay. Well, you were in touch  
9 with the Victim/Witness people in Owen Sound. Correct?

10 MS. RENSRAW: M'hm.

11 MR. WALLACE: And as well as in Kingston.  
12 Correct?

13 MS. RENSRAW: Yes.

14 MR. WALLACE: And from there on in, that's  
15 who you were dealing with, isn't it the case? That's -- as  
16 far as the issues of counselling were concerned, you were  
17 getting your referrals from them.

18 MS. RENSRAW: From Dupuis, yes.

19 MR. WALLACE: Sorry. He put you in touch  
20 with the Victim Witness people?

21 MS. RENSRAW: Okay, yes.

22 MR. WALLACE: And then, from that, you'd get  
23 the referrals; correct, for the counselling?

24 MS. RENSRAW: Somebody phoned me and gave me  
25 these names in Owen Sound.

1                   **MR. WALLACE:** Okay.

2                   **MS. RENSRAW:** I then phoned these people.  
3 If that's the question you're answering -- asking -- then  
4 yes.

5                   **MR. WALLACE:** So you spoke to Constable  
6 Dupuis about counselling when you were living in Owen  
7 Sound?

8                   **MS. RENSRAW:** When we were living in  
9 Mildmay, yes.

10                  **MR. WALLACE:** In Mildmay. And as a result  
11 of speaking to him, you got a phone call; correct, about  
12 the counselling in Owen Sound?

13                  **MS. RENSRAW:** Yes. Yes.

14                  **MR. WALLACE:** Okay. So to that extent --  
15 and this was early on in the proceedings?

16                  **MS. RENSRAW:** Yes.

17                  **MR. WALLACE:** And when you moved to  
18 Kingston, then you were put in touch with the Kingston  
19 Victim/Witness Assistance Program. Correct?

20                  **MS. RENSRAW:** Somehow, yes.

21                  **MR. WALLACE:** And they were the ones who  
22 were dealing with the issue of counselling?

23                  **MS. RENSRAW:** I don't believe they were  
24 dealing with the issue of counselling.

25                  **MR. WALLACE:** Well, they weren't as

1           counselors but they were trying to facilitate it, correct?

2                   **MS. RENSRAW:** I don't know that. I mean  
3           Bertha's -- I don't know where I received the name Bertha's  
4           counselling but that was the only counselling that he  
5           received other than the EAP program through my work.

6                   **MR. WALLACE:** And there were a number of  
7           referrals made but they came with a price tag and that was  
8           the problem.

9                   **MS. RENSRAW:** Yes.

10                  **MR. WALLACE:** Okay. So it's not that you  
11           didn't get any information or any referrals, it's just that  
12           the referrals that you were getting, you couldn't afford?

13                  **MS. RENSRAW:** Yes.

14                  **MR. WALLACE:** Okay. And right from the  
15           start, Constable Seguin was sympathetic to this problem.  
16           He understood that you were having a problem, correct?

17                  **MS. RENSRAW:** Dupuis?

18                  **MR. WALLACE:** Yes.

19                  **MS. RENSRAW:** Yes, not Seguin. I would  
20           agree with that with Dupuis, yes.

21                  **MR. WALLACE:** Well, if I understood you  
22           correctly, you indicated that once you'd had that phone  
23           call with your sister-in-law, you severed ties with him in  
24           any event.

25                  **MS. RENSRAW:** With Teddy?

1 MR. WALLACE: Yes.

2 MS. RENSRAW: Yes.

3 MR. WALLACE: Okay. You just didn't have  
4 any contact.

5 MS. RENSRAW: Right.

6 (SHORT PAUSE/COURTE PAUSE)

7 MR. WALLACE: Now, your husband testified at  
8 the preliminary hearing in this matter. Correct?

9 MS. RENSRAW: Correct.

10 MR. WALLACE: And you attended with him for  
11 the purpose of offering moral support at the preliminary  
12 hearing?

