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1 --- Upon commencing at 9:40 a.m./

2 L'audience débute à 9h40

3 **THE REGISTRAR:** Order; all rise. À l'ordre;  
4 veuillez vous lever.

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

8 Please be seated. Veuillez vous asseoir.

9 **THE COMMISSIONER:** Good morning all.

10 Mr. Engelmann.

11 **MR. ENGELMANN:** Good morning, Mr.

12 Commissioner. I apologize for my delay this morning, to  
13 you and to counsel.

14 Our next witness this morning is Jody  
15 Burgess and if the witness could be sworn.

16 **JODY BURGESS, Sworn/Assermenté:**

17 **THE COMMISSIONER:** Good morning, Mr.

18 Burgess.

19 **MR. J. BURGESS:** Good morning.

20 **THE COMMISSIONER:** How are you doing today?

21 **MR. J. BURGESS:** A little antsy.

22 **THE COMMISSIONER:** Yes, I can understand.

23 Listen, you're here to tell a story and the  
24 most important person right now is you and what I want to  
25 make sure you understand is that if at any time you feel

1           uncomfortable or you need a break, just let me know, all  
2           right? And if there's some questions that either you don't  
3           understand or you prefer not to deal with, let me know that  
4           as well, all right? So you have got a glass of water. Mr.  
5           Engelmann is going to ask you some questions. If ever you  
6           need a break or if there's something you don't understand,  
7           I'm the guy to talk to, all right? You're ready to go?

8                       **MR. J. BURGESS:** Yes, sir.

9                       **THE COMMISSIONER:** All right.

10                      **MR. J. BURGESS:** Yes, Your Honour.

11                      **THE COMMISSIONER:** No.

12                      **MR. J. BURGESS:** Sir?

13                      **THE COMMISSIONER:** Sir is fine. I've been  
14           called worse.

15   **( LAUGHTER/RIRES )**

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

18                               **MR. ENGELMANN:** Thank you for coming this  
19           morning, Mr. Burgess.

20                               **MR. J. BURGESS:** You're welcome.

21                               **MR. ENGELMANN:** I want to ask you a few  
22           questions to start.

23                                       To begin with, I understand that you're a  
24           member of the Victims Group; is that right?

25                               **MR. J. BURGESS:** Yes.

1                   **MR. ENGELMANN:** Mr. Lee and his firm are  
2                   representing you?

3                   **MR. J. BURGESS:** Yes.

4                   **MR. ENGELMANN:** I also understand that you  
5                   swore an affidavit in support of the Victims Group  
6                   application for standing here at the Inquiry.

7                   **MR. J. BURGESS:** Yes.

8                   **MR. ENGELMANN:** Mr. Burgess, do you  
9                   understand that what we're trying to do at the Inquiry is  
10                  to look at how various public institutions responded to  
11                  child sexual abuse or allegations of child sexual abuse?

12                  **MR. J. BURGESS:** Yes.

13                  **MR. ENGELMANN:** I understand, sir, that as a  
14                  child you were sexually abused?

15                  **MR. J. BURGESS:** Yes.

16                  **MR. ENGELMANN:** We have a number of public  
17                  institutions here at this Inquiry and I understand that as  
18                  a result of the child sexual abuse you suffered, that you  
19                  would have had some contact with some of those  
20                  institutions; is that right?

21                  **MR. J. BURGESS:** That I remember, yes.

22                  **MR. ENGELMANN:** All right.

23                  So, for example, you would have had some  
24                  contact with the Cornwall Police Service?

25                  **MR. J. BURGESS:** Yes.

1                   **MR. ENGELMANN:** Did you also have some  
2                   contact much later with the Ontario Provincial Police?

3                   **MR. J. BURGESS:** Yes.

4                   **MR. ENGELMANN:** Did you, either in 1986 or  
5                   much later, have some contact with a Crown prosecutor or  
6                   someone from the Attorney General's Office?

7                   **MR. J. BURGESS:** Later.

8                   **MR. ENGELMANN:** I don't know, sir, if you  
9                   can remember if you would have had any contact, either you  
10                  or your family, with the Children's Aid Society?

11                  **MR. J. BURGESS:** Not me.

12                  **MR. ENGELMANN:** Okay. So if your parents  
13                  did, you weren't involved?

14                  **MR. J. BURGESS:** No.

15                  **MR. ENGELMANN:** So Mr. Burgess, can you tell  
16                  us when you were born?

17                  **MR. J. BURGESS:** January 23<sup>rd</sup>, '69.

18                  **MR. ENGELMANN:** So you would be 37 years of  
19                  age; is that correct?

20                  **MR. J. BURGESS:** Yes.

21                  **MR. ENGELMANN:** Were you born here in the  
22                  Cornwall area?

23                  **MR. J. BURGESS:** Yes.

24                  **MR. ENGELMANN:** In the City of Cornwall?

25                  **MR. J. BURGESS:** City of Cornwall.



1                   **MR. ENGELMANN:** Okay. Were you raised here  
2                   in the City of Cornwall?

3                   **MR. J. BURGESS:** Yes.

4                   **MR. ENGELMANN:** Sir, have you lived either  
5                   in the City of Cornwall or in the Cornwall area for most or  
6                   all of your life?

7                   **MR. J. BURGESS:** All of my life.

8                   **MR. ENGELMANN:** When you were growing up,  
9                   how long was it that you lived with your parents in their  
10                  home?

11                  **MR. J. BURGESS:** Until about 16, 17.

12                  **MR. ENGELMANN:** Did your family move while  
13                  you lived here in the City of Cornwall?

14                  **MR. J. BURGESS:** We lived in Westgate and  
15                  Cumberland.

16                  **MR. ENGELMANN:** Okay. You lived in Westgate  
17                  Court; is that correct?

18                  **MR. J. BURGESS:** Yes.

19                  **MR. ENGELMANN:** And then you moved to  
20                  Cumberland Street?

21                  **MR. J. BURGESS:** Yes.

22                  **MR. ENGELMANN:** Do you remember  
23                  approximately how old you were then?

24                  **MR. J. BURGESS:** About 14, 15.

25                  **MR. ENGELMANN:** Sir, we have already heard

1 evidence from your brother Scott. We understand that you  
2 have a number of brothers and sisters.

3 MR. J. BURGESS: Yes.

4 MR. ENGELMANN: You are one of how many  
5 children?

6 MR. J. BURGESS: Six (6) -- 7.

7 MR. ENGELMANN: All right. You have six  
8 brothers and sisters?

9 MR. J. BURGESS: No, three brothers and --  
10 two brothers and four sisters.

11 MR. ENGELMANN: Okay. All right. Mr.  
12 Burgess, you're older than your brother Scott?

13 MR. J. BURGESS: Yes.

14 MR. ENGELMANN: By a couple of years?

15 MR. J. BURGESS: Two (2).

16 MR. ENGELMANN: All right. And you're also  
17 a little older than your sister Cindy?

18 MR. J. BURGESS: Yes.

19 MR. ENGELMANN: Perhaps about a year, a year  
20 and a half?

21 MR. J. BURGESS: Yes.

22 MR. ENGELMANN: And you also have some older  
23 brothers or sisters?

24 MR. J. BURGESS: I have an older brother and  
25 two sisters.

1 MR. ENGELMANN: Who are older?

2 MR. J. BURGESS: Pardon?

3 MR. ENGELMANN: Who are older than you?

4 MR. J. BURGESS: Yes.

5 MR. ENGELMANN: Sir, were you familiar as a  
6 child with another boy by the name of Jason Tyo?

7 MR. J. BURGESS: Yes.

8 MR. ENGELMANN: He was a friend of yours or  
9 a friend of one of your brothers?

10 MR. J. BURGESS: A friend of my brother's.

11 MR. ENGELMANN: And that's your brother  
12 Scott?

13 MR. J. BURGESS: Yes.

14 MR. ENGELMANN: So he would have been a  
15 little younger than you as well?

16 MR. J. BURGESS: Yes.

17 MR. ENGELMANN: When you lived here in  
18 Cornwall you first attended an elementary school?

19 MR. J. BURGESS: Yes.

20 MR. ENGELMANN: Which school was that?

21 MR. J. BURGESS: Vincent Massey.

22 MR. ENGELMANN: And you were there until  
23 Grade 6; is that correct?

24 MR. J. BURGESS: Yes.

25 MR. ENGELMANN: You didn't go to Gladstone

1 Public School, you went to Vincent Massey?

2 MR. J. BURGESS: Vincent Massey.

3 MR. ENGELMANN: And after Vincent Massey,  
4 where did you go to school?

5 MR. J. BURGESS: Central Public.

6 MR. ENGELMANN: All right.

7 Now, either at Vincent Massey or at Central  
8 Public, were you in a special education program?

9 MR. J. BURGESS: Yes, I was.

10 MR. ENGELMANN: All right. Can you tell us  
11 whether it was at one school or at both schools?

12 MR. J. BURGESS: One school, Vincent Massey  
13 -- Central Public, sorry.

14 MR. ENGELMANN: All right. So your courses  
15 in special education would have started in Grade 7?

16 MR. J. BURGESS: Yes.

17 MR. ENGELMANN: Did you do a special  
18 education program until Grade 9?

19 MR. J. BURGESS: Yes.

20 MR. ENGELMANN: And then I understand you  
21 left school?

22 MR. J. BURGESS: Yes.

23 MR. ENGELMANN: Did you ever come back or  
24 get any further education, sir?

25 MR. J. BURGESS: I quit school and went back

1 a couple years later and went to Futures for a year to get  
2 more credits.

3 MR. ENGELMANN: All right. Sorry, it was a  
4 program called Futures?

5 MR. J. BURGESS: Yes, it was.

6 MR. ENGELMANN: And that was offered at  
7 school here in Cornwall?

8 MR. J. BURGESS: Yes.

9 MR. ENGELMANN: Do you remember what school  
10 that was?

11 MR. J. BURGESS: It was on Pitt Street.

12 MR. ENGELMANN: Would that have been the  
13 CCDF?

14 MR. J. BURGESS: Yes.

15 MR. ENGELMANN: I can't remember what that  
16 stands for, sir, but that's a school here in Cornwall?

17 MR. J. BURGESS: Yes, it is.

18 MR. ENGELMANN: Sir, after you left school,  
19 I understand you have had several jobs; is that fair?

20 MR. J. BURGESS: Yes.

21 MR. ENGELMANN: Many jobs?

22 MR. J. BURGESS: Many.

23 MR. ENGELMANN: All right. Not many jobs,  
24 though, for a long time?

25 MR. J. BURGESS: No, off and on.

1                   **MR. ENGELMANN:** Are you currently working,  
2                   sir?

3                   **MR. J. BURGESS:** No.

4                   **MR. ENGELMANN:** Are you currently in receipt  
5                   of any benefits?

6                   **MR. J. BURGESS:** ODSP.

7                   **MR. ENGELMANN:** Do you mind if I ask you why  
8                   you're receiving that?

9                   **MR. J. BURGESS:** I have a learning  
10                  disability.

11                  **MR. ENGELMANN:** Sir, can you tell us when  
12                  you would have last worked?

13                  **MR. J. BURGESS:** March.

14                  **MR. ENGELMANN:** Have you had some difficulty  
15                  in keeping jobs for any period of time?

16                  **MR. J. BURGESS:** Yes, I have.

17                  **MR. ENGELMANN:** Now, sir, you told us you  
18                  were sexually abused as a child?

19                  **MR. J. BURGESS:** Yes.

20                  **MR. ENGELMANN:** I want to ask you about  
21                  sexual abuse as a child by a man named Jean-Luc Leblanc.

22                  **MR. J. BURGESS:** Yes.

23                  **MR. ENGELMANN:** Did he sexually abuse you?

24                  **MR. J. BURGESS:** Yes.

25                  **MR. ENGELMANN:** Do you remember

1 approximately when that would have started, either the  
2 year, or what grade you were in, or how old you were?

3 MR. J. BURGESS: About 12, 13 years old.

4 MR. ENGELMANN: So that might have been 1981  
5 or '82?

6 MR. J. BURGESS: Yes.

7 MR. ENGELMANN: And that child sexual abuse,  
8 for about how long did that continue?

9 MR. J. BURGESS: Four (4) years.

10 MR. ENGELMANN: Can you give us a sense,  
11 sir, as to how it is that you met this man?

12 MR. J. BURGESS: At a gas station.

13 MR. ENGELMANN: Here in the City of  
14 Cornwall?

15 MR. J. BURGESS: Yes.

16 MR. ENGELMANN: All right. How was it that  
17 you happened to be at the gas station at that age?

18 MR. J. BURGESS: I used to do errands for  
19 the people that worked there and the guy just drove up on  
20 his bike and asked me if I was looking for a couple odd  
21 jobs to do. He'd pay me cash.

22 MR. ENGELMANN: Okay. So you were running  
23 errands for people who worked at this gas station?

24 MR. J. BURGESS: Yes, because they couldn't  
25 leave.

1                   **MR. ENGELMANN:** So what kind of stuff were  
2                   you doing?

3                   **MR. J. BURGESS:** Go to McDonald's to get  
4                   them something to eat for lunch.

5                   **MR. ENGELMANN:** All right.

6                   **MR. J. BURGESS:** Come back. It's only a  
7                   couple of blocks.

8                   **MR. ENGELMANN:** So they gave you some money  
9                   for doing some errands for them?

10                  **MR. J. BURGESS:** Yes.

11                  **MR. ENGELMANN:** And then one day this man,  
12                  Mr. Leblanc, came up on his motorcycle?

13                  **MR. J. BURGESS:** Yes.

14                  **MR. ENGELMANN:** Is that what happened?

15                  **MR. J. BURGESS:** Yes.

16                  **MR. ENGELMANN:** I think you told us he  
17                  suggested to you that he would pay you?

18                  **MR. J. BURGESS:** Yes.

19                  **MR. ENGELMANN:** What did he talk about as  
20                  far as paying you and to do what?

21                  **MR. J. BURGESS:** Twenty (20) bucks.

22                  **MR. ENGELMANN:** Twenty (20) dollars?

23                  **MR. J. BURGESS:** Yes.

24                  **MR. ENGELMANN:** Was that a lot of money for  
25                  you back then?



1 MR. J. BURGESS: To me it was.

2 MR. ENGELMANN: What did he talk to you  
3 about doing for him?

4 MR. J. BURGESS: Cutting his grass. Mainly  
5 it was cutting his grass.

6 MR. ENGELMANN: Did he have other chores  
7 that he said he wanted you to do?

8 MR. J. BURGESS: No.

9 MR. ENGELMANN: So do you remember -- you  
10 met him at the gas station. Did you go to his home with  
11 him that day or was it sometime later?

12 MR. J. BURGESS: Sometime later.

13 MR. ENGELMANN: Okay. Do you remember how  
14 that happened? Did you meet him again at the gas station,  
15 or what happened?

16 MR. J. BURGESS: That I remember, I had his  
17 phone number, I think, and would call him.

18 MR. ENGELMANN: All right. Where did he  
19 live when you first met him?

20 MR. J. BURGESS: Sunset Trailer Park.

21 MR. ENGELMANN: I'm sorry?

22 MR. J. BURGESS: Sunset Trailer Park.

23 MR. ENGELMANN: Okay. So he lived in a  
24 trailer or mobile home?

25 MR. J. BURGESS: Yes, Vincent Massey.

1                   **MR. ENGELMANN:** Okay. Was that far from  
2 where you were living?

3                   **MR. J. BURGESS:** About 15, 20 minutes.

4                   **MR. ENGELMANN:** So you could walk there?

5                   **MR. J. BURGESS:** Yes.

6                   **MR. ENGELMANN:** Did you do some errands for  
7 him that day?

8                   **MR. J. BURGESS:** Yes, I did.

9                   **MR. ENGELMANN:** All right. Was there any  
10 sexual abuse that happened that day?

11                   **MR. J. BURGESS:** No.

12                   **MR. ENGELMANN:** All right.

13                   **MR. J. BURGESS:** Later on.

14                   **MR. ENGELMANN:** Were there a few other times  
15 that you did errands for him before there was any form of  
16 abuse? I'm sorry. So you did some errands for him and he  
17 paid you some money?

18                   **MR. J. BURGESS:** Yes, I did.

19                   **MR. ENGELMANN:** All right. Did he ask you  
20 to come back?