13 MS. RENSRAW: Correct.

14 MR. WALLACE: And in preparation of that, he  
15 was interviewed by Mr. Pelletier. Correct?

16 MS. RENSRAW: I am going to say correct. I  
17 don't remember the gent's name.

18 THE COMMISSIONER: The Crown attorney.

19 MR. WALLACE: The Crown attorney.

20 MS. RENSRAW: Yes.

21 THE COMMISSIONER: Okay.

22 MR. WALLACE: I am going to see if I can  
23 refresh your memory that how this came about was that in  
24 late October of '98, I don't expect you to remember a date  
25 of anything like that, but Constable Seguin advised you



1           that the preliminary hearing in this case was going to be  
2           in the first two weeks of March.

3                         And at that time, and in that conversation,  
4           you brought it to his attention that your husband is going  
5           to need some preparation for the preliminary hearing. Does  
6           that ring a bell that when you became aware of the fact  
7           there was going to be a preliminary hearing that you said,  
8           "That's fine but my husband's going to need some help  
9           here"?

10                        **MS. RENSRAW:** I don't know that I've said  
11           that, sir, because I wasn't familiar with the process. So  
12           to prepare him, I don't know that I would have used those  
13           words or have that knowledge for the process.

14                        **MR. WALLACE:** Okay. Well, maybe you didn't  
15           use those particular words but you made the point that he  
16           just can't go in there cold. Someone's going to have to  
17           talk to him beforehand, explain how things work, refresh  
18           his memory, these sorts of issues.

19                        **MS. RENSRAW:** I think Bob was familiar with  
20           the judicial system and the process of the courts.

21                        **MR. WALLACE:** Okay. In any event, meetings  
22           were set up and I am going to suggest that Constable Dupuis  
23           phoned and indicated that there was going to be a meeting  
24           with Mr. Pelletier, the Crown attorney, and at that time  
25           you indicated to Constable Dupuis that your husband was no

1 longer working. He lost his job.

2 MS. RENSRAW: Yes.

3 MR. WALLACE: That was true. Correct?

4 MS. RENSRAW: Yes.

5 MR. WALLACE: And you also raised your  
6 concerns with Constable Dupuis that you wanted to be there  
7 for moral support.

8 MS. RENSRAW: I was going to be there.

9 MR. WALLACE: Okay. But what I am talking  
10 now, in the pre-preliminary hearing preparation ---

11 MS. RENSRAW: Yes.

12 MR. WALLACE: --- you knew that he was going  
13 to be coming to Cornwall to speak to the Crown ---

14 MS. RENSRAW: Yes.

15 MR. WALLACE: --- and you wished that you  
16 would be able to attend with him.

17 MS. RENSRAW: It wasn't a question, sir, I  
18 was going to be with him.

19 MR. WALLACE: Okay.

20 MS. RENSRAW: I was expressing that.

21 MR. WALLACE: And I'll suggest to you that  
22 Constable Dupuis indicated that he would speak to the Crown  
23 and come up with a plan so that you could attend for the --  
24 no, I'm not talking about the preliminary hearing but for  
25 the meetings before the preliminary hearing.

1                   **MS. RENSRAW:** I am getting quite confused  
2 with your questions, sir.

3                   **MR. WALLACE:** Okay. You were made aware of  
4 the fact that there was going to be a preliminary hearing?

5                   **MS. RENSRAW:** Yes.

6                   **MR. WALLACE:** Everybody wished that your  
7 husband would meet with Mr. Pelletier, the Crown?

8                   **MS. RENSRAW:** Yes.

9                   **MR. WALLACE:** You wished to be in  
10 attendance. Correct?

11                   **MS. RENSRAW:** Correct.

12                   **MR. WALLACE:** And all I am suggesting is  
13 that Constable Dupuis said he would speak to Mr. Pelletier  
14 about that and come up with a plan so that you could do  
15 that. Correct?

16                   **MS. RENSRAW:** Initially, Bob was to go in to  
17 speak with these gentlemen on his own. We insisted ---

18                   **THE COMMISSIONER:** I think he is talking  
19 more about the expenses at this point.

20                   **MR. WALLACE:** Yes. Like they covered your  
21 expenses to come down.

22                   **THE COMMISSIONER:** Well, frankly, if I  
23 remember the note correctly, it was that they were going to  
24 pay the mileage, the hotel room, the meals for Mr. but not  
25 for Mrs.

1                   **MR. WALLACE:** That's right. But the --  
2 well, you were on the hook for the meals; correct? You had  
3 to pay for the meals when you came down?

4                   **MS. RENSRAW:** M'hm.

5                   **MR. WALLACE:** All other expenses were picked  
6 up.

7                   **THE COMMISSIONER:** Only because they were  
8 coincidental with Mister -- come on now, Mr. Wallace.

9                   **MS. RENSRAW:** Thank you, sir.

10                  **MR. WALLACE:** But you know what I was really  
11 getting at here was the meeting with Mr. Pelletier. When  
12 you came down for the meeting, I am going to suggest to you  
13 that it was the intention that you would sit in for moral  
14 support.

15                  **MS. RENSRAW:** No, I did not know that there  
16 was an intention for me to be there to give my husband  
17 moral support.

18                  **MR. WALLACE:** Okay. That's fine.  
19 You weren't aware that that was what they  
20 were hoping to do?

21                  **MS. RENSRAW:** No.

22                  **MR. WALLACE:** Okay. Now, when he did come  
23 back for the preliminary hearing, you were able to sit in  
24 the courtroom while he testified?

25                  **MS. RENSRAW:** I don't know which one it was

1 but I did sit through one in the courtroom, yes.

2 MR. WALLACE: The preliminary hearing was  
3 the first time.

4 MS. RENSRAW: Okay.

5 MR. WALLACE: So the first time he  
6 testified, you sat in. Correct?

7 MS. RENSRAW: Yes.

8 MR. WALLACE: In fact, I don't believe he  
9 ever actually testified again; is that not correct?

10 THE COMMISSIONER: That was the only time he  
11 testified?

12 MS. RENSRAW: Yes, I believe so. You're  
13 really confusing me, I have to say that much.

14 MR. WALLACE: Okay. I am not trying to,  
15 ma'am.

16 MS. RENSRAW: Okay.

17 MR. WALLACE: So I'm glad you're telling  
18 because I will try to clear it.

19 The second time you met with the Crown, this  
20 was Ms. Hallett at that time. Correct?

21 MS. RENSRAW: Yes.

22 MR. WALLACE: And the first time you came  
23 from your home to Cornwall ---

24 MS. RENSRAW: Mildmay to Cornwall, yes.

25 MR. WALLACE: Mildmay.

1                   The second time for Ms. Hallett you came --  
2                   they came to Kingston and met you ---

3                   **MS. RENSRAW:** Yes.

4                   **MR. WALLACE:** --- and your husband.

5                   **MS. RENSRAW:** Yes.

6                   **MR. WALLACE:** At that time, correct me if  
7                   I'm wrong, you did not sit in on that interview; is that  
8                   correct?

9                   **MS. RENSRAW:** I was asked to sit outside.

10                  **MR. WALLACE:** Okay. And on the third time,  
11                  the Crown and officers came to your house; correct? That's  
12                  in Kingston.

13                  **MS. RENSRAW:** Yes.

14                  **THE COMMISSIONER:** This meeting where you  
15                  went over in one room and someone else was in the sunroom  
16                  or something.

17                  **MS. RENSRAW:** Yes, thank you so much, yes.

18                  **MR. WALLACE:** Okay. It was in that -- that  
19                  was the time when you had received the subpoena. Correct?