21                   **MR. J. BURGESS:** Yes.

22                   **MR. ENGELMANN:** And when you came back the  
23 second time, did you do some chores or some errands for  
24 him?

25                   **MR. J. BURGESS:** There was a little bit more

1 involved as in chores.

2 MR. ENGELMANN: I'm sorry?

3 MR. J. BURGESS: There was more involved  
4 after.

5 MR. ENGELMANN: All right. So at some point  
6 after you started going to his house to do some chores, he  
7 wanted to do other things?

8 MR. J. BURGESS: Yes.

9 MR. ENGELMANN: Did he continue to pay you  
10 each time you came to his house or give you some form of  
11 gift?

12 MR. J. BURGESS: I always left there with  
13 money.

14 MR. ENGELMANN: You always left there with  
15 money? Okay. And did you have any money?

16 MR. J. BURGESS: No.

17 MR. ENGELMANN: So this was a source of  
18 income?

19 MR. J. BURGESS: Yes.

20 MR. ENGELMANN: When he started to ask you  
21 to do other things, some of those things involved sexual  
22 activity of some sort?

23 MR. J. BURGESS: Yes.

24 MR. ENGELMANN: Can you give us a sense as  
25 to how that started, Mr. Burgess?

1                   **MR. J. BURGESS:** Like taking our clothes  
2                   off. Go in the room, he'd do things to us.

3                   **MR. ENGELMANN:** Did he ask you to do things  
4                   to him?

5                   **MR. J. BURGESS:** Yes.

6                   **MR. ENGELMANN:** And did he do things to you?

7                   **MR. J. BURGESS:** Yes.

8                   **MR. ENGELMANN:** Mr. Burgess, I understand,  
9                   amongst other things, there was some oral sex involved?

10                  **MR. J. BURGESS:** Yes.

11                  **MR. ENGELMANN:** Was there more than that?

12                  **MR. J. BURGESS:** A lot.

13                  **MR. ENGELMANN:** Was there some form of  
14                  penetration at some point?

15                  **MR. J. BURGESS:** Yes.

16                  **MR. ENGELMANN:** By Mr. Leblanc?

17                  **MR. J. BURGESS:** Yes.

18                  **MR. ENGELMANN:** So there were other types of  
19                  sexual activity that he did?

20                  **MR. J. BURGESS:** Yes, there was.

21                  **MR. ENGELMANN:** Okay. If I could just have  
22                  a moment?

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

24                               **(SHORT PAUSE/COURTE PAUSE)**

25                  **MR. ENGELMANN:** Now, when this started, this

1 sexual abuse, was it just you and him that were in the  
2 trailer?

3 MR. J. BURGESS: At first.

4 MR. ENGELMANN: Okay. And at some point  
5 later on, were there any other people there when this would  
6 happen?

7 MR. J. BURGESS: My sister and my brother.

8 MR. ENGELMANN: Let me just ask you a couple  
9 of questions about that then, and I'm going to ask you some  
10 very direct questions.

11 To your knowledge, did Mr. Leblanc sexually  
12 abuse your brother Scott in your presence?

13 MR. J. BURGESS: Yes.

14 MR. ENGELMANN: Did he sexually abuse your  
15 sister Cindy in your presence?

16 MR. J. BURGESS: Yes.

17 MR. ENGELMANN: Did he also abuse another  
18 boy in your presence?

19 MR. J. BURGESS: Yes.

20 MR. ENGELMANN: Sir, are you aware if he  
21 abused any other children?

22 MR. J. BURGESS: Yes.

23 MR. ENGELMANN: And that isn't because you  
24 saw it; it's because he told you about it?

25 MR. J. BURGESS: Yes.

1                   **MR. ENGELMANN:** Now, Mr. Burgess, you've  
2                   told us that this took place over a period of about four  
3                   years.

4                   **MR. J. BURGESS:** Yes.

5                   **MR. ENGELMANN:** During that time, you told  
6                   us he gave you money every time you were with him.

7                   **MR. J. BURGESS:** Yes.

8                   **MR. ENGELMANN:** Did he buy you anything?

9                   **MR. J. BURGESS:** He bought a hat and scarf.

10                  **MR. ENGELMANN:** Were there other things he  
11                  would buy from time to time?

12                  **MR. J. BURGESS:** Some things I don't  
13                  remember.

14                  **MR. ENGELMANN:** Would you be fed as well?

15                  **MR. J. BURGESS:** He'd bring me out for  
16                  breakfast a lot.

17                  **MR. ENGELMANN:** So he'd take you out to a  
18                  restaurant for breakfast?

19                  **MR. J. BURGESS:** Miss Cornwall.

20                  **MR. ENGELMANN:** Did he ever take you on  
21                  trips? You said he had a motorcycle. I don't know if you  
22                  remember.

23                  **MR. J. BURGESS:** He took us to Buckingham,  
24                  on plane rides, train.

25                  **MR. ENGELMANN:** Did you have any rides on

1 his motorcycle?

2 MR. J. BURGESS: Many.

3 MR. ENGELMANN: Okay. Had you ever done  
4 that before?

5 MR. J. BURGESS: No, it was like a thrill  
6 for me.

7 MR. ENGELMANN: Had you ever been up in a  
8 plane before?

9 MR. J. BURGESS: Never.

10 MR. ENGELMANN: Ever been on a train before?

11 MR. J. BURGESS: Never.

12 MR. ENGELMANN: So those were all new things  
13 for you?

14 MR. J. BURGESS: Yes.

15 MR. ENGELMANN: And the cottage he took you  
16 to in Buckingham, that's Buckingham, Quebec?

17 MR. J. BURGESS: Yes.

18 MR. ENGELMANN: Is that his cottage or  
19 someone in his family?

20 MR. J. BURGESS: To my knowledge, it was  
21 somebody in the family.

22 MR. ENGELMANN: So, Mr. Burgess, you were  
23 sexually abused in his trailer in the trailer park in  
24 Cornwall; correct?

25 MR. J. BURGESS: Yes.

1                   **MR. ENGELMANN:** We understand that Mr.  
2                   Leblanc moved to a home on Cumberland Street?  
3                   **MR. J. BURGESS:** Yes.  
4                   **MR. ENGELMANN:** Was there more sexual abuse  
5                   there?  
6                   **MR. J. BURGESS:** A lot more.  
7                   **MR. ENGELMANN:** Were there other places  
8                   where this happened?  
9                   **MR. J. BURGESS:** His cottage.  
10                  **MR. ENGELMANN:** That's the cottage in  
11                  Buckingham?  
12                  **MR. J. BURGESS:** Yes. TCTI, Transport Canada  
13                  Training Institute, he'd take us swimming there.  
14                  **MR. ENGELMANN:** He would take you swimming  
15                  and then there would be some abuse there as well?  
16                  **MR. J. BURGESS:** Yes.  
17                  **MR. ENGELMANN:** And were there other people  
18                  there at the time or were you alone?  
19                  **MR. J. BURGESS:** My sister and my brother.  
20                  **MR. ENGELMANN:** But was there anybody else  
21                  there or was he there at a private time?  
22                  **MR. J. BURGESS:** No, there was other people  
23                  there.  
24                  **MR. ENGELMANN:** Were they present when he  
25                  was doing this or was he doing it in a hidden place of some



1 sort?

2 MR. J. BURGESS: I don't ---

3 MR. ENGELMANN: Where at the TCTI building  
4 did this happen?

5 MR. J. BURGESS: It was in the change room.

6 MR. ENGELMANN: All right.

7 When he was there with you and your brother  
8 and sister?

9 MR. J. BURGESS: Yes.

10 MR. ENGELMANN: And did he have access to  
11 that building, to your knowledge?

12 MR. J. BURGESS: At all times.

13 MR. ENGELMANN: And how was that?

14 MR. J. BURGESS: Because he worked there.

15 MR. ENGELMANN: So he had a key or a pass to  
16 get there?

17 MR. J. BURGESS: Yes.

18 MR. ENGELMANN: Had he met your parents, Mr.  
19 Burgess?

20 MR. J. BURGESS: Yes.

21 MR. ENGELMANN: And would they know from  
22 time to time that you were with him?

23 MR. J. BURGESS: Yes, they did.

24 MR. ENGELMANN: Okay. Do you know what his  
25 relationship was like with them at the time?

1 MR. J. BURGESS: Good.

2 MR. ENGELMANN: Okay. He was friendly with  
3 your parents?

4 MR. J. BURGESS: Yes.

5 MR. ENGELMANN: They didn't know what he was  
6 doing?

7 MR. J. BURGESS: No.

8 MR. ENGELMANN: You didn't tell them?

9 MR. J. BURGESS: No.

10 MR. ENGELMANN: Did you tell anybody what he  
11 was doing when he was doing it?

12 MR. J. BURGESS: Nobody knew.

13 MR. ENGELMANN: And do you remember why they  
14 didn't know, why you weren't telling anybody?

15 MR. J. BURGESS: Afraid to tell.

16 MR. ENGELMANN: Did Mr. Leblanc talk to you  
17 about whether you should tell people or not?

18 MR. J. BURGESS: We were told not to say  
19 anything.

20 MR. ENGELMANN: Were you told what would  
21 happen if you did?

22 MR. J. BURGESS: We wouldn't get things,  
23 money, nothing.

24 MR. ENGELMANN: You wouldn't get anything?

25 MR. J. BURGESS: Yes.

1                   **MR. ENGELMANN:** How did it end, Mr. Burgess?  
2                   You said it ended in about 1985, I think?

3                   **MR. J. BURGESS:** Yes, because I got a job at  
4                   Seaway News.

5                   **MR. ENGELMANN:** All right.  
6                   Was that a part-time job?

7                   **MR. J. BURGESS:** Yes.

8                   **MR. ENGELMANN:** And you just stopped going  
9                   to his house or he stopped coming to see you? What  
10                  happened?

11                  **MR. J. BURGESS:** I just stopped going.

12                  **MR. ENGELMANN:** Would you see him on  
13                  occasion?

14                  **MR. J. BURGESS:** Yes.

15                  **MR. ENGELMANN:** And would he ask you if you  
16                  would come or do you remember what would happen?

17                  **MR. J. BURGESS:** I don't remember.

18                  **MR. ENGELMANN:** Maybe I'm not being very  
19                  clear.

20                  So sometime in 1985 you got a part-time job?

21                  **MR. J. BURGESS:** Yes.

22                  **MR. ENGELMANN:** And at some point he stopped  
23                  abusing you; correct?

24                  **MR. J. BURGESS:** Because he was charged at  
25                  the time.

1                   **MR. ENGELMANN:** Okay. Well, we've heard he  
2 was charged in January of 1986, and I think -- I'm just  
3 going to ask you to take a look at -- it's document 708125.

4                   **THE COMMISSIONER:** Is that an exhibit yet?

5                   **MR. ENGELMANN:** No.

6                   **THE COMMISSIONER:** And will it be a "P" or a  
7 "C" exhibit?

8                   **MR. ENGELMANN:** It will be a "P" exhibit.

9                   **THE COMMISSIONER:** Okay.

10                  **THE REGISTRAR:** P-107.

11                  **THE COMMISSIONER:** I'm sorry, P-107? And  
12 what is the document?

13                  **MR. ENGELMANN:** It's a Will State that was  
14 prepared by someone at the Cornwall Police Service.

15                  **--- EXHIBIT NO./PIÈCE NO. P-107:**

16                               Jody Burgess - Will Say Statement

17                  **MR. ENGELMANN:** Mr. Burgess, I don't know --  
18 you've seen this document recently; is that correct?

19                  **MR. J. BURGESS:** Yes.

20                  **MR. ENGELMANN:** Had you seen it before you  
21 saw it recently?

22                  **MR. J. BURGESS:** Yes.

23                  **MR. ENGELMANN:** When would you have seen it  
24 before? Did you see it here at the Commission office?

25                  **MR. J. BURGESS:** Yes, I have.

1                   **MR. ENGELMANN:** Is that the first time you  
2 saw it?

3                   **MR. J. BURGESS:** That's the last time I saw  
4 it.

5                   **MR. ENGELMANN:** Okay. It was the last time  
6 you saw it. Was it also the first time you saw it?

7                   **MR. J. BURGESS:** Yes, it was.

8                   **MR. ENGELMANN:** All right.

9                   Do you remember, Mr. Burgess, if you ever  
10 wrote out a statement many, many years ago, in 1986?

11                   **MR. J. BURGESS:** Years ago, yes.

12                   **MR. ENGELMANN:** I'm sorry?

13                   **MR. J. BURGESS:** Yes.

14                   **MR. ENGELMANN:** Okay. And do you remember  
15 if you actually wrote a statement or if a police officer  
16 wrote a statement when he was talking to you?

17                   **MR. J. BURGESS:** I think it was the police  
18 that did it, wrote the statement.

19                   **MR. ENGELMANN:** Do you remember if you were  
20 asked to sign something at the end of that?

21                   **MR. J. BURGESS:** Yes.

22                   **MR. ENGELMANN:** And do you remember how many  
23 times you would have met with the police -- and I'm talking  
24 about the Cornwall Police -- in January 1986 or later about  
25 Jean-Luc Leblanc?

1 MR. J. BURGESS: Once.

2 MR. ENGELMANN: All right.

3 And do you remember where that was?

4 MR. J. BURGESS: It was on Cumberland.

5 MR. ENGELMANN: All right.

6 Was it in your parents' home?

7 MR. J. BURGESS: Yes.

8 MR. ENGELMANN: Do you remember where in  
9 your parents' home it was?

10 MR. J. BURGESS: In my room.

11 MR. ENGELMANN: In your bedroom?

12 MR. J. BURGESS: Yes.

13 MR. ENGELMANN: All right.

14 And do you remember if there was one officer  
15 or two officers who spoke with you?

16 MR. J. BURGESS: I think two.

17 MR. ENGELMANN: And do you remember if you  
18 had a parent present or an adult present with you?

19 MR. J. BURGESS: No.

20 MR. ENGELMANN: Sir, just to clarify your  
21 last answer, do you not remember if there was a parent  
22 there or was there a parent there?

23 MR. J. BURGESS: I don't remember.

24 MR. ENGELMANN: Okay. So you're not sure?

25 MR. J. BURGESS: I'm not sure.

1                   **MR. ENGELMANN:** In this document which is  
2 prepared by someone at the Cornwall Police Service,  
3 presumably based on something that you would have told a  
4 police officer, it says, on the second page:

5                   "The last time I was touched by Jean-  
6 Luc was in October 1985 just before  
7 Halloween."

8                   **MR. J. BURGESS:** Yes.

9                   **MR. ENGELMANN:** And I just want you to think  
10 back, Mr. Burgess. Does that seem like it would be about  
11 the right time that this would have stopped?

12                   **MR. J. BURGESS:** Yes.

13                   **MR. ENGELMANN:** All right.

14                   And we've heard he was charged sometime in  
15 late January of 1986, shortly after the police came to your  
16 home.

17                   **MR. J. BURGESS:** M'hm.

18                   **MR. ENGELMANN:** Did you know that he was  
19 charged at that time?

20                   **MR. J. BURGESS:** No.

21                   **MR. ENGELMANN:** In this statement -- sorry,  
22 this Will State Summary, it talks about oral sex and  
23 nothing else.

24                   **MR. J. BURGESS:** That's it.

25                   **MR. ENGELMANN:** Is that accurate?

1 MR. J. BURGESS: No.

2 MR. ENGELMANN: Do you know if this Will  
3 State accurately sets out what you would have told the  
4 police that day, or are you able to tell us that?

5 MR. J. BURGESS: There's more to it.

6 MR. ENGELMANN: You think you told them more  
7 or you're not sure.

8 MR. J. BURGESS: I didn't tell them a lot.

9 MR. ENGELMANN: You didn't tell them a lot  
10 that day?

11 MR. J. BURGESS: No.

12 MR. ENGELMANN: All right.

13 So to your knowledge, is there anything  
14 inaccurate about what has been said here?

15 THE COMMISSIONER: In this ---

16 MR. J. BURGESS: I'm not sure.

17 MR. ENGELMANN: Maybe that's not a fair  
18 question.

19 THE COMMISSIONER: In this document here, is  
20 there anything that is not correct?

21 MR. J. BURGESS: It's not all there.

22 THE COMMISSIONER: Okay. So what is in  
23 there is correct but it's not the whole story?

24 MR. J. BURGESS: Yes, correct.

25 THE COMMISSIONER: Okay.



1                   **MR. ENGELMANN:** Sir, you've told us about,  
2                   for example, abuse in Buckingham and that's not in there.