20                  **MS. RENSRAW:** No, I don't believe so. The  
21                  subpoena came either before or after that because there was  
22                  a police officer from Kingston that delivered it to Bob.

23                  **MR. WALLACE:** Okay.

24                  **THE COMMISSIONER:** And to you, right, two  
25                  subpoenas?

1 MS. RENSRAW: Gave Bob his and mine.

2 MR. WALLACE: I'll just set this up a little  
3 better.

4 When you met with Ms. Hallett that was in  
5 the year 2000, the meeting with the Crown in your house was  
6 in 2002.

7 MS. RENSRAW: Okay.

8 MR. WALLACE: Now, you were -- I need a  
9 second here, please.

10 (SHORT PAUSE/COURTE PAUSE)

11 MR. WALLACE: This morning it was put to  
12 you, a conversation with Constable Dupuis, on the 4<sup>th</sup> of  
13 February 2002:

14 "Received a call from Claire Chouinor;  
15 advised to call just before arriving on  
16 Thursday."

17 This is when they were coming down; that is,  
18 the officers are coming down to give your husband his  
19 transcripts. Thursday was the day that they were going to  
20 come down. So they are just advising to call before you  
21 arrive.

22 "Robert not working at this time,  
23 wanted to know why she was being given  
24 a subpoena."

25 And then:

1 "Crown to explain."

2 So you raised the issue of "Why am I getting  
3 a subpoena?"

4 **MS. RENSRAW:** Yes.

5 **MR. WALLACE:** And at that time, I am going  
6 to suggest to you that Constable Dupuis indicated that, "I  
7 don't know. You'll just have to ask the Crown" or words to  
8 that effect. Does that sound reasonable?

9 **MS. RENSRAW:** I don't remember that  
10 statement, no.

11 **MR. WALLACE:** Okay. In any event, the Crown  
12 did come to your house a little over a week later and these  
13 interviews took place with your husband.

14 **MS. RENSRAW:** Bob spoke with a gentleman,  
15 yes.

16 **MR. WALLACE:** Okay. And it was -- you knew  
17 that one of the gentlemen was the Crown attorney, correct?

18 **MS. RENSRAW:** No, I did not know that.

19 **MR. WALLACE:** You had no idea who was  
20 coming?

21 **MS. RENSRAW:** I didn't know who he was.

22 **MR. WALLACE:** Okay. You weren't introduced  
23 to the person?

24 **MS. RENSRAW:** Oh, possibly.

25 **MR. WALLACE:** Okay.



1 MS. RENSRAW: Possibly.

2 MR. WALLACE: Maybe you didn't know but did  
3 you surmise that it was a Crown attorney?

4 MS. RENSRAW: No.

5 MR. WALLACE: You had no idea who this  
6 strange person was?

7 MS. RENSRAW: There were four police  
8 officers that came to my house. They wanted to talk to  
9 Bob.

10 MR. WALLACE: Okay.

11 THE COMMISSIONER: So she thinks it's four  
12 police officers. Were they in uniform?

13 MS. RENSRAW: No.

14 THE COMMISSIONER: Okay.

15 MR. WALLACE: Okay.

16 MS. RENSRAW: They came in unmarked -- two  
17 unmarked cars.

18 THE COMMISSIONER: There you go.

19 MR. WALLACE: And so again, I guess at this  
20 time then, you didn't ask anybody -- any of these four  
21 people why you were getting a subpoena?

22 MS. RENSRAW: I remember speaking to Mr.  
23 Dupuis.

24 MR. WALLACE: Okay. On the phone and he  
25 told you to speak to the Crown or ask the Crown and the

1 Crown will explain.

2 MS. RENSRAW: Okay.

3 MR. WALLACE: Okay. But beyond that, that's  
4 what I'm asking. Do you recall anybody -- speaking to  
5 anybody else and asking that question?