3                   **MR. J. BURGESS:** Yes. There's missing  
4                   things in here.

5                   **MR. ENGELMANN:** All right.

6                   And you've told us about different types of  
7                   sexual abuse that aren't in there?

8                   **MR. J. BURGESS:** Correct.

9                   **MR. ENGELMANN:** And what about the frequency  
10                  or how often this abuse happened; can you give us a sense  
11                  now, thinking back, how often?

12                  **MR. J. BURGESS:** Many times, 10, 15 -- 10  
13                  times a week.

14                  **MR. ENGELMANN:** Sorry?

15                  **MR. J. BURGESS:** Lots of times.

16                  **MR. ENGELMANN:** Well, you said it took place  
17                  over about four years?

18                  **MR. J. BURGESS:** Yes.

19                  **MR. ENGELMANN:** Do you know how often it  
20                  would happen in a week or in a month or would it depend?

21                  **MR. J. BURGESS:** At least three times a  
22                  week.

23                  **MR. ENGELMANN:** Was it more often during the  
24                  week or on the weekends?

25                  **MR. J. BURGESS:** Weekend.

1                   **MR. ENGELMANN:** Was it most weekends?

2                   **MR. J. BURGESS:** Yes, because during school,  
3 we couldn't room out there.

4                   **MR. ENGELMANN:** All right. So when was the  
5 first time, Mr. Burgess, that you told someone else about  
6 what was happening at Jean-Luc Leblanc's house?

7                   **MR. J. BURGESS:** I didn't say nothing. My  
8 brother told.

9                   **MR. ENGELMANN:** All right. That was your  
10 brother Scott?

11                   **MR. J. BURGESS:** Yes.

12                   **MR. ENGELMANN:** So after your brother Scott  
13 told someone about it, did you tell someone about it?

14                   **MR. J. BURGESS:** After.

15                   **MR. ENGELMANN:** And who did you tell?

16                   **MR. J. BURGESS:** The police.

17                   **MR. ENGELMANN:** That was the evening or  
18 night that you talked about at your parents' home?

19                   **MR. J. BURGESS:** Yes.

20                   **MR. ENGELMANN:** How did you feel about that,  
21 that night when they came to talk to you?

22                   **MR. J. BURGESS:** Mad.

23                   **MR. ENGELMANN:** Why did you feel bad?

24                   **THE COMMISSIONER:** Did you say "bad" or  
25 "mad"?

1 MR. J. BURGESS: Mad.

2 MR. ENGELMANN: Mad, I'm sorry.

3 MR. J. BURGESS: Mad.

4 MR. ENGELMANN: Why were you mad?

5 MR. J. BURGESS: Because he was a friend of  
6 mine and I didn't want anybody to know at the time.

7 MR. ENGELMANN: Who were you mad at, at that  
8 time?

9 MR. J. BURGESS: My brother.

10 MR. ENGELMANN: You were mad at your  
11 brother. Did you tell the police what was going on that  
12 night?

13 MR. J. BURGESS: No.

14 MR. ENGELMANN: Did you tell them later  
15 then?

16 MR. J. BURGESS: Yes.

17 MR. ENGELMANN: So you talked to the police  
18 on more than one occasion?

19 MR. J. BURGESS: That I remember, twice.

20 MR. ENGELMANN: Okay. Do you remember, Mr.  
21 Burgess, if you denied it at first and told them later? Do  
22 you understand what I'm asking?

23 MR. J. BURGESS: No.

24 MR. ENGELMANN: All right. You told us  
25 earlier that you thought you only met with the Cornwall

1 Police on one occasion.

2 THE COMMISSIONER: No, I don't think he said  
3 that.

4 MR. ENGELMANN: All right. Do you remember  
5 -- you spoke to someone from the Cornwall Police in your  
6 bedroom in your parents' home?

7 MR. J. BURGESS: Yes.

8 MR. ENGELMANN: Do you remember ever  
9 speaking to them again?

10 MR. J. BURGESS: Once.

11 MR. ENGELMANN: Okay. Do you remember where  
12 you spoke to them the second time?

13 MR. J. BURGESS: Years later.

14 MR. ENGELMANN: Was that the Cornwall  
15 Police, sir, or was that the Ontario Provincial Police?

16 MR. J. BURGESS: OPP.

17 MR. ENGELMANN: Okay. So let's just go back  
18 to the Cornwall Police. One or two police officers spoke  
19 to you in your bedroom shortly after your brother would  
20 have told them about sexual abuse from Mr. Leblanc.

21 MR. J. BURGESS: Yes.

22 MR. ENGELMANN: Aside from that one time in  
23 your bedroom, did you speak to the Cornwall Police again?

24 MR. J. BURGESS: No.

25 MR. ENGELMANN: So when you spoke to them

1           that first night, did you admit at some point during the  
2           interview that you had been abused?

3                       **MR. J. BURGESS:** Yes.

4                       **MR. ENGELMANN:** Did you start by denying it,  
5           by saying it didn't happen and then you said it did happen?

6                       **MR. J. BURGESS:** Yes.

7                       **MR. ENGELMANN:** And you were mad at your  
8           brother?

9                       **MR. J. BURGESS:** Yes, I was.

10                      **MR. ENGELMANN:** And you said because Mr.  
11           Leblanc was your friend?

12                      **MR. J. BURGESS:** Yes.

13                      **MR. ENGELMANN:** After this came out and  
14           after that evening, were you still mad at your brother for  
15           having done this?

16                      **MR. J. BURGESS:** Yes.

17                      **MR. ENGELMANN:** Do you remember how long you  
18           were mad at your brother for that?

19                      **MR. J. BURGESS:** For a while.

20                      **MR. ENGELMANN:** Okay. Thinking back on it  
21           now about what he did, do you think that was the right  
22           thing or the wrong thing for him to do?

23                      **MR. J. BURGESS:** I was glad.

24                      **MR. ENGELMANN:** You're glad that he did it?

25                      **MR. J. BURGESS:** Yes.

1                   **MR. ENGELMANN:** Did you know at the time,  
2                   and I know it's hard to think about, but did you know at  
3                   the time or did you have some thoughts at the time about  
4                   whether it was right or wrong what Mr. Leblanc was doing to  
5                   you?

6                   **MR. J. BURGESS:** Can you repeat that again?

7                   **MR. ENGELMANN:** Okay. You were being  
8                   sexually abused by Mr. Leblanc for a long time.

9                   **MR. J. BURGESS:** Yes.

10                  **MR. ENGELMANN:** On many occasions.

11                  **MR. J. BURGESS:** Yes.

12                  **MR. ENGELMANN:** And you told us at the time  
13                  you thought of him as a friend and you told us he gave you  
14                  all sorts of money and gifts and took you on trips.

15                  Did you think -- at that time, did you have  
16                  a sense as to the sexual abuse, whether that was right or  
17                  wrong?

18                  **MR. J. BURGESS:** At the time, we didn't know  
19                  what was right or wrong.

20                  **MR. ENGELMANN:** When did you start to feel  
21                  that it was either right or wrong?

22                  **MR. J. BURGESS:** After he was charged.

23                  **MR. ENGELMANN:** All right. How did you feel  
24                  about it after that?

25                  **MR. J. BURGESS:** It was wrong.

1                   **MR. ENGELMANN:** Do you remember when it was  
2                   that you first learned that he was charged?

3                   **MR. J. BURGESS:** No.

4                   **MR. ENGELMANN:** Okay. Do you know if that  
5                   happened before or after you found out what happened to him  
6                   in court?

7                   **MR. J. BURGESS:** After.

8                   **MR. ENGELMANN:** How did you find out what  
9                   happened to Mr. Leblanc in court? And I'm thinking back to  
10                  late 1986.

11                  **MR. J. BURGESS:** We hardly knew anything  
12                  about it.

13                  **MR. ENGELMANN:** Were you living in Cornwall  
14                  then?

15                  **MR. J. BURGESS:** Yes, I was.

16                  **MR. ENGELMANN:** Do you know if you were  
17                  still at your parents' house?

18                  **MR. J. BURGESS:** No.

19                  **MR. ENGELMANN:** But you were in Cornwall?

20                  **MR. J. BURGESS:** Yes.

21                  **MR. ENGELMANN:** How did you find out about  
22                  what happened to Mr. Leblanc in court? Do you remember?

23                  **MR. J. BURGESS:** No.

24                  **MR. ENGELMANN:** All right. What did you  
25                  hear when you heard about it?

1 MR. J. BURGESS: Sorry?

2 MR. ENGELMANN: I'm sorry. What I'm trying  
3 to find out is what did you hear happened to Mr. Leblanc in  
4 court?

5 MR. J. BURGESS: That he was charged.

6 MR. ENGELMANN: All right. Did you hear  
7 whether he was found guilty or he plead guilty?

8 MR. J. BURGESS: Guilty.

9 MR. ENGELMANN: I'm sorry?

10 MR. J. BURGESS: Guilty.

11 MR. ENGELMANN: Okay. Did you hear about  
12 what his sentence was, what his punishment was?

13 MR. J. BURGESS: Yes.

14 MR. ENGELMANN: What did you hear?

15 MR. J. BURGESS: That he had probation.

16 MR. ENGELMANN: Do you remember how you felt  
17 when you found that out?

18 MR. J. BURGESS: It was wrong. He should've  
19 got more.

20 MR. ENGELMANN: Now, Mr. Burgess, let's try  
21 and think back to that night. It was late January 1986  
22 when you were interviewed by an officer or two officers  
23 from the Cornwall Police Service at your parents' home. Do  
24 you know if they interviewed other children in your family  
25 that same day?



1 MR. J. BURGESS: My brother.

2 MR. ENGELMANN: Your brother. Which  
3 brother?

4 MR. J. BURGESS: Scott.

5 MR. ENGELMANN: Okay. Do you know whether  
6 they interviewed anybody else?

7 MR. J. BURGESS: No.

8 MR. ENGELMANN: You don't know or they did  
9 not?

10 MR. J. BURGESS: They didn't.

11 MR. ENGELMANN: Okay. How many brothers and  
12 sisters did you have living at home then, that you know?

13 MR. J. BURGESS: All of us except for two.

14 MR. ENGELMANN: So there's five of you  
15 living at home and to your knowledge the police only  
16 interviewed two?

17 MR. J. BURGESS: That's all they knew about.

18 MR. ENGELMANN: Did they ask you about the  
19 other three?

20 MR. J. BURGESS: No.

21 MR. ENGELMANN: Do you remember if there was  
22 anybody else in the home that night from another agency?

23 MR. J. BURGESS: No.

24 MR. ENGELMANN: Do you remember if there was  
25 anybody from the Children's Aid Society there that night?

1 MR. J. BURGESS: Don't remember.

2 MR. ENGELMANN: Okay. Do you remember if  
3 Dawn Raymond was in your house that night?

4 MR. J. BURGESS: Yes.

5 THE COMMISSIONER: So she was?

6 MR. J. BURGESS: She was.

7 MR. ENGELMANN: I'll just be a moment, sir.

8 MR. J. BURGESS: How am I doing?

9 THE COMMISSIONER: You're doing good. Do  
10 you want a break?

11 MR. J. BURGESS: I think so.

12 THE COMMISSIONER: Pardon me?

13 MR. J. BURGESS: Yes.

14 THE COMMISSIONER: All right.

15 Mr. Engelmann, I think it's time for us to  
16 take a break. So we will take 15 minutes now.

17 MR. ENGELMANN: Certainly.

18 THE COMMISSIONER: So if you need anything,  
19 you'll let me know or you'll let that fellow there know.

20 MR. J. BURGESS: Okay.

21 THE COMMISSIONER: Thank you.

22 THE REGISTRAR: Order; all rise. À l'ordre;  
23 veuillez vous lever.

24 The hearing will resume at 10:35.

25 --- Upon recessing at 10:21 a.m./

1 L'audience est suspendue à 10h21

2 --- Upon resuming at 10:57 a.m./

3 L'audience est reprise à 10h57

4 **THE REGISTRAR:** This hearing of the Cornwall  
5 Public Inquiry is now in session.

6 Please be seated. Veuillez vous asseoir.

7 **MR. J. BURGESS:** I made it back.

8 **THE COMMISSIONER:** Thank you.

9 Mr. Engelmann, where were we?

10 **JODY BURGESS, Resumed/sous le même serment:**

11 --- **EXAMINATION IN-CHIEF BY/INTERROGATOIRE EN-CHEF PAR MR.**  
12 **ENGELMANN (cont'd/suite):**

13 **MR. ENGELMANN:** Mr. Commissioner, I just  
14 want take the witness back to January of 1986, if I can.

15 Mr. Burgess, I know this is over 20 years  
16 ago now, but you talked to us about being interviewed in  
17 your parents' home one evening by one or two officers, in  
18 your bedroom, and you thought that might have been the only  
19 time they interviewed you.

20 I want to show you an exhibit that we have,  
21 Exhibit 100, if it's possible, Madam Clerk.

22 This is the will state summary for Constable  
23 Brian Paiement. It is a public document. Do you have a  
24 hard copy for the witness as well?

25 Mr. Burgess, if you could, I'd like you to

1 read the last part of the second paragraph starting with  
2 "Also on January 24<sup>th</sup> 1986, he interviewed Jody Burgess".

3 Do you see that?

4 **MR. J. BURGESS:** Yes.

5 **MR. ENGELMANN:** And then there's a reference  
6 in the next paragraph ---

7 **THE COMMISSIONER:** Sorry. Just to help, I  
8 don't know if you understand what is going on here, but  
9 this is a will state from a police officer.

10 **MR. J. BURGESS:** Okay.

11 **THE COMMISSIONER:** All right? So it's not  
12 his statement, but it's a condensed, it's a ---

13 **MR. J. BURGESS:** And this was on January  
14 24<sup>th</sup>?

15 **THE COMMISSIONER:** He says that on January  
16 24<sup>th</sup> 1986, he interviewed Jody Burgess.

17 **MR. J. BURGESS:** That was the day after my  
18 birthday.

19 **THE COMMISSIONER:** There you go. Okay. So  
20 do you remember that at all?

21 **MR. J. BURGESS:** We're going back years ago.

22 **THE COMMISSIONER:** No, I understand, and so  
23 if you don't remember, that's fine, but what he says is  
24 there, on January 24, 1986, so the day after your birthday,  
25 he, Mr. Paiement, would have interviewed you but was unable

1 to get a statement because while you admitted that -- I  
2 guess you didn't want to give a statement at that time.

3 MR. J. BURGESS: The night that he came, I  
4 didn't want to give anything.

5 THE COMMISSIONER: Right.

6 MR. J. BURGESS: So he gave me all night to  
7 think about it and the next morning and that's -- I went  
8 the next morning and I gave him what I had.

9 MR. ENGELMANN: Okay. So there were two  
10 meetings?

11 MR. J. BURGESS: Yes, there were two  
12 meetings.

13 MR. ENGELMANN: So the first time was in  
14 your parents' home?

15 MR. J. BURGESS: In my room.

16 MR. ENGELMANN: In your room?

17 MR. J. BURGESS: Yes.

18 MR. ENGELMANN: And then you did go the next  
19 day?

20 MR. J. BURGESS: Yes, because I didn't -- I  
21 didn't want to say anything.

22 MR. ENGELMANN: All right so he says, if we  
23 just look at the next paragraph, that on January 26th,  
24 sorry 25th, 1986, he interviewed Jody Burgess and Jason Tyo  
25 and as a result of these interviews, statements were taken.

1 So does that seem like that's the way it happened?

2 MR. J. BURGESS: Yes.

3 MR. ENGELMANN: Okay. All right. Thank  
4 you.

5 After that, after January 25th 1986 until  
6 the time you heard that Mr. Leblanc had received probation  
7 and been through court, do you know if you were ever  
8 interviewed or called by anyone from the Police Department?

9 MR. J. BURGESS: No.

10 MR. ENGELMANN: No, you weren't or you don't  
11 remember? I am sorry.

12 MR. J. BURGESS: No, I wasn't.

13 MR. ENGELMANN: All right. But many many  
14 years later, you were interviewed by the Ontario Provincial  
15 Police?

16 MR. J. BURGESS: Project Truth.

17 MR. ENGELMANN: Yes, okay. And Mr.  
18 Leblanc's case was in -- we know that he pleaded guilty in  
19 November of 1986 and I believe you told us you had no  
20 discussions with a Crown Prosecutor in 1986.

21 MR. J. BURGESS: No.

22 MR. ENGELMANN: All right. Let's move  
23 forward then a number of years, someone spoke to you during  
24 the Project Truth inquiry that the OPP was doing.

25 MR. J. BURGESS: I was living at my

1 girlfriend's and they came and saw me.

2 **MR. ENGELMANN:** All right. Do you know if  
3 they interviewed you at that time?

4 **MR. J. BURGESS:** Yes.

5 **MR. ENGELMANN:** All right. Perhaps if the  
6 witness could be shown Document Number 708426. And Mr.  
7 Commissioner, this is an interview report dated February  
8 9th, 1999.

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

10 **MR. ENGELMANN:** A Detective Constable J.D.  
11 Dupuis meeting with Jody Jonathan Burgess and until  
12 tomorrow, when there'll be some motions on this, I would  
13 ask that this be made a temporary "C" exhibit. There's the  
14 name of another person, another alleged victim on the third  
15 and fourth pages of the document.

16 **THE COMMISSIONER:** All right. So I'll throw  
17 out any comments -- any serious objections at this point  
18 from any counsel that this matter be put as a "C" exhibit  
19 until tomorrow morning?

20 The course of silence having been duly  
21 noted, this will be C-108.

22 **--- EXHIBIT NO./PIÈCE NO C-108:**

23 Jody Burgess - Interview Report - February  
24 9, 1999.

25 **MR. ENGELMANN:** Mr. Burgess, what you should

1 have in front of you is a four-page typed document and then  
2 there's just some handwriting afterwards and that's the  
3 handwritten version of those typed notes, so they're just a  
4 repeat in handwriting.

5 Do you recall being interviewed by an OPP  
6 officer in 1999?

7 **MR. J. BURGESS:** And I call them the boys in  
8 suits.

9 **MR. ENGELMANN:** The boys in suits, okay, so  
10 he wasn't wearing a police uniform?

11 **MR. J. BURGESS:** No.

12 **MR. ENGELMANN:** Okay. You said "boys in  
13 suits", was there more than one at the time?

14 **MR. J. BURGESS:** Two.

15 **MR. ENGELMANN:** All right. How did this  
16 come about, it says, "Place of interview: Burgess  
17 residence". Did they call you or contact you before they  
18 came to the house? Do you remember what happened?

19 **MR. J. BURGESS:** Don't remember.

20 **MR. ENGELMANN:** All right. But you do  
21 remember the interview?

22 **MR. J. BURGESS:** I remember them being  
23 there, yeah.

24 **MR. ENGELMANN:** And the notes suggest that  
25 the interview took about half an hour, does that seem about



1 right?

2 MR. J. BURGESS: Yes.

3 MR. ENGELMANN: And do you recall at the  
4 time if -- I'm just looking at the last page of the  
5 document ---

6 THE COMMISSIONER: I am sorry, Mr.  
7 Engelmann, I am sorry to -- I understand that there are new  
8 counsel at counsel table today.

9 MR. ENGELMANN: That's right.

10 THE COMMISSIONER: And that these are "C"  
11 exhibits and so either you can twist the screen that way so  
12 that, I think, to be consistent, although they are sitting  
13 at counsel table, that they shouldn't really be looking at  
14 those things.

15 And I think we'll leave introductions of  
16 these new lawyers and/or legal people to a little later on  
17 when we have a little more time. All right. Thank you.

18 MR. ENGELMANN: Mr. Commissioner, out of  
19 abundance of caution, I don't know if it's necessary that  
20 the document be on the screen.

21 THE COMMISSIONER: For the lawyers? It's  
22 not on the public screens.

23 MR. ENGELMANN: No. I realize that.

24 THE COMMISSIONER: Well, some lawyers might  
25 want to; ---

1                   **MR. ENGELMANN:** Fair enough.

2                   **THE COMMISSIONER:** --- you can't speak for  
3 everyone.

4                   **MR. ENGELMANN:** Fair enough. Fair enough.  
5 I'm not sure ---

6                   **THE COMMISSIONER:** And once this document is  
7 done, then you can come back to the counsel table.

8                   **MR. ENGELMANN:** All right.

9                   Mr. Burgess, could I just ask you to take a  
10 look at the very last page of the exhibit, the handwritten  
11 page? Can you tell us if you recognize the signature at  
12 the end?

13                   **MR. J. BURGESS:** That's mine.

14                   **MR. ENGELMANN:** All right. Did you write  
15 out these notes or would the police officer have written  
16 them out?

17                   **MR. J. BURGESS:** Police officer.

18                   **MR. ENGELMANN:** All right. Just having  
19 looked at them, it appears the "Q" is the question from the  
20 police officer and the "A" is your answer to his question?

21                   **MR. J. BURGESS:** Yes.

22                   **MR. ENGELMANN:** All right. Do you recall if  
23 you were given a copy of the statement at that time?

24                   **MR. J. BURGESS:** Don't remember.

25                   **MR. ENGELMANN:** All right. Have you seen

1           this statement here at the Commission Office recently?

2                       **MR. J. BURGESS:** Yes.

3                       **MR. ENGELMANN:** And you had a chance to  
4 review it for its accuracy, have you had a chance to look  
5 at it to see whether it says what you told the police  
6 officer?

7                       **MR. J. BURGESS:** Yes.

8                       **MR. ENGELMANN:** Again, is there anything  
9 about the statement that you think might be inaccurate?

10                      **MR. J. BURGESS:** No.

11                      **MR. ENGELMANN:** All right. One of the  
12 things that I wanted to ask you about is on the third page  
13 of the statement, and I -- it asks if anything happened at  
14 the cottage, and you said you didn't recall.

15                      You have told us today that something did  
16 happen at that cottage.

17                      **MR. J. BURGESS:** Yes.

18                      **MR. ENGELMANN:** Being the cottage in  
19 Buckingham, right?

20                      **MR. J. BURGESS:** Yes.

21                      **MR. ENGELMANN:** And when you were  
22 interviewed, and I'm just looking at the first page of the  
23 exhibit, you mentioned that you, Scott, and Cindy were all  
24 abused by Mr. Leblanc?

25                      **MR. J. BURGESS:** Yes.

1                   **MR. ENGELMANN:** Do you know if the abuse as  
2                   against your sister had ever been investigated before then?

3                   **MR. J. BURGESS:** No.

4                   **MR. ENGELMANN:** You don't know or it wasn't?

5                   **MR. J. BURGESS:** It wasn't.

6                   **MR. ENGELMANN:** Thinking back to that  
7                   interview, did you answer the police officer's questions to  
8                   the best of your ability?

9                   **MR. J. BURGESS:** Yes.

10                  **MR. ENGELMANN:** Were you asked any questions  
11                  about any other brothers and sisters at that time, do you  
12                  know?

13                  **MR. J. BURGESS:** Don't know.

14                  **MR. ENGELMANN:** After this interview, were  
15                  you told about Mr. Leblanc being charged again and having  
16                  to go to court?

17                  **MR. J. BURGESS:** Yes.

18                  **MR. ENGELMANN:** And were you told where and  
19                  when he would be showing up in court?

20                  **MR. J. BURGESS:** I was there.

21                  **MR. ENGELMANN:** So you were told then?

22                  **MR. J. BURGESS:** Yes.

23                  **MR. ENGELMANN:** I understand this wasn't  
24                  about charges against you, but it was about charges against  
25                  others.

1 MR. J. BURGESS: Yes.

2 MR. ENGELMANN: And who would have told you  
3 when and where the court was, do you remember?

4 MR. J. BURGESS: Project Truth.

5 MR. ENGELMANN: So a detective or an officer  
6 from the OPP?

7 MR. J. BURGESS: Yes.

8 MR. ENGELMANN: And do you recall if you  
9 were asked to fill out a Victim Impact Statement?

10 MR. J. BURGESS: I don't remember.

11 MR. ENGELMANN: Okay. If the witness could  
12 be shown Document Number 117845 and just for reference to  
13 counsel, it is just a larger version of Document Number  
14 707948. This can be a public exhibit.

15 THE COMMISSIONER: Exhibit 109.

16 ---EXHIBIT NO./PIÈCE NO P-109:

17 Jody Burgess - Victim Impact Statement.

18 MR. ENGELMANN: Mr. Burgess, I am showing  
19 you a document, unfortunately on this version, what's cut  
20 off at the top is the caption "Victim Impact Statement",  
21 also says "Déclaration de la victime".

22 I just want you to take a look at the second  
23 page. Can you tell us if that's your signature at the  
24 bottom of the page?

25 MR. J. BURGESS: Yes.

1                   **MR. ENGELMANN:** Sir, do you -- is this your  
2                   handwriting?

3                   **MR. J. BURGESS:** Yes.

4                   **MR. ENGELMANN:** So you would have filled out  
5                   this form?

6                   **MR. J. BURGESS:** Is this for criminal's  
7                   injuries?

8                   **MR. ENGELMANN:** No.

9                   **MR. J. BURGESS:** No?

10                  **MR. ENGELMANN:** This is a statement that can  
11                  -- is sometimes read by victims in court or it could be  
12                  read by a prosecutor in court or sometimes it's not read,  
13                  but it's a Victim Impact Statement.

14                  **THE COMMISSIONER:** It would have been given  
15                  to the judge when Mr. Leblanc was found guilty.

16                  **MR. J. BURGESS:** That was two years ago,  
17                  right?

18                  **THE COMMISSIONER:** Was it two years?

19                  **MR. ENGELMANN:** It was more recently, yes.

20                  **THE COMMISSIONER:** Yes.

21                  **MR. J. BURGESS:** Okay.

22                  **THE COMMISSIONER:** So that's what we're  
23                  talking about now, okay?

24                  **MR. J. BURGESS:** Okay.

25                  **MR. ENGELMANN:** Okay, does that refresh your

1 memory a bit?

2 MR. J. BURGESS: Yes.

3 MR. ENGELMANN: So do you remember who would  
4 have given you this form to fill out?

5 MR. J. BURGESS: No.

6 MR. ENGELMANN: All right. So you don't  
7 remember someone talking to you about what the purpose of  
8 the form was?

9 MR. J. BURGESS: No.

10 MR. ENGELMANN: All right. But you did fill  
11 out this form?

12 MR. J. BURGESS: Yes.

13 MR. ENGELMANN: And you were in court when  
14 Mr. Leblanc was sentenced?

15 MR. J. BURGESS: Yes.

16 MR. ENGELMANN: And when he was declared a  
17 long-term offender?

18 MR. J. BURGESS: M'hm.

19 MR. ENGELMANN: And he was sentenced to jail  
20 for approximately 10 years?

21 MR. J. BURGESS: Yes.

22 MR. ENGELMANN: And do you remember, Mr.  
23 Burgess, if you were asked if you wanted to read a  
24 statement about the impact that his sexual abuse had on  
25 you?

1 MR. J. BURGESS: No.

2 MR. ENGELMANN: You just don't remember.

3 MR. J. BURGESS: Don't remember.

4 MR. ENGELMANN: All right. Now, this form  
5 is dated in late 2001, and you talked a little bit in your  
6 own words about the impact or the personal reaction. Do  
7 you, to this day, still have some impact or effects from  
8 this child sexual abuse?

9 MR. J. BURGESS: Yes.

10 MR. ENGELMANN: Is there anything you want  
11 to tell us about that impact, either from this statement or  
12 just from you personally?

13 MR. J. BURGESS: That's sums it, that says  
14 what it's ---

15 THE COMMISSIONER: So how are you feeling  
16 now? Do you feel angry, hurt, sad about this whole thing?

17 MR. J. BURGESS: The whole thing.

18 THE COMMISSIONER: Yes. Do you think that -  
19 - if you're going to look at how you've been feeling in the  
20 last few months and years, do you feel that you're getting  
21 a little bit better?

22 MR. J. BURGESS: No.

23 THE COMMISSIONER: No, all right. And do  
24 you have anybody that can help you a little bit, like  
25 counselling?



1 MR. J. BURGESS: I've seen Dr. Caley.

2 THE COMMISSIONER: Right.

3 MR. J. BURGESS: It seems not to help me --  
4 at all.

5 THE COMMISSIONER: And so if someone found  
6 you somebody else to go and see, would you be willing to  
7 give that a try?

8 MR. J. BURGESS: A try, yes.

9 THE COMMISSIONER: Yes, that's all we can  
10 ask is a try. Okay.

11 And you're living in Cornwall now?

12 MR. J. BURGESS: Yes.

13 THE COMMISSIONER: All right.

14 And how are your days? Do you have good  
15 days?

16 MR. J. BURGESS: I get by, good days and bad  
17 days.

18 THE COMMISSIONER: Sure.

19 MR. ENGELMANN: So you're living with  
20 someone now, sir? You're living with someone now?

21 MR. J. BURGESS: No.

22 MR. ENGELMANN: Do you have a child now?

23 MR. J. BURGESS: Yes, I do.

24 THE COMMISSIONER: How old is your child?

25 MR. J. BURGESS: Two years and two months.

1           That's my life.

2                           **THE COMMISSIONER:** A boy or a girl?

3                           **MR. J. BURGESS:** Boy.

4                           **THE COMMISSIONER:** And is that boy living  
5           with you?

6                           **MR. J. BURGESS:** With a girlfriend.

7                           **THE COMMISSIONER:** Right. Okay. Do you get  
8           to see him often?

9                           **MR. J. BURGESS:** Almost every day.

10                          **THE COMMISSIONER:** Good for you.

11                          **MR. J. BURGESS:** That's what's keeping me  
12           going.

13                          **THE COMMISSIONER:** Good, good.

14                          **MR. ENGELMANN:** Sir, you were in court the  
15           second time when Mr. Leblanc was sentenced?

16                          **MR. J. BURGESS:** Yes.

17                          **MR. ENGELMANN:** What was your -- how did you  
18           feel about how he was dealt with that time?

19                          **MR. J. BURGESS:** I think he should've been  
20           in jail the first time it happened.

21                          **MR. ENGELMANN:** The first time? Yes. Yes,  
22           you told us that you were not -- that you were upset about  
23           that first sentence.

24                          **MR. J. BURGESS:** The second one too.

25                          **MR. ENGELMANN:** The second one as well?

1 MR. J. BURGESS: Yes.

2 MR. ENGELMANN: And why is that?

3 MR. J. BURGESS: Because he did it to too  
4 many people.

5 MR. ENGELMANN: Okay.

6 MR. J. BURGESS: He should be in there for  
7 life.

8 MR. ENGELMANN: All right.  
9 Sir, after this, did you apply for some  
10 assistance or some money from the Criminal Injuries  
11 Compensation Board?

12 MR. J. BURGESS: Yes, I did.

13 MR. ENGELMANN: And can you tell us how you  
14 found out about it?

15 MR. J. BURGESS: Through somebody else.

16 MR. ENGELMANN: Okay. Was that a police --  
17 -

18 MR. J. BURGESS: A victim.

19 MR. ENGELMANN: --- officer or a lawyer?

20 MR. J. BURGESS: No, another victim.

21 MR. ENGELMANN: Another victim. And did  
22 someone help you with that application, sir?

23 MR. J. BURGESS: My sister.

24 MR. ENGELMANN: Were you successful in  
25 getting some compensation from the Board?

1                   **MR. J. BURGESS:** Yes. I did get money but  
2 money is not the cure.

3                   **MR. ENGELMANN:** They accepted your claim at  
4 least in part, though; is that right?

5                   **MR. J. BURGESS:** They accepted, yes.

6                   **MR. ENGELMANN:** Do you remember if you were  
7 offered counselling? The Commissioner talked to you about  
8 whether you'd go and I know you mentioned Dr. Kaylie. Were  
9 you offered counselling back in 1986 when this first  
10 happened?

11                   **MR. J. BURGESS:** No.

12                   **MR. ENGELMANN:** What about the second time  
13 through when you were involved in the prosecution of Mr.  
14 Leblanc?

15                   **MR. J. BURGESS:** No, not that I remember.