6 MS. RENSRAW: No. No, I do not.

7 MR. WALLACE: Okay.

8 MS. RENSRAW: I assumed that it was Mr.  
9 Dupuis that was going to give me the proper and accurate  
10 information as I dealt with him for how many years prior to  
11 that.

12 MR. WALLACE: Well, did you -- this was  
13 raised on the 4<sup>th</sup> of February. Did you ask him at any other  
14 point in time?

15 MS. RENSRAW: The purpose of the subpoena?

16 MR. WALLACE: Yes.

17 MS. RENSRAW: Yes.

18 MR. WALLACE: Okay. And that was leading --  
19 you asked him on more than one occasion?

20 MS. RENSRAW: Yes.

21 MR. WALLACE: And did he ever give you an  
22 answer?

23 MS. RENSRAW: No, not -- I didn't know what  
24 the purpose of the subpoena was. I didn't ---

25 MR. WALLACE: Well, when you would ask him

1 the question, did he say to you, "I don't know" or would he  
2 give you an answer that you didn't understand?

3 MS. RENSRAW: Gave me an answer that I  
4 didn't understand.

5 MR. WALLACE: And do you have any  
6 recollection of what that was?

7 MS. RENSRAW: Basically to the fact that I  
8 may have information to the case but they would have to  
9 wait and see with discovery and that or to the effects or -  
10 --

11 MR. WALLACE: Okay. So he told you that you  
12 may in fact be called as a witness; correct?

13 MS. RENSRAW: Isn't that was the subpoena  
14 is?

15 MR. WALLACE: Yes.

16 MS. RENSRAW: To be called as a witness?

17 MR. WALLACE: Yes.

18 MS. RENSRAW: Okay.

19 MR. WALLACE: And so that's what he was  
20 explaining to you.

21 MS. RENSRAW: But I didn't ---

22 MR. WALLACE: You didn't think you had any;  
23 is that -- is that what you're saying?

24 MS. RENSRAW: All of these events occurred  
25 prior to my relationship to Bob.

1                   **MR. WALLACE:** Yes, I understand. You didn't  
2 think that you had any information that was going to assist  
3 the case; correct?

4                   **MS. RENSRAW:** Correct.

5                   **MR. WALLACE:** And you couldn't understand  
6 when he was telling you that you might have it. You didn't  
7 know what it was. Is that correct?

8                   **MS. RENSRAW:** I did not know if I had  
9 information.

10                  **MR. WALLACE:** Okay. So you didn't  
11 understand what his answer was?

12                  **MS. RENSRAW:** No. Like ---

13                  **MR. WALLACE:** You didn't understand what  
14 he's getting at, like what is this information.

15                               I'll move on.

16                  **THE COMMISSIONER:** Yes, please.

17                  **MS. RENSRAW:** Thank you.

18                  **MR. WALLACE:** Yes, okay.

19                               **(SHORT PAUSE/COURTE PAUSE)**

20                  **MR. WALLACE:** Now, the last contact that you  
21 had with Constable Dupuis was the day after the stay had  
22 been entered. That's what my understanding is, it was on  
23 the 14<sup>th</sup> of May and the stay we were told this morning was  
24 on the 13<sup>th</sup> of May. Okay.

25                  **MS. RENSRAW:** I had a conversation the day

1 after I spoke with Constance. Yes, I'll agree with you.

2 **MR. WALLACE:** Sure. Now, part of the notes  
3 that we got this morning are the notes of Cosette from the  
4 Victim/Witness and recording the conversation on the 13<sup>th</sup>  
5 where she placed the phone call to Robert. Now, you used a  
6 different name this morning.

7 **MS. RENSRAW:** Yes, Constance.

8 **MR. WALLACE:** That's a different person;  
9 correct?

10 **MS. RENSRAW:** It must very well be.

11 **MR. WALLACE:** Okay. So what I'm asking is,  
12 were these two different phone calls? Was there a phone  
13 call from Cosette and he spoke to Robert and then the phone  
14 call that you heard, or is it the same phone call?