16                   **MR. ENGELMANN:** But you'd consider some  
17 today, as I understand it?

18                   **MR. J. BURGESS:** Yes.

19                   **MR. ENGELMANN:** Sir, I want to ask you a  
20 couple of questions. I'm not sure if you know any of these  
21 people but can you tell us if you were ever contacted by a  
22 constable from the Cornwall Police Service whose name is  
23 Perry Dunlop?

24                   **MR. J. BURGESS:** I don't remember his name.  
25 I'm not sure.

1                   **MR. ENGELMANN:** Well, aside from January 24<sup>th</sup>  
2                   and January 25<sup>th</sup>, 1986 and whoever it was that dealt with  
3                   you on those days, did you ever deal with anybody from the  
4                   Cornwall Police Service?

5                   **MR. J. BURGESS:** No.

6                   **MR. ENGELMANN:** Were you ever contacted by  
7                   someone that -- Mr. Dunlop's wife, Helen Dunlop?

8                   **MR. J. BURGESS:** No.

9                   **MR. ENGELMANN:** Someone by the name of  
10                  Carson Chisholm?

11                  **MR. J. BURGESS:** No.

12                  **MR. ENGELMANN:** Someone by the name of  
13                  Charles Bourgeois?

14                  **MR. J. BURGESS:** No.

15                  **MR. ENGELMANN:** Do you have any idea who  
16                  these people are?

17                  **MR. J. BURGESS:** No.

18                  **MR. ENGELMANN:** All right.  
19                  Richard Nadeau?

20                  **MR. J. BURGESS:** No.

21                  **MR. ENGELMANN:** Ron Leroux?

22                  **MR. J. BURGESS:** No.

23                  **MR. ENGELMANN:** All right.

24                  Mr. Burgess, we're looking at how  
25                  institutions responded to child sexual abuse and

1       allegations of child sexual abuse. We're asking every  
2       witness that comes if they have any suggestions for the  
3       Inquiry, for us, on how -- or any comments about how the  
4       public institutions responded and how -- if you were going  
5       to make a suggestion, things that you liked about how they  
6       responded or maybe things you didn't like, or some  
7       suggestions as to how institutions and the justice system  
8       can deal with people who have suffered from child sexual  
9       abuse.

10                   Do you have any suggestions that you might  
11       want to leave with us, sir?

12                   **MR. J. BURGESS:** I have three here.

13                   **MR. ENGELMANN:** Okay. Do you want to tell  
14       us what those are?

15                   **MR. J. BURGESS:** More information from the  
16       Cornwall Police Service and OPP about the abuse; tougher  
17       sentencing instead of probation and offer more counselling.

18                   **MR. ENGELMANN:** All right.

19                   Now, some of those -- some -- there are some  
20       new programs that have been put into place since that first  
21       instance in 1986, but we very much appreciate your  
22       suggestions here and the fact that you've come and given  
23       some evidence.

24                   Mr. Burgess, there are a number of lawyers  
25       here who may have a few questions for you and they'll

1 introduce themselves and they'll tell you for whom they're  
2 acting. All right?

3 MR. J. BURGESS: Okay.

4 THE COMMISSIONER: Mr. Wardle.

5 --- CROSS-EXAMINATION BY/CONTRE-INTERROGATOIRE PAR MR.  
6 WARDLE:

7 MR. WARDLE: Mr. Burgess, my name is Peter  
8 Wardle. I'm counsel for Citizens for Community Renewal and  
9 I just have a few questions for you, sir.

10 Going back to 1986, I think you told us that  
11 the day when the police came to your house was right after  
12 your birthday?

13 MR. J. BURGESS: Yes.

14 MR. WARDLE: And you had just turned 17?

15 MR. J. BURGESS: Yes.

16 MR. WARDLE: You had had this relationship  
17 with Mr. Leblanc for three or four years at that point?

18 MR. J. BURGESS: Yes.

19 MR. WARDLE: And at the time, I know you  
20 don't feel that way today, but at the time you considered  
21 him to be a friend?

22 MR. J. BURGESS: Yes.

23 MR. WARDLE: And you trusted him?

24 MR. J. BURGESS: Yes.

25 MR. WARDLE: And it was very difficult for

1           you, as I understand it, when your brother disclosed what  
2           was going on. It made you feel very upset.

3                       **MR. J. BURGESS:** Yes.

4                       **MR. WARDLE:** Do you recall -- you've told  
5           Mr. Engelmann that the police came to your home and I think  
6           you said you can't recall whether it was one officer or  
7           two; is that right?

8                       **MR. J. BURGESS:** Yes.

9                       **MR. WARDLE:** Okay. Had you ever had some  
10          previous dealings with the police at that point?

11                      **MR. J. BURGESS:** Not that I recall.

12                      **MR. WARDLE:** Okay. Do you recall whether it  
13          was a scary experience for you, a frightening experience to  
14          have a police officer come to your house?

15                      **MR. J. BURGESS:** It was scary.

16                      **MR. WARDLE:** Okay. And I understand from  
17          what you've told us that you were reluctant to really say  
18          anything to the officer that evening, right?

19                      **MR. J. BURGESS:** Yes.

20                      **MR. WARDLE:** And I think you told us that he  
21          said to you, "Think about it overnight and we'll, I guess,  
22          talk again the following day", right?

23                      **MR. J. BURGESS:** Yes.

24                      **MR. WARDLE:** Do you know if the following  
25          day you went down to the police station or do you recall if



1 he came back to the house?

2 MR. J. BURGESS: I don't recall.

3 MR. WARDLE: Do you have any recollection of  
4 how long you spent with that officer?

5 MR. J. BURGESS: No.

6 MR. WARDLE: I think we know now that  
7 although you did tell him a little bit about what had been  
8 going on, you didn't tell him all of it; correct?

9 MR. J. BURGESS: Correct.

10 MR. WARDLE: Thinking back, is there  
11 anything that you think could have been done to make it a  
12 little more comfortable for you to tell everything rather  
13 than just parts of the story?

14 MR. J. BURGESS: Can you repeat that again?

15 MR. WARDLE: Just thinking back to, you  
16 know, those events, the Friday and the Saturday, do you  
17 think there's anything that could have been done by the  
18 police to get a little more information from you?

19 MR. J. BURGESS: Yes.

20 MR. WARDLE: Okay. Can you give us an idea  
21 of what that might be?

22 MR. J. BURGESS: They could have contacted  
23 us more.

24 MR. WARDLE: Okay. You think if there had  
25 been maybe some follow up, that you might have been

1 prepared to disclose a little more?

2 MR. J. BURGESS: Yes.

3 MR. WARDLE: Okay. And you really only had  
4 the two meetings with the police, the one on the Friday and  
5 the one on the Saturday, right?

6 MR. J. BURGESS: Yes.

7 MR. WARDLE: I want to just ask briefly  
8 about when you became involved with Project Truth in 1999.  
9 I think you told my friend Mr. Engelmann that they came to  
10 see you.

11 MR. J. BURGESS: Yes.

12 MR. WARDLE: Do you recall whether before  
13 that happened Project Truth had actually contacted your  
14 mother?

15 MR. J. BURGESS: I don't recall.

16 MR. WARDLE: Okay. Your mother's name is  
17 Vivian, as I understand it?

18 MR. J. BURGESS: Yes.

19 MR. WARDLE: Do you have any recollection of  
20 them interviewing her and then you making a call to the  
21 police?

22 MR. J. BURGESS: No.

23 MR. WARDLE: Okay. So your first  
24 recollection is just that they came to see you?

25 MR. J. BURGESS: Yes.

1                   **MR. WARDLE:** Okay. Thank you. Those are  
2 all my questions.

3                   **MR. J. BURGESS:** You're welcome.

4                   **THE COMMISSIONER:** Thank you.

5                   Mr. Chisholm.

6                   **--- CROSS-EXAMINATION BY/CONTRE-INTERROGATOIRE PAR MR.**

7 **CHISHOLM:**

8                   **MR. CHISHOLM:** Good morning, Mr. Burgess.

9 My name is Peter Chisholm. I'm counsel for the local  
10 Children's Aid Society. I just have a couple of questions  
11 for you, if I may.

12                   You told us that on the 24<sup>th</sup> of January, 1986  
13 you were 17 years old; is that right?

14                   **MR. J. BURGESS:** Yes.

15                   **MR. CHISHOLM:** You had just turned 17 the  
16 day before?

17                   **MR. J. BURGESS:** Yes.

18                   **MR. CHISHOLM:** Okay. Mr. Engelmann asked  
19 you this morning about whether you recall any involvement  
20 with the Children's Aid Society and your answer to him was  
21 that you did not recall any involvement; is that right?

22                   **MR. J. BURGESS:** Correct.

23                   **MR. CHISHOLM:** Does the name Bruce Duncan  
24 ring any bells with you?

25                   **MR. J. BURGESS:** No.

1                   **MR. CHISHOLM:** No. Is it possible that Mr.  
2                   Duncan may have attended at your house on January the 24<sup>th</sup>,  
3                   1986 in the evening and met with you at that time?

4                   **MR. J. BURGESS:** It's possible.

5                   **MR. CHISHOLM:** Okay. You just don't have a  
6                   recollection today?

7                   **MR. J. BURGESS:** I was young.

8                   **MR. CHISHOLM:** And that's fair. That's fair  
9                   enough. It was a long time ago.

10                  **MR. J. BURGESS:** Yes, 20 years ago.

11                  **MR. CHISHOLM:** That's fair enough.

12                  Mr. Burgess, do you have any knowledge of a  
13                  conversation that Bruce Duncan of the Children's Aid  
14                  Society would have had with Lorne Lawson of the Public  
15                  School Board on January the 31<sup>st</sup>, 1986, wherein Mr. Lawson  
16                  indicated that he would arrange counselling for you and  
17                  your brother Scott?

18                  **MR. J. BURGESS:** I don't recall.

19                  **MR. CHISHOLM:** You don't recall. And you  
20                  may not have any knowledge of that?

21                  **MR. J. BURGESS:** No.

22                  **MR. CHISHOLM:** Because the conversation  
23                  wasn't with you.

24                  Do you recall receiving any counselling  
25                  through the School Board?

1 MR. J. BURGESS: No.

2 MR. CHISHOLM: No?

3 MR. J. BURGESS: No.

4 MR. CHISHOLM: Thank you. Those are my  
5 questions. Good luck to you, sir.

6 MR. J. BURGESS: Thank you.

7 THE COMMISSIONER: Thank you.

8 Mr. Rose.

9 MR. ROSE: No questions.

10 THE COMMISSIONER: Thank you.

11 Mr. Scharbach?

12 MR. SCHARBACH: Good morning, Mr.

13 Commissioner, and good morning, Mr. Burgess. I'm a lawyer  
14 for the Ministry of the Attorney General and I have no  
15 questions for you, but thank you very much for your  
16 information. I'm sure it will be hopeful to the --  
17 helpful, I should say, to the Inquiry.

18 Thank you.

19 MR. J. BURGESS: You're welcome.

20 THE COMMISSIONER: Mr. Manderville.

21 --- CROSS-EXAMINATION BY/CONTRE-INTERROGATOIRE PAR MR.

22 MANDERVILLE:

23 MR. MANDERVILLE: Good morning, Mr. Burgess.

24 Good morning, Mr. Commissioner.

25 Mr. Burgess, my name is Peter Manderville.

1 I'm the lawyer for the Cornwall Police Service.

2 MR. J. BURGESS: Yes.

3 MR. MANDERVILLE: Now, you told us you met  
4 Mr. Leblanc in either 1982 or '83, around that time period,  
5 right?

6 MR. J. BURGESS: Yes.

7 MR. MANDERVILLE: And as best you can  
8 recall, his sexual abuse of you continued for about three  
9 years perhaps?

10 MR. J. BURGESS: Yes.

11 MR. MANDERVILLE: And you did not tell  
12 anyone about it, did you?

13 MR. J. BURGESS: Nobody.

14 MR. MANDERVILLE: When Scott, your brother,  
15 told Dawn Raymond and the police, you were very angry with  
16 Scott about doing that, weren't you?

17 MR. J. BURGESS: Yes.

18 MR. MANDERVILLE: I take it you now realize  
19 that it took a lot of guts and courage for Scott to do  
20 that?

21 MR. J. BURGESS: Yes.

22 MR. MANDERVILLE: And Scott was scared and  
23 you were scared?

24 MR. J. BURGESS: Yes.

25 MR. MANDERVILLE: And Mr. Leblanc, although

1       you now realize how he had victimized you, at the time you  
2       thought he was your friend and friends don't tattle or  
3       squeal on other friends, do they?

4                   **MR. J. BURGESS:** Correct.

5                   **MR. MANDERVILLE:** And in fact, Mr. Leblanc  
6       had a sufficient hold on you that you did not want anyone  
7       to know about him because he was your friend?

8                   **MR. J. BURGESS:** Yes.

9                   **MR. MANDERVILLE:** And for that reason you  
10      were quite reluctant to tell the Cornwall Police anything  
11      about Mr. Leblanc, weren't you?

12                  **MR. J. BURGESS:** That's right.

13                  **MR. MANDERVILLE:** Now, you do understand  
14      that as a result of Mr. Leblanc being charged, that he pled  
15      guilty and was convicted?

16                  **MR. J. BURGESS:** That was the second time?

17                  **MR. MANDERVILLE:** The first time.

18                  **MR. J. BURGESS:** The first time that he pled  
19      guilty and he was convicted, two years of probation?

20                  **MR. MANDERVILLE:** Right.

21                         And you're dissatisfied with the sentence,  
22      but you understand he was convicted?

23                  **MR. J. BURGESS:** I wasn't satisfied with  
24      what he got, but it's done.

25                  **MR. MANDERVILLE:** And he never touched you

1 again ever, did he?

2 MR. J. BURGESS: No.

3 MR. MANDERVILLE: And you didn't tell the  
4 Cornwall Police or your parents or anyone else about  
5 Cindy's involvement with Mr. Leblanc, did you?

6 MR. J. BURGESS: No.

7 MR. MANDERVILLE: Thank you very much, Mr.  
8 Burgess.

9 MR. J. BURGESS: You're welcome.

10 THE COMMISSIONER: Mr. Kozloff?

11 MR. KOZLOFF: No questions, sir.

12 THE COMMISSIONER: Thank you.

13 Mr. Carroll?

14 MR. CARROLL: Nothing. Thank you.

15 THE COMMISSIONER: Thank you.

16 Ms. Tymochenko?

17 MS. TYMOCHENKO: None.

18 THE COMMISSIONER: Thank you.

19 No one here for the Catholic School Board.

20 Mr. Lee?

21 MR. LEE: I have no questions, Mr.

22 Commissioner.

23 THE COMMISSIONER: Thank you.

24 MR. LEE: Thank you very much, Jody.

25 MR. J. BURGESS: You're welcome.



1                   **THE COMMISSIONER:** Mr. Engelmann?

2                   **MR. ENGELMANN:** I have nothing arising, sir.

3                   **THE COMMISSIONER:** All right.

4                   Mr. Burgess, I know that it has been a  
5                   difficult time for you, but I want to thank you for coming  
6                   here this morning. It took a lot of courage.

7                   One of the things that we're trying to do is  
8                   to make sure that life for our little ones and your little  
9                   boy, that they are safe and sound in Cornwall and in the  
10                  Province of Ontario. So I can tell you that I can thank  
11                  you for coming this morning because you are going to have  
12                  helped us achieve that.

13                  **MR. J. BURGESS:** You're welcome.

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

15                  **MR. ENGELMANN:** Thank you, sir. You're free  
16                  to go.

17                  **THE COMMISSIONER:** If you can just go with  
18                  him? Thank you very much.

19                  **MR. J. BURGESS:** That's it?

20                  **THE COMMISSIONER:** Yes.

21                  **MR. ENGELMANN:** Mr. Commissioner, the next  
22                  witness for the Commission is Cindy Burgess Lebrun. I'm in  
23                  your hands as to whether you would like me to start her  
24                  now. If so, we need a few minutes just to get some ---

25                  **THE COMMISSIONER:** All right.

1 No, I think -- let's start.

2 **MR. ENGELMANN:** All right.

3 **THE COMMISSIONER:** So you need 10 minutes?

4 **MR. ENGELMANN:** If we could come back at a  
5 quarter to?