15 **MS. RENSRAW:** If you have a statement in  
16 front of you, sir, that says it was Cosette that phoned,  
17 then I'll have to agree it was Cosette that phoned.

18 **MR. WALLACE:** Okay. So that's -- it was --  
19 well, it doesn't necessarily follow that it was -- there  
20 was only one phone call. There may have been two phone  
21 calls.

22 **MS. RENSRAW:** There was not two phone calls.  
23 There was one phone call.

24 **MR. WALLACE:** Okay.

25 **THE COMMISSIONER:** And just because it's

1 written down that Cosette says she does that, that's not in  
2 evidence here yet.

3 MS. RENSRAW: Okay.

4 THE COMMISSIONER: So they ---

5 MS. RENSRAW: My recollection, I simply  
6 recall the lady named Constance. That's ---

7 THE COMMISSIONER: All right. Fair enough.

8 MS. RENSRAW: --- my recollection.

9 MR. WALLACE: And this was a person from  
10 Victim/Witness?

11 MS. RENSRAW: I believe from the Ottawa  
12 area, yes.

13 MR. WALLACE: And was calling specifically  
14 to give you this information as far as the stay was  
15 concerned?

16 MS. RENSRAW: To give Bob the information,  
17 yes.

18 MR. WALLACE: Yes. And did he react the way  
19 you said he did by falling to the floor immediately when  
20 the phone call or did he actually ask questions after  
21 getting the initial news?

22 MS. RENSRAW: He asked questions.

23 MR. WALLACE: And did he tell you that there  
24 would be people following up, like someone from the Crown's  
25 office would be calling?

1                   **MS. RENSRAW:** At that conversation, ---

2                   **MR. WALLACE:** Yes.

3                   **MS. RENSRAW:** --- he told me nothing. After  
4 he received the information from this lady, be whatever her  
5 name is, sir, ---

6                   **MR. WALLACE:** Yes.

7                   **MS. RENSRAW:** --- he asked questions, said a  
8 few statements, dropped the phone and sunk to the floor.

9                   **MR. WALLACE:** Okay.

10                  **MS. RENSRAW:** I picked up the phone, spoke  
11 with the lady.

12                  **MR. WALLACE:** Did she give you that  
13 information that there would be some follow-up, there would  
14 be somebody from the Crown's office calling? Do you recall  
15 that?

16                  **MS. RENSRAW:** I asked if, you know, Mr.  
17 Dupuis was going to call or would I be talking to somebody.  
18 I'm sure I must have asked something.

19                  **MR. WALLACE:** Okay. And the note here  
20 indicates that someone from the Crown's office -- it  
21 doesn't say that specifically but it says someone from the  
22 Crown's office will call and they'll answer any questions  
23 that you may have. Does that sort of sound about right as  
24 to the way that conversation went?

25                  **MS. RENSRAW:** I ---

1                   **MR. WALLACE:** When you got off the phone,  
2 you were expecting somebody to call you to answer the  
3 questions that you had?

4                   **MS. RENSRAW:** I expected Mr. Dupuis to call.

5                   **MR. WALLACE:** Okay. And -- okay. In any  
6 event, Constable -- you spoke to Constable Dupuis the next  
7 day.

8                   **MS. RENSRAW:** Yes.

9                   **MR. WALLACE:** And he explained the issue of  
10 the stay to you.

11                   **MS. RENSRAW:** Yes.

12                   **MR. WALLACE:** And then you went on to  
13 indicate to him the need for counselling for Bob.

14                   **MS. RENSRAW:** Well, I said several things,  
15 yes, but ---

16                   **MR. WALLACE:** Yes.

17                   **MS. RENSRAW:** --- probably finished up with  
18 the need for counselling, yes.

19                   **MR. WALLACE:** Yes. And it would appear that  
20 the call -- as it was put to you this morning that he  
21 called -- the notation of your call is about six o'clock in  
22 the evening on a Tuesday and the document you were shown  
23 this morning shows that at about nine o'clock in the  
24 morning, he calls both the Crown's office and the person  
25 from -- Cosette from Victim/Witness and who followed up



1 with your husband and was speaking to him about the  
2 counselling. And that is the conversation where you  
3 indicated that you were not aware that he had said that he  
4 didn't feel that he needed -- he didn't want to go to any  
5 counselling.

6 **MS. RENSRAW:** That was me, yes, this  
7 morning. Yes.

8 **MR. WALLACE:** Okay. And that was the last  
9 of any dealings that you had with Constable Dupuis.

10 **MS. RENSRAW:** Yes.

11 **MR. WALLACE:** And during the -- you've told  
12 us your dealings with Constable Dupuis. You've indicated  
13 that he was sympathetic to the issue of the counselling and  
14 he made the referral to the Criminal Injuries Compensation  
15 Board for you or indicated that he'd provide you with the  
16 address.

17 **MS. RENSRAW:** I agree that he was  
18 sympathetic, yes.

19 **MR. WALLACE:** Yes, okay. And when he dealt  
20 with you, you may not have always agreed with what he was  
21 saying but he was courteous with you?

22 **MS. RENSRAW:** Yes, he was.

23 **MR. WALLACE:** Okay. And he appeared to be  
24 genuinely concerned about Bob getting some counselling.

25 **MS. RENSRAW:** He was very patient with me,

1           sir, in my many questions that I asked. He did take the  
2           time and he did explain.

3                       **MR. WALLACE:** Yes.

4                       **MS. RENSRAW:** And help me to understand and,  
5           yes, I believe there was a genuineness there to help us.

6                       **MR. WALLACE:** Thank you.

7                       **THE COMMISSIONER:** A good place to stop.

8                       **MR. WALLACE:** Yes.

9                       **THE COMMISSIONER:** Mr. Lee, it's getting a  
10          little late. Will you be very lengthy?

11                      **MR. LEE:** Two minutes.

12                      **THE COMMISSIONER:** All right.

13          --- CROSS-EXAMINATION BY/CONTRE-INTERROGATOIRE PAR MR. LEE:

14                      **MR. LEE:** Good afternoon. I just want to  
15          turn back to the subpoena issue for one moment. Just one  
16          small issue I'm not exactly clear on.

17                      Were you ever interviewed by the OPP?

18                      **MS. RENSRAW:** No.

19                      **MR. LEE:** And I mean a formal interview  
20          where you sit down and are asked questions?

21                      **MS. RENSRAW:** No.

22                      **MR. LEE:** Not before the subpoena?

23                      **MS. RENSRAW:** No.

24                      **MR. LEE:** Not after the subpoena?

25                      **MS. RENSRAW:** No.

1                   **MR. LEE:** Did you ever give a statement to  
2                   the OPP?

3                   **MS. RENSRAW:** No.

4                   **MR. LEE:** Were you ever asked to go home and  
5                   write out a statement, anything along those lines?

6                   **MS. RENSRAW:** No.

7                   **MR. LEE:** Sitting here today, all these  
8                   years afterwards with time to reflect on it, do you  
9                   understand what information you might have had that could  
10                  have helped the prosecution of Father MacDonald?

11                  **MS. RENSRAW:** Yes.

12                  **MR. LEE:** You now understand that?

13                  **MS. RENSRAW:** I now understand.

14                  **MR. LEE:** What's your understanding now?

15                  **MS. RENSRAW:** My understanding is the  
16                  purpose of the subpoena is to keep me out of the courtroom  
17                  so that Bob can give evidence and later I go into the  
18                  courtroom and give evidence. If I don't hear what he has  
19                  to say, so my information that I give him is accurate and  
20                  true and not tainted.

21                  **MR. LEE:** So you understand the purpose of  
22                  the subpoena?