6 **THE COMMISSIONER:** Sure.

7 **THE REGISTRAR:** Order; all rise. À l'ordre;  
8 veuillez vous lever.

9 The hearing will resume at 11:45.

10 --- Upon recessing at 11:33 a.m./

11 L'audience est suspendue à 11h33

12 --- Upon resuming at 11:50 a.m./

13 L'audience est reprise à 11h50

14 **THE REGISTRAR:** Order; all rise. À l'ordre;  
15 veuillez vous lever.

16 This hearing of the Cornwall Public Inquiry  
17 is now in session. Please be seated. Veuillez vous  
18 asseoir.

19 **THE COMMISSIONER:** Thank you.

20 Mr. Engelmann.

21 **MR. ENGELMANN:** Thank you.

22 Good morning, Ms. Lebrun.

23 **MS. BURGESS LEBRUN:** Good morning.

24 **MR. ENGELMANN:** Could the witness be sworn?

25 Our next witness is Cindy Burgess Lebrun.

1           CINDY BURGESS LEBRUN, SWORN/ASSERMENTÉE:

2                   THE COMMISSIONER: Good morning, Mrs.  
3 Lebrun. How are you doing today?

4                   MS. BURGESS LEBRUN: Better.

5                   THE COMMISSIONER: All right.

6                   I understand that your trip here was  
7 eventful. You saw a traffic accident and ---

8                   MS. BURGESS LEBRUN: Yes, it was.

9                   THE COMMISSIONER: All right.

10                   Well, I hope that your stay here with us  
11 will not be as eventful, as difficult as it may be. I have  
12 seen you in the body of the courtroom, but -- well, not the  
13 courtroom but whatever we call this hall.

14                   I'm going to repeat it because I think it's  
15 important for you to hear it as well, that if at any time  
16 there is something that isn't going well with you, you tell  
17 me. If there's something you don't understand, let me know  
18 because I need to know that.

19                   A lot of the questions -- sometimes lawyers  
20 and even Commission counsel fall to this thing about using  
21 long, complicated sentences that even I don't understand;  
22 so if they do that, you tell them to stop and shorten the  
23 questions up a little bit. All right?

24                   So is there anything else you need to know  
25 right now?

1                   **MS. BURGESS LEBRUN:** I think I'm ready.

2                   **THE COMMISSIONER:** All right. There you go.  
3                   Mr. Engelmann.

4                   **MR. ENGELMANN:** Thank you.

5                   **--- EXAMINATION IN-CHIEF BY/INTERROGATOIRE EN CHEF PAR MR.**  
6                   **ENGELMANN:**

7                   **MR. ENGELMANN:** Ms. Lebrun, your maiden name  
8                   is Burgess; is that correct?

9                   **MS. BURGESS LEBRUN:** Yes, it is. Sorry.

10                  **MR. ENGELMANN:** That's fine. I just wanted  
11                  to ask at the start.

12                  If you can't hear me, there's a speaker that  
13                  you can turn up just in front of you, and I hope you have  
14                  some water as well.

15                  **MS. BURGESS LEBRUN:** I do. It looks good.

16                  **MR. ENGELMANN:** Okay. And at one point  
17                  there may be some documents that are shown to you and they  
18                  will be on the screen or in paper form.

19                  And at some point during my questions, as  
20                  the Commissioner said, if you want to take a break -- and  
21                  at some point we will have a lunch break, so we will get  
22                  there.

23                  **MS. BURGESS LEBRUN:** Okay.

24                  **MR. ENGELMANN:** I just want to start by  
25                  asking you if you are a member of the Victims Group?

1 MS. BURGESS LEBRUN: Yes.

2 MR. ENGELMANN: And I understand that Mr.  
3 Lee and his law firm represent you?

4 MS. BURGESS LEBRUN: Yes.

5 MR. ENGELMANN: And you would have sworn an  
6 affidavit in support of the Victims Group application for  
7 standing?

8 MS. BURGESS LEBRUN: Yes.

9 MR. ENGELMANN: Now, Ms. Lebrun, I know  
10 you've been here for some of the evidence, evidence of your  
11 two brothers.

12 MS. BURGESS LEBRUN: Yes.

13 MR. ENGELMANN: And perhaps some other  
14 evidence, but I know you've been here and you know that  
15 this Inquiry is looking into how institutions have  
16 responded to allegations of child sexual abuse?

17 MS. BURGESS LEBRUN: Yes.

18 MR. ENGELMANN: Okay. And I understand that  
19 as a child you were sexually abused?

20 MS. BURGESS LEBRUN: Yes, I was.

21 MR. ENGELMANN: We have a number of public  
22 institutions involved in this inquiry, and I just want to  
23 ask you, as a result of the child sexual abuse, if you had  
24 had some contact with any of them. So I'm going to give  
25 you a few names of institutions and you can just tell us

1           whether or not you had some contact with them.

2                       **MS. BURGESS LEBRUN:** Okay.

3                       **MR. ENGELMANN:** Did you have any contact  
4 with the Cornwall Police Service?

5                       **MS. BURGESS LEBRUN:** No.

6                       **MR. ENGELMANN:** Did you have any contact  
7 with the Children's Aid Society?

8                       **MS. BURGESS LEBRUN:** No.

9                       **MR. ENGELMANN:** Did you have any contact  
10 with the Ontario Provincial Police?

11                      **MS. BURGESS LEBRUN:** Not until '99.

12                      **MR. ENGELMANN:** Okay. But in 1999 you did?

13                      **MS. BURGESS LEBRUN:** Yes, I did.

14                      **MR. ENGELMANN:** All right.

15                      And did you have any contact with someone  
16 from the Ministry of the Attorney General; in other words,  
17 a Crown Prosecutor?

18                      **MS. BURGESS LEBRUN:** Yes.

19                      **MR. ENGELMANN:** Okay. So I'm going to just  
20 -- we're going to go and talk about some of that contact  
21 that you had, but I want to ask you some background  
22 questions to start.

23                      Can you tell us your date of birth?

24                      **MS. BURGESS LEBRUN:** April 1<sup>st</sup>, 1970.

25                      **MR. ENGELMANN:** April Fool's Day.

1 MS. BURGESS LEBRUN: Yes.

2 MR. ENGELMANN: Okay. So you are now 36  
3 years of age?

4 MS. BURGESS LEBRUN: I am.

5 MR. ENGELMANN: All right.

6 And were you born here in the City of  
7 Cornwall?

8 MS. BURGESS LEBRUN: Yes, I was.

9 MR. ENGELMANN: How long did you live in  
10 Cornwall before you moved away?

11 MS. BURGESS LEBRUN: Twenty (20). I was 20  
12 when I moved away.

13 MR. ENGELMANN: All right.

14 So you would have moved away from Cornwall  
15 in approximately 1990?

16 MS. BURGESS LEBRUN: September '90.

17 MR. ENGELMANN: All right.

18 And where did you move to?

19 MS. BURGESS LEBRUN: Prescott, Ontario.

20 MR. ENGELMANN: Okay. And have you lived  
21 there ever since?

22 MS. BURGESS LEBRUN: Yes, I have.

23 MR. ENGELMANN: Ms. Lebrun, I understand  
24 that you're married?

25 MS. BURGESS LEBRUN: Yes, I am.

1                   **MR. ENGELMANN:** And can you give us a sense  
2 for how long?

3                   **MS. BURGESS LEBRUN:** It will be 17 years on  
4 the 17<sup>th</sup> of November.

5                   **MR. ENGELMANN:** So when you moved from  
6 Cornwall, you moved with your husband?

7                   **MS. BURGESS LEBRUN:** Yes, I did.

8                   **MR. ENGELMANN:** And I understand you have  
9 some children?

10                  **MS. BURGESS LEBRUN:** Yes, we have three.

11                  **MR. ENGELMANN:** Boys, girls?

12                  **MS. BURGESS LEBRUN:** Two boys and a girl.

13                  **MR. ENGELMANN:** How old are they?

14                  **MS. BURGESS LEBRUN:** Fifteen (15), 13 and  
15 12. Our daughter is our youngest.

16                  **MR. ENGELMANN:** And Scott and Jody are two  
17 of your brothers?

18                  **MS. BURGESS LEBRUN:** Yes.

19                  **MR. ENGELMANN:** And you have other brothers  
20 and sisters?

21                  **MS. BURGESS LEBRUN:** Yes, I do. I'm from a  
22 family of seven.

23                  **MR. ENGELMANN:** And where do you fit in the  
24 age line?

25                  **MS. BURGESS LEBRUN:** Third youngest.



1                   **MR. ENGELMANN:** Jody is a year older than  
2                   you?

3                   **MS. BURGESS LEBRUN:** Yes.

4                   **MR. ENGELMANN:** And Scott is a year younger?

5                   **MS. BURGESS LEBRUN:** He's younger than me,  
6                   yes. I have a younger sister, then Scott, and ---

7                   **MR. ENGELMANN:** So she would be the  
8                   youngest?

9                   **MS. BURGESS LEBRUN:** Yes.

10                  **MR. ENGELMANN:** And you have other older  
11                  siblings as well?

12                  **MS. BURGESS LEBRUN:** Yes, I do.

13                  **MR. ENGELMANN:** Now, when you lived in the  
14                  City of Cornwall, can you tell us how long it was that you  
15                  lived in your parents' home, how old you were?

16                  **MS. BURGESS LEBRUN:** Until I got married. I  
17                  was 19 when I got married.

18                  **MR. ENGELMANN:** All right.

19                  So we've heard from Jody that he left home  
20                  at around 16-17?

21                  **MS. BURGESS LEBRUN:** Yes.

22                  **MR. ENGELMANN:** And we know that Scott left  
23                  home around 15-16?

24                  **MS. BURGESS LEBRUN:** Yes.

25                  **MR. ENGELMANN:** All right.

1                   When you lived at home, your parents lived  
2                   at some different addresses here in the City of Cornwall?

3                   **MS. BURGESS LEBRUN:** Yes, we did.

4                   **MR. ENGELMANN:** And we've heard that you  
5                   lived at Westgate Court for some time?

6                   **MS. BURGESS LEBRUN:** Yes, 10 years.

7                   **MR. ENGELMANN:** And you also lived on a  
8                   street called Cumberland?

9                   **MS. BURGESS LEBRUN:** Yes.

10                  **MR. ENGELMANN:** Can you tell us where you  
11                  went to school?

12                  **MS. BURGESS LEBRUN:** Vincent Massey Public  
13                  School for my elementary ---

14                  **MR. ENGELMANN:** M'hm.

15                  **MS. BURGESS LEBRUN:** --- and Cornwall  
16                  Collegiate Vocational School for my high school, and I did  
17                  one year at General Vanier Secondary School.

18                  **MR. ENGELMANN:** Okay. Was there a middle  
19                  school at all?

20                  **MS. BURGESS LEBRUN:** No.

21                  **MR. ENGELMANN:** Okay. So you did not go to  
22                  Central?

23                  **MS. BURGESS LEBRUN:** No.

24                  **MR. ENGELMANN:** And were you just in the  
25                  regular school stream?

1 MS. BURGESS LEBRUN: Yes.

2 MR. ENGELMANN: Your brothers Scott and Jody  
3 were in a Special Ed program ---

4 MS. BURGESS LEBRUN: Yes.

5 MR. ENGELMANN: --- at least for part of  
6 their schooling?

7 MS. BURGESS LEBRUN: Yes, that's correct.

8 MR. ENGELMANN: So you graduated from high  
9 school here in the City of Cornwall?

10 MS. BURGESS LEBRUN: Yes, I did.

11 MR. ENGELMANN: And that would have been in  
12 or about 1978 or '79?

13 MS. BURGESS LEBRUN: Graduated from high  
14 school? I would have only been eight years old.

15 MR. ENGELMANN: In '88 or '89.

16 MS. BURGESS LEBRUN: Yes.

17 MR. ENGELMANN: My math is terrible.

18 MS. BURGESS LEBRUN: Yes, that's correct.

19 MR. ENGELMANN: All right. That would have  
20 been quite remarkable.

21 MS. BURGESS LEBRUN: Yes, it would have.

22 MR. ENGELMANN: Now, Ms. Lebrun, you told us  
23 that when you were younger, when you were a child, you were  
24 sexually abused.

25 MS. BURGESS LEBRUN: Yes, I was.

1                   **MR. ENGELMANN:** And the person who did this  
2 to you, you know his name?

3                   **MS. BURGESS LEBRUN:** Yes, I do.

4                   **MR. ENGELMANN:** Is that Jean-Luc Leblanc?

5                   **MS. BURGESS LEBRUN:** Yes, it is.

6                   **MR. ENGELMANN:** And he was convicted and  
7 sentenced?

8                   **MS. BURGESS LEBRUN:** Yes.

9                   **MR. ENGELMANN:** When this happened to you,  
10 did this happen in the City of Cornwall?

11                   **MS. BURGESS LEBRUN:** Yes.

12                   **MR. ENGELMANN:** And did Mr. Leblanc also  
13 abuse Scott and Jody?

14                   **MS. BURGESS LEBRUN:** Yes.

15                   **MR. ENGELMANN:** And how do you know that?

16                   **MS. BURGESS LEBRUN:** I was there when it  
17 happened.

18                   **MR. ENGELMANN:** Do you remember how it is  
19 you came to meet him?

20                   **MS. BURGESS LEBRUN:** Through my brothers.

21                   **MR. ENGELMANN:** And do you remember where he  
22 was first living when you would have met him?

23                   **MS. BURGESS LEBRUN:** At the Sunset Mobile  
24 Park on Vincent Massey Drive.

25                   **MR. ENGELMANN:** And he was living in a

1 trailer then?

2 MS. BURGESS LEBRUN: Yes.

3 MR. ENGELMANN: Did he sexually abuse the  
4 three of you in that trailer?

5 MS. BURGESS LEBRUN: Yes.

6 MR. ENGELMANN: We've heard as well that he  
7 moved to Cumberland Street.

8 MS. BURGESS LEBRUN: Yes, he did.

9 MR. ENGELMANN: And to your knowledge, were  
10 you sexually abused at that home?

11 MS. BURGESS LEBRUN: I don't remember.

12 MR. ENGELMANN: Okay. Can you remember  
13 approximately how old you were when this sexual abuse  
14 started?

15 MS. BURGESS LEBRUN: Probably around 12.

16 MR. ENGELMANN: Okay. Do you know who of  
17 the three of you Mr. Leblanc would have sexually abused  
18 first?

19 MS. BURGESS LEBRUN: That would have been  
20 Jody.

21 MR. ENGELMANN: And who would have been  
22 next?

23 MS. BURGESS LEBRUN: Scott.

24 MR. ENGELMANN: So his abuse of you would  
25 have started at some point after he had started abusing

1 your brothers?

2 MS. BURGESS LEBRUN: Yes.

3 MR. ENGELMANN: And do you have some memory  
4 about how long this went on?

5 MS. BURGESS LEBRUN: A few years.

6 MR. ENGELMANN: And do you have some memory  
7 about how often you were abused?

8 MS. BURGESS LEBRUN: Mostly weekends.

9 MR. ENGELMANN: And was it the odd weekend  
10 or was it most weekends?

11 MS. BURGESS LEBRUN: Most weekends.

12 MR. ENGELMANN: Okay. When this abuse took  
13 place, the abuse of you, was it often when one or both of  
14 your brothers were there?

15 MS. BURGESS LEBRUN: Always with my  
16 brothers.

17 MR. ENGELMANN: The sexual abuse that  
18 occurred, it's described in a statement that you gave to  
19 the police?

20 MS. BURGESS LEBRUN: Yes, it is.

21 MR. ENGELMANN: And that's when you talked  
22 to the OPP in 1999 or thereabouts?

23 MS. BURGESS LEBRUN: Yes.

24 MR. ENGELMANN: Okay. We've heard from both  
25 Scott and Jody that they were abused outside of Cornwall as

1 well. Did that ever happen to you?

2 MS. BURGESS LEBRUN: I don't remember.

3 MR. ENGELMANN: Do you remember if you ever  
4 went to the cottage in Buckingham?

5 MS. BURGESS LEBRUN: Buckingham.

6 MR. ENGELMANN: You do remember going there.  
7 You're just not sure if it happened?

8 MS. BURGESS LEBRUN: No, not sure.

9 MR. ENGELMANN: Were you also taken on trips  
10 now and then by Mr. Leblanc?

11 MS. BURGESS LEBRUN: No.

12 THE COMMISSIONER: Airplane rides?

13 MS. BURGESS LEBRUN: No. Never.

14 MR. ENGELMANN: He didn't take you on his  
15 motorcycle?

16 MS. BURGESS LEBRUN: Not that I can  
17 remember. I mean when you say trips, I'm thinking yes,  
18 plane rides or train rides. Bike rides, I don't, it could  
19 have been. I'm not sure.

20 MR. ENGELMANN: Okay. But you didn't go  
21 places overnight with him?

22 MS. BURGESS LEBRUN: No.

23 MR. ENGELMANN: Other than possibly the  
24 cottage with your brothers?

25 MS. BURGESS LEBRUN: Yes.

1                   **MR. ENGELMANN:** Is that fair?

2                   **MS. BURGESS LEBRUN:** Yes, that's fair.

3                   **MR. ENGELMANN:** All right. And you just  
4 don't remember what happened at the cottage?

5                   **MS. BURGESS LEBRUN:** No, I don't.

6                   **MR. ENGELMANN:** That's fine. Scott and Jody  
7 mentioned receiving some gifts from Mr. Leblanc; also  
8 receiving some money from time to time. Do you remember if  
9 he also gave you either gifts or money?

10                   **MS. BURGESS LEBRUN:** I never received  
11 anything.

12                   **MR. ENGELMANN:** You didn't tell anybody  
13 about this for some time. Is that fair?

14                   **MS. BURGESS LEBRUN:** Yes, that's fair.

15                   **MR. ENGELMANN:** And certainly when it was  
16 happening, you didn't tell an adult?

17                   **MS. BURGESS LEBRUN:** No, I did not.

18                   **MR. ENGELMANN:** Did he talk to you? When I  
19 say "he", Mr. Leblanc, about not telling people what was  
20 happening?

21                   **MS. BURGESS LEBRUN:** Yes.

22                   **MR. ENGELMANN:** Do you remember what he  
23 would have said to you or how he would have described this?

24                   **MS. BURGESS LEBRUN:** "This is our secret.  
25 Leave it here between us".



1                   **MR. ENGELMANN:** And did you do that at the  
2                   time?

3                   **MS. BURGESS LEBRUN:** I did.

4                   **MR. ENGELMANN:** We've heard that Mr. Leblanc  
5                   was arrested in late January of 1986 and we found out that  
6                   he was charged with one count of gross indecency for things  
7                   he did to Scott; another count of gross indecency for  
8                   things that he did to Jason Tyo; and another count of gross  
9                   indecency for things he did to Jody. And that the abuse  
10                  stopped at or about January of 1986 just before he was  
11                  charged.

12                  Do you have some sense as to when his abuse  
13                  of you stopped?

14                  **MS. BURGESS LEBRUN:** Probably the later part  
15                  of '85, when he moved on to Cumberland Street.

16                  **MR. ENGELMANN:** All right. Did you know  
17                  Jason Tyo?

18                  **MS. BURGESS LEBRUN:** Yes.

19                  **MR. ENGELMANN:** And he was a friend of your  
20                  brother Scott?

21                  **MS. BURGESS LEBRUN:** Yes.

22                  **MR. ENGELMANN:** Was he ever there when you  
23                  were abused?

24                  **MS. BURGESS LEBRUN:** No.

25                  **MR. ENGELMANN:** We have heard that in

1 January of 1986, in fact, on January 24, 1986, we actually  
2 know that was a Friday, that a number of people came to  
3 your parents' home, including someone from the Children's  
4 Aid Society, Dawn Raymond, and at least one officer from  
5 the Cornwall Police, maybe two.

6 Do you have any memory of these people being  
7 in your home to interview your brothers about sexual abuse?

8 **MS. BURGESS LEBRUN:** None at all.

9 **MR. ENGELMANN:** So you are not sure if you  
10 were there or not when they came to the house?

11 **MS. BURGESS LEBRUN:** No.

12 **MR. ENGELMANN:** In any event, if you were  
13 there, were you interviewed by any of those people?

14 **MS. BURGESS LEBRUN:** No, I was not.

15 **MR. ENGELMANN:** Do you remember if you were  
16 interviewed by anybody from the Children's Aid Society or  
17 the local police force, the Cornwall Police Service anytime  
18 in 1986 ---

19 **MS. BURGESS LEBRUN:** Never.

20 **MR. ENGELMANN:** --- about being sexually  
21 abused?

22 **MS. BURGESS LEBRUN:** Sorry. No, never.

23 **MR. ENGELMANN:** All right. Did they ever  
24 interview you about your brothers and their sexual abuse?

25 **MS. BURGESS LEBRUN:** No.

1                   **MR. ENGELMANN:** The fact that they were  
2                   abused?

3                   **MS. BURGESS LEBRUN:** No.

4                   **MR. ENGELMANN:** Do you remember finding out  
5                   from either of them or from your parents that they had  
6                   spoken to the police about Mr. Leblanc?

7                   **MS. BURGESS LEBRUN:** No. I know that he  
8                   went to -- that he ended up with probation.

9                   **MR. ENGELMANN:** Okay. We've heard that in  
10                  approximately November of 1986, he pleaded guilty to two  
11                  counts of gross indecency and I believe he received a  
12                  three-year Probation Order.

13                  How did you come to know about that?

14                  **MS. BURGESS LEBRUN:** I'm not quite sure how  
15                  I came to know about that.

16                  **MR. ENGELMANN:** All right. But you did come  
17                  to know of that?

18                  **MS. BURGESS LEBRUN:** Yes, he had three years  
19                  probation.

20                  **MR. ENGELMANN:** Do you recall at that time,  
21                  you would have been 16, having any thoughts about that and  
22                  that sentence?

23                  **MS. BURGESS LEBRUN:** Have any thoughts in  
24                  what way?

25                  **THE COMMISSIONER:** What did you think about

1 the sentence at that time, if anything?

2 MS. BURGESS LEBRUN: He should have got  
3 more.

4 THE COMMISSIONER: Is that what you thought  
5 then, back then?

6 MS. BURGESS LEBRUN: Yeah, yeah.

7 MR. ENGELMANN: You think that today as  
8 well?

9 MS. BURGESS LEBRUN: Oh, yes, even more  
10 today than I did back then.

11 MR. ENGELMANN: Okay, but as a 16 year-old,  
12 you didn't think that was right?

13 MS. BURGESS LEBRUN: No.

14 MR. ENGELMANN: What did you think should  
15 have happened?

16 MS. BURGESS LEBRUN: He should have got more  
17 -- he should have got jail time.

18 MR. ENGELMANN: Just thinking back to 1986,  
19 and we know that's a long time ago, do you remember your  
20 brother Jody being angry at your brother Scott for talking  
21 about what happened?

22 MS. BURGESS LEBRUN: No.

23 MR. ENGELMANN: You don't have any memory or  
24 knowledge of their discussions with the Children's Aid  
25 Society or the Cornwall Police?

1                   **MS. BURGESS LEBRUN:** No, they're typical  
2 boys, right. So they're going to fight amongst whatever it  
3 is. So who knew what they were fighting about at the time?

4                   **MR. ENGELMANN:** All right. And you don't  
5 recall them talking to you about ---

6                   **MS. BURGESS LEBRUN:** No.

7                   **MR. ENGELMANN:** --- statements they might  
8 have given to the police or ---

9                   **MS. BURGESS LEBRUN:** No.

10                  **MR. ENGELMANN:** All right. You just told us  
11 that you didn't think that sentence was hard enough and  
12 that the sentence that he should have gone to jail, and  
13 this is how you felt even at 16. Do you recall if you had  
14 any thoughts about you and whether or not there should have  
15 been something done with respect to what he did to you or  
16 possibly to others at that time?

17                  **MS. BURGESS LEBRUN:** Back then?

18                  **MR. ENGELMANN:** Back then.

19                  **MS. BURGESS LEBRUN:** No.

20                  **MR. ENGELMANN:** You didn't have those  
21 thoughts or feelings at that time?

22                  **MS. BURGESS LEBRUN:** I mean, I probably sat  
23 there saying -- "I can't, I don't know". No.

24                  **MR. ENGELMANN:** Did you have some of those  
25 thoughts or feelings later ---

1 MS. BURGESS LEBRUN: Yes.

2 MR. ENGELMANN: --- about whether or not  
3 others in your family should have been interviewed or there  
4 should have been further prosecutions?

5 MS. BURGESS LEBRUN: Most definitely.

6 MR. ENGELMANN: Do you have any idea why the  
7 Cornwall Police Service didn't speak to you back in 1986?

8 MS. BURGESS LEBRUN: I have no idea.

9 MR. ENGELMANN: You don't believe they did?  
10 Are you sure they didn't?

11 MS. BURGESS LEBRUN: I'm sure they did not.

12 MR. ENGELMANN: What about the Children's  
13 Aid Society?

14 MS. BURGESS LEBRUN: No.

15 MR. ENGELMANN: They didn't speak to you?

16 MS. BURGESS LEBRUN: No.

17 MR. ENGELMANN: All right.

18 When was the first time that you told  
19 someone about the child sexual abuse? Do you remember the  
20 circumstance?

21 MS. BURGESS LEBRUN: Yeah.

22 MR. ENGELMANN: Do you remember -- I  
23 understand that the first person you told was your husband?

24 MS. BURGESS LEBRUN: Yes.

25 MR. ENGELMANN: And that was the very first

1 person you had ever told about this?

2 MS. BURGESS LEBRUN: Yes.

3 MR. ENGELMANN: Do you remember what  
4 prompted you to tell him about it at the time?

5 MS. BURGESS LEBRUN: Well, I was in -- I was  
6 there married, so I just wanted to make sure that  
7 everything that I was, in my life, was put forward.

8 MR. ENGELMANN: You didn't go to the  
9 authorities then?

10 MS. BURGESS LEBRUN: No, I did not.

11 MR. ENGELMANN: All right. And do you know  
12 approximately when that was?

13 THE COMMISSIONER: That you told your  
14 husband.

15 MS. BURGESS LEBRUN: When I told my husband?  
16 Shortly after -- I think shortly after I was married.

17 MR. ENGELMANN: Okay, so that was  
18 approximately in 1989?

19 MS. BURGESS LEBRUN: Probably early '90,  
20 'cause I got married in November of '89.

21 MR. ENGELMANN: Did you remember the next  
22 time you would have told anybody about this?

23 MS. BURGESS LEBRUN: Yes.

24 MR. ENGELMANN: How many years later would  
25 that have been?

1 MS. BURGESS LEBRUN: Probably about 10 years  
2 later.

3 MR. ENGELMANN: Who would you have told 10  
4 years later?

5 MS. BURGESS LEBRUN: The OPP.

6 MR. ENGELMANN: Okay. I'll just be a moment  
7 if I can.

8 Can you tell us who you would have told from  
9 the OPP and how that came about?

10 MS. BURGESS LEBRUN: Two officers showed up  
11 at my residence.

12 MR. ENGELMANN: In Prescott?

13 MS. BURGESS LEBRUN: In Prescott.

14 MR. ENGELMANN: Okay. Do you remember ---

15 MS. BURGESS LEBRUN: Not in uniform; they  
16 were in suits and ties.

17 MR. ENGELMANN: Do you remember if they were  
18 men or women?

19 MS. BURGESS LEBRUN: They were both men.

20 MR. ENGELMANN: Okay. Had you spoken to them  
21 before they came?

22 MS. BURGESS LEBRUN: No.

23 MR. ENGELMANN: So what happened when they  
24 came to your residence?

25 MS. BURGESS LEBRUN: I answered my door, and



1           they introduced themselves as the OPP and asked me if I  
2           knew a Scott Burgess. And then they told me that -- asked  
3           me about a friend who was Jean-Luc Leblanc.

4                   **MR. ENGELMANN:** If you knew who he was?

5                   **MS. BURGESS LEBRUN:** If I knew who he was.

6                   And they were coming around to investigate  
7           allegations of sex abuse, and that was the first day of the  
8           rest of my -- it's like a train hit, a train hit me.

9                   **MR. ENGELMANN:** Okay. You weren't expecting  
10          this?

11                   **MS. BURGESS LEBRUN:** Not at all, no.

12                   **MR. ENGELMANN:** Do you want to take a break?

13                   **THE COMMISSIONER:** If you want, we can  
14          continue answer some questions and we'll be taking the  
15          lunch break shortly or we can take an early lunch break.  
16          Whatever you prefer.

17                   **MS. BURGESS LEBRUN:** A break please.

18                   **THE COMMISSIONER:** All right. So we'll take  
19          a lunch break at 12:15. We will come back at 1:45.

20                   I'm not very good in mathematics.

21                   Take care of yourself, and we will be back  
22          at that time. All right.

23                   **MS. BURGESS LEBRUN:** Okay, thank you.

24                   **THE REGISTRAR:** Order; all rise. À l'ordre;  
25          veuillez vous lever.

1 --- Upon recessing at 12:16 p.m. /  
2 L'audience est suspendue à 12h16

3 --- Upon resuming at 1:52 p.m./  
4 L'audience est reprise à 13h52

5 **THE REGISTRAR:** This hearing of the Cornwall  
6 Public Inquiry is now in session.

7 Please be seated. Veuillez vous asseoir.

8 **THE COMMISSIONER:** Mr. Engelmann?

9 **MR. ENGELMANN:** Thank you. Good afternoon,  
10 Mr. Commissioner.

11 **CINDY BURGESS LEBRUN, Resumed/Sous le même serment:**

12 --- **EXAMINATION IN-CHIEF BY/INTERROGATOIRE EN-CHEF PAR MR.**  
13 **ENGELMANN (cont'd/suite):**

14 **MR. ENGELMANN:** Good afternoon, Ms. Lebrun.

15 **MS. BURGESS LEBRUN:** Good afternoon.

16 **MR. ENGELMANN:** When we left off just before  
17 lunch, I was asking you about a visit that you received  
18 from, I believe, two officers of the OPP in February of  
19 1999. And you told us how that was a bit of a surprise for  
20 you and how you felt afterwards.

21 I just want to ask you a couple more  
22 questions about what happened that day. Would it be fair  
23 to say the following day that you gave a full interview  
24 with the police?

25 **MS. BURGESS LEBRUN:** Yes.

1                   **MR. ENGELMANN:** So the first day when they  
2                   come to your house, first of all, do you remember, were  
3                   these two male officers or a male officer and a female  
4                   officer?

5                   **MS. BURGESS LEBRUN:** Two male.

6                   **MR. ENGELMANN:** All right. Do you remember  
7                   who they were?

8                   **MS. BURGESS LEBRUN:** Yes. Séguin and  
9                   Dupuis.

10                  **MR. ENGELMANN:** Had you ever had any  
11                  dealings with the police before that day, that you can  
12                  recall?

13                  **MS. BURGESS LEBRUN:** No.

14                  **MR. ENGELMANN:** You told us that they told  
15                  you they -- they asked you if you had a brother, Scott, and  
16                  they asked you about whether or not you were a victim of  
17                  Jean-Luc Leblanc.

18                  **MS. BURGESS LEBRUN:** Yes.

19                  **MR. ENGELMANN:** Did this discussion take  
20                  place in your house or in front of your house? Can you  
21                  describe that for us?

22                  **MS. BURGESS LEBRUN:** In my home.

23                  **MR. ENGELMANN:** Did they tell you how it was  
24                  that they came to visit you?

25                  **MS. BURGESS LEBRUN:** Yes, my brother Scott

1 had given my name.

2 MR. ENGELMANN: How did you feel about that  
3 at the time?

4 MS. BURGESS LEBRUN: I was very mad. I was  
5 very, very mad because I didn't get a forewarning of what  
6 was coming to me. Had I got a warning, I might have not  
7 have been as mad; probably would not have been as mad.

8 MR. ENGELMANN: Okay. So you told us you  
9 didn't have any warning from the police. You didn't have  
10 any warning from your brother?

11 MS. BURGESS LEBRUN: No.

12 MR. ENGELMANN: What would you have expected  
13 from him at that time?

14 MS. BURGESS LEBRUN: From my brother?

15 MR. ENGELMANN: Yes.

16 MS. BURGESS LEBRUN: Even a quick phone call  
17 stating, "Hey, sis, this Project Truth thing is all opening  
18 and I gave them your name", and hang up the phone if he had  
19 to; you know, anything.