23                  **MS. RENSRAW:** Yes, I understand it now.

24                  **MR. LEE:** You understand that they don't  
25                  want you to listen to everything Bob has to say ---

1                   **MS. RENSRAW:** Yes.

2                   **MR. LEE:** --- and then go in and be ---

3                   **MS. RENSRAW:** I know that now, yes.

4                   **MR. LEE:** Do you understand though what  
5 information you might have had that could have been  
6 valuable?

7                   **MS. RENSRAW:** No.

8                   **MR. LEE:** Why you might be called to  
9 testify?

10                   **MS. RENSRAW:** No. I've been confused about  
11 that for many years.

12                   **MR. LEE:** Have you ever understood that?

13                   **MS. RENSRAW:** No.

14                   **MR. LEE:** Okay.

15                   **MS. RENSRAW:** No, and I haven't got a clear  
16 answer from anybody.

17                   **MR. LEE:** Thank you very much.

18                   **MS. RENSRAW:** Thanks, Dallas.

19                   **THE COMMISSIONER:** Me Dumais?

20                   **MR. DUMAIS:** No questions, Commissioner.

21                   **THE COMMISSIONER:** Well, I have a couple of  
22 questions that no one has raised. So I thought maybe I  
23 would ask.

24                   You've indicated that you had a friendship  
25 with Helen Dunlop.

1                   **MS. RENSRAW:** Yes.

2                   **THE COMMISSIONER:** All right. And has that  
3 continued since you first met her?

4                   **MS. RENSRAW:** Yes.

5                   **THE COMMISSIONER:** And it continues today?

6                   **MS. RENSRAW:** Basically by email and we send  
7 each other jokes and not so much conversation but ---

8                   **THE COMMISSIONER:** Right.

9                   **MS. RENSRAW:** --- how are the kids and, you  
10 know, God bless, that kind of thing.

11                   **THE COMMISSIONER:** Right. I guess my  
12 question is, has she made any comments to you about your  
13 participation in this Inquiry?

14                   **MS. RENSRAW:** No.

15                   **THE COMMISSIONER:** Does she know that you're  
16 testifying here? Like have you written to her in an email  
17 saying I'm coming to the Inquiry, that kind of thing?

18                   **MS. RENSRAW:** No, no.

19                   **THE COMMISSIONER:** So neither her nor her  
20 husband Perry Dunlop have had anything -- any influence on  
21 you as to what you would say or not say or any contact with  
22 you about your testifying in this Inquiry?

23                   **MS. RENSRAW:** No, sir.

24                   **THE COMMISSIONER:** Okay. Thank you.

25                   All right. So we close off for the day and

1 we'll come back tomorrow morning at 9:30.

2 **MR. DUMAIS:** Correct, Commissioner.

3 **THE COMMISSIONER:** So we'll deal with some  
4 brief submissions with respect to the Silmser matter and  
5 then we'll continue on with Mr. Renshaw.

6 Mrs. Renshaw, I'd like to take the time to  
7 thank you for coming here today. I know that it means time  
8 off from work. It means not always being pleasant  
9 questions on the witness stand but I do thank you for  
10 participating in this Inquiry.

11 **MS. RENSRAW:** Well, I'd like to say in two  
12 seconds it's my privilege to be here and I thank you  
13 because this is the beginning of closure in my life.

14 **THE COMMISSIONER:** Right.

15 **MS. RENSRAW:** So thank you.

16 **THE COMMISSIONER:** Thank you very much.

17 **MR. DUMAIS:** Thanks, Claire.

18 **THE REGISTRAR:** Order; all rise. À l'ordre;  
19 veuillez vous lever.

20 This hearing is now adjourned and will  
21 resume tomorrow morning at 9:00 a.m. -- 9:30.

22  
23 --- Upon adjourning at 4:36 p.m./

24 L'audience est ajournée à 16h36

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