20 MR. ENGELMANN: Did you know about Project  
21 Truth at the time?

22 MS. BURGESS LEBRUN: No.

23 MR. ENGELMANN: You were living in Prescott?

24 MS. BURGESS LEBRUN: Yes.

25 MR. ENGELMANN: Can you give us a sense as

1 to how long the first meeting with the police was? How  
2 long it took? Do you have any idea?

3 **MS. BURGESS LEBRUN:** No, I don't. It wasn't  
4 very long.

5 **MR. ENGELMANN:** Was it longer or shorter  
6 than your interview with him the following day?

7 **MS. BURGESS LEBRUN:** I don't know.

8 **MR. ENGELMANN:** Okay. Now, did they ask you  
9 the day they came to your house if you would agree to a  
10 videotaped interview with them?

11 **MS. BURGESS LEBRUN:** Yes.

12 **MR. ENGELMANN:** And I understand that you  
13 then gave such an interview?

14 **MS. BURGESS LEBRUN:** Yes, I did.

15 **MR. ENGELMANN:** And that that was the  
16 following day?

17 **MS. BURGESS LEBRUN:** Yes.

18 **MR. ENGELMANN:** And where did you do that?

19 **MS. BURGESS LEBRUN:** At the Prescott  
20 Detachment Centre, OPP Station.

21 **MR. ENGELMANN:** All right. And did you go  
22 there on your own or with someone?

23 **MS. BURGESS LEBRUN:** I think I was on my  
24 own.

25 **MR. ENGELMANN:** Do you recall if you went

1           there -- did you drive there or were you picked up by the  
2           police, do you remember?

3                       **MS. BURGESS LEBRUN:** I don't remember.

4                       **MR. ENGELMANN:** Okay. Were you asked if you  
5           could have someone with you? Were you asked if you could  
6           have someone with you for the interview?

7                       **MS. BURGESS LEBRUN:** I don't think so.

8                       **MR. ENGELMANN:** All right. I have a copy of  
9           a videotaped interview report and my copy is actually  
10          missing the document number, but I believe the document  
11          number is 721184.

12                      **THE REGISTRAR:** Is it confidential?

13                      **MR. ENGELMANN:** Perhaps I could ask the  
14          witness a question about the statement before I have it  
15          entered.

16                      If the witness could be given a copy of the  
17          statement.

18                      **MS. BURGESS LEBRUN:** Thank you.

19                      **MR. ENGELMANN:** Ms. Lebrun, have you seen  
20          this document before?

21                      **MS. BURGESS LEBRUN:** Yes, I have.

22                      **MR. ENGELMANN:** It's a 26-page transcript of  
23          a videotaped interview that you gave with the OPP in  
24          February of 1999. Is that correct?

25                      **MS. BURGESS LEBRUN:** Yes, correct.

1                   **MR. ENGELMANN:** Were you given a copy at the  
2                   time?

3                   **MS. BURGESS LEBRUN:** Back in '99?

4                   **MR. ENGELMANN:** Yes?

5                   **MS. BURGESS LEBRUN:** No.

6                   **MR. ENGELMANN:** All right. You have seen  
7                   this recently though?

8                   **MS. BURGESS LEBRUN:** Yes, just here.

9                   **MR. ENGELMANN:** As a result of meeting with  
10                  Commission counsel?

11                  **MS. BURGESS LEBRUN:** Yes.

12                  **MR. ENGELMANN:** All right.

13                  I understand from a brief discussion with  
14                  you that you have some concerns about some of the details  
15                  in here that are of a very personal nature.

16                  **MS. BURGESS LEBRUN:** That's correct.

17                  **MR. ENGELMANN:** And that you would have a  
18                  preference to have this document marked as a "C" document  
19                  for confidentiality purposes?

20                  **MS. BURGESS LEBRUN:** That's correct.

21                  **MR. ENGELMANN:** And that is because of the  
22                  sensitive nature of some of it?

23                  **MS. BURGESS LEBRUN:** Yes.

24                  **MR. ENGELMANN:** Okay. In the interview, you  
25                  describe what Mr. Leblanc does to you?

1                   **MS. BURGESS LEBRUN:** Yes, that's correct.

2                   **MR. ENGELMANN:** And you give some detail of  
3                   that.

4                   **MS. BURGESS LEBRUN:** That's right.

5                   **MR. ENGELMANN:** And you talk about the  
6                   different forms of sexual abuse that you suffered?

7                   **MS. BURGESS LEBRUN:** Yes.

8                   **MR. ENGELMANN:** Mr. Commissioner, I would  
9                   ask either that -- well, at the very least that the  
10                  document be marked with a "C" for today and perhaps I could  
11                  speak to it in more -- or one of my colleagues could speak  
12                  to it in more detail tomorrow if that's required.

13                  **THE COMMISSIONER:** All right.

14                  **MR. ENGELMANN:** Or we could simply make it a  
15                  "C" exhibit if there's no objection from people here, but I  
16                  think given the test for "C" exhibit, it would be better to  
17                  mark it as a "C" exhibit on a temporary basis and speak to  
18                  it in more detail tomorrow.

19                  **THE COMMISSIONER:** M'hm. All right.

20                  **MR. ENGELMANN:** I wonder if my colleagues  
21                  have some comments on that.

22                  **THE COMMISSIONER:** We can canvass them.

23                  Shall I do a roll call or does anybody want  
24                  to comment on this at this point?

25                  Mr. Wardle?



1                   **MR. WARDLE:** Mr. Commissioner, I think I'd  
2                   like to just think about it overnight and perhaps make  
3                   submissions tomorrow, if that's agreeable.

4                   **THE COMMISSIONER:** Okay. I think that's a  
5                   good suggestion, but what I want to do in the future, Mr.  
6                   Engelmann, is once you get these reasons out that we are  
7                   not just going to dump things into a basket. We are going  
8                   to deal with things as we go, so we can progress and then  
9                   there is less likelihood of there being any confusion as to  
10                  what can be published and not published.

11                  All right. For today until the matter is  
12                  dealt with, it will be a "C" exhibit, and I've noted your  
13                  comments with respect to your wishes with respect to this.  
14                  There is a legal test I have to apply and I will be doing  
15                  that tomorrow.

16                  **MS. BURGESS LEBRUN:** Okay.

17                  **THE COMMISSIONER:** Tomorrow?

18                  **MR. ENGELMANN:** Yes.

19                  **THE COMMISSIONER:** All right. So it will be  
20                  marked as C-110.

21                  **--- EXHIBIT NO./PIÈCE NO C-110:**

22                                 Cindy Burgess Lebrun - Video Taped Interview  
23                                 Report - February 10, 1999

24                  **MR. ENGELMANN:** Now, Ms. Lebrun, you've had  
25                  a chance to look at this, and I realize this is now some

1 seven years ago. To your knowledge, does it accurately  
2 reflect what you would have said at the time?

3 **MS. BURGESS LEBRUN:** Yes.

4 **MR. ENGELMANN:** Can you give us just a  
5 sense, thinking back, do you remember that interview?

6 **MS. BURGESS LEBRUN:** Yes.

7 **MR. ENGELMANN:** Do you just have a sense as  
8 to how you felt as you were going through that interview?

9 **MS. BURGESS LEBRUN:** I cried a lot through  
10 the whole interview. It was very emotional, very  
11 disturbing, very hard.

12 **MR. ENGELMANN:** Now and then there's the  
13 word "laugh" or "laughter" after your name. Can you tell  
14 us a little bit about that?

15 **MS. BURGESS LEBRUN:** It probably wasn't  
16 laughter. That's probably all the crying I did. And if it  
17 was laughter, it was a way of putting ---

18 **THE COMMISSIONER:** A nervous laugh?

19 **MS. BURGESS LEBRUN:** A nervous laugh. Thank  
20 you. A nervous laugh.

21 **MR. ENGELMANN:** Okay. There appeared to be  
22 two officers that were present.

23 **MS. BURGESS LEBRUN:** Yes.

24 **MR. ENGELMANN:** Are they the same officers  
25 that had met you the day before?

1                   **MS. BURGESS LEBRUN:** Correct.

2                   **MR. ENGELMANN:** Do you recall if you were  
3 asked if you wanted a female officer present?

4                   **MS. BURGESS LEBRUN:** No, I don't remember.

5                   **MR. ENGELMANN:** Is that something you would  
6 have wanted, thinking back, or do you have any thoughts on  
7 that?

8                   **MS. BURGESS LEBRUN:** I have no thoughts on  
9 that.

10                  **MR. ENGELMANN:** All right.

11                  The interview starts talking about a lack of  
12 space. Do you remember the room you were in or how small  
13 it was?

14                  **MS. BURGESS LEBRUN:** Yes, it was a very  
15 small room. Probably smaller than that room back in the  
16 corner over there.

17                  **MR. ENGELMANN:** And there were three of you  
18 in the room?

19                  **MS. BURGESS LEBRUN:** Yes.

20                  **MR. ENGELMANN:** And you had agreed or  
21 consented to give a videotaped interview?

22                  **MS. BURGESS LEBRUN:** Yes.

23                  **MR. ENGELMANN:** Did you have any concerns  
24 about the camera while you were giving the interview?

25                  **MS. BURGESS LEBRUN:** Just the fact that I

1 was nervous, knowing that I was on -- being videotaped.

2 MR. ENGELMANN: You were asked a number of  
3 questions about what happened when you were in the presence  
4 of Jean-Luc Leblanc.

5 MS. BURGESS LEBRUN: Correct.

6 MR. ENGELMANN: And a number of questions  
7 about the various forms of abuse?

8 MS. BURGESS LEBRUN: Yes.

9 MR. ENGELMANN: And you were also asked some  
10 questions about your age?

11 MS. BURGESS LEBRUN: Correct.

12 MR. ENGELMANN: And at the time, you had  
13 estimated your age starting as early as eight or nine.

14 MS. BURGESS LEBRUN: Right and today -- it  
15 wasn't eight or nine. It'd have to have been '82 and more  
16 ---

17 MR. ENGELMANN: All right.

18 MS. BURGESS LEBRUN: It was after -- it was  
19 after Jody and after Scott so ---

20 MR. ENGELMANN: And you described the abuse  
21 and its frequency and things of that nature to the police?

22 MS. BURGESS LEBRUN: Yes.

23 MR. ENGELMANN: You were asked some  
24 questions about what Mr. Leblanc looked like and, in  
25 particular, about parts of his body; questions about his

1 genitalia. Did you have any thoughts about that at the  
2 time?

3 Did you know why you were being asked  
4 questions like that?

5 **MS. BURGESS LEBRUN:** No.

6 **MR. ENGELMANN:** Anything else that you can  
7 remember from the interview that was of any significance?  
8 Just how you felt?

9 **MS. BURGESS LEBRUN:** No.

10 **MR. ENGELMANN:** Okay. So after the  
11 interview is over, what happens next? Did the officers  
12 tell you what is going to happen next; where they're going  
13 to go; what they're going to do?

14 **MS. BURGESS LEBRUN:** No, I felt like I was  
15 just left in the blue a little bit, but I mean they called  
16 me and told me he was going to go to court, like, down the  
17 road, whenever it was.

18 **MR. ENGELMANN:** Did they give you a phone  
19 number or a reference for a victim support service of some  
20 sort?

21 **MS. BURGESS LEBRUN:** Yes. I did have a  
22 victim -- witness phone number.

23 **MR. ENGELMANN:** Did they suggest to you that  
24 they would be available if you wanted to call them?

25 **MS. BURGESS LEBRUN:** Yes, they did.

1                   **MR. ENGELMANN:** Do you remember if you were  
2                   told when Mr. Leblanc was charged and if there was anybody  
3                   following up with you about his charges?

4                   **MS. BURGESS LEBRUN:** Can you repeat that  
5                   again? Sorry.

6                   **MR. ENGELMANN:** Yes. You had the interview  
7                   on February 10<sup>th</sup> of 1999.

8                   **MS. BURGESS LEBRUN:** Correct.

9                   **MR. ENGELMANN:** Were you told sometime later  
10                  in the spring whether or not Mr. Leblanc was charged with  
11                  doing something to you?

12                  **MS. BURGESS LEBRUN:** Yes.

13                  **MR. ENGELMANN:** All right. Who would have  
14                  told you that?

15                  **MS. BURGESS LEBRUN:** One of the officers.

16                  **MR. ENGELMANN:** So someone would have phoned  
17                  you?

18                  **MS. BURGESS LEBRUN:** Yes.

19                  **MR. ENGELMANN:** All right. Do you remember  
20                  if one of the officers or someone else followed up and told  
21                  you about his court dates?

22                  **MS. BURGESS LEBRUN:** Yes, because I was  
23                  there.

24                  **MR. ENGELMANN:** You were there for which one  
25                  of his court dates?

1 MS. BURGESS LEBRUN: For his sentencing.

2 MR. ENGELMANN: All right. So someone  
3 called you for that sentencing hearing?

4 MS. BURGESS LEBRUN: Yes.

5 MR. ENGELMANN: Now, you were interviewed in  
6 February of '99. You were called about a charge sometime  
7 thereafter, and we know that the sentencing happened in  
8 2002. So it took about three years. Do you recall if  
9 there were some contacts from the police between that first  
10 interview and then someone telling you about the charge and  
11 that sentencing hearing?

12 MS. BURGESS LEBRUN: Yes, there was some;  
13 very, very little.

14 MR. ENGELMANN: How would that contact have  
15 been made, do you know?

16 MS. BURGESS LEBRUN: By phone.

17 MR. ENGELMANN: Again, would it have been  
18 one of those two officers or would it have been someone  
19 else?

20 MS. BURGESS LEBRUN: I think it was one of  
21 the two officers. There was also Don Génier was another  
22 officer that was part of that.

23 MR. ENGELMANN: He was another OPP officer?

24 MS. BURGESS LEBRUN: Correct.

25 MR. ENGELMANN: So these were always OPP

1 officers following up with you?

2 MS. BURGESS LEBRUN: Yes.

3 MR. ENGELMANN: They weren't police officers  
4 from another police force?

5 MS. BURGESS LEBRUN: No.

6 MR. ENGELMANN: Now, you said you went to  
7 court for his sentencing hearing?

8 MS. BURGESS LEBRUN: Yes.

9 MR. ENGELMANN: Did you also go to court  
10 when he plead guilty or you just remember the sentencing  
11 hearing?

12 MS. BURGESS LEBRUN: I think I was there a  
13 couple of times.

14 MR. ENGELMANN: Where was the sentencing  
15 hearing, do you remember that?

16 MS. BURGESS LEBRUN: In Ottawa.

17 MR. ENGELMANN: Did you go to court in  
18 Ottawa with anyone?

19 MS. BURGESS LEBRUN: Yes, my two brothers.

20 MR. ENGELMANN: Scott and Jody?

21 MS. BURGESS LEBRUN: Scott and Jody.

22 MR. ENGELMANN: All right.

23 MS. BURGESS LEBRUN: And my husband was with  
24 us as well.

25 MR. ENGELMANN: So one of the OPP officers



1 would have told you about that court date and where it was?

2 MS. BURGESS LEBRUN: Correct.

3 MR. ENGELMANN: Or was it someone from the  
4 Crown Attorney's Office?

5 MS. BURGESS LEBRUN: I can't remember.

6 MR. ENGELMANN: All right.

7 Do you know who the Crown attorney or Crown  
8 prosecutor was who was dealing with the case?

9 MS. BURGESS LEBRUN: It was a woman.

10 MR. ENGELMANN: You don't remember her name?

11 MS. BURGESS LEBRUN: No, I don't.

12 MR. ENGELMANN: You're aware that he was  
13 sentenced to a long jail term relative ---

14 MS. BURGESS LEBRUN: Well, he was sentenced  
15 to a jail term.

16 MR. ENGELMANN: All right. Sentenced to a  
17 jail term of approximately 10 years?

18 MS. BURGESS LEBRUN: Yes, he got 10 years,  
19 but he got eight because he was already incarcerated.

20 MR. ENGELMANN: All right. And he was found  
21 to be a long-term offender?

22 MS. BURGESS LEBRUN: Yes, I guess a decade  
23 of probation after or something like that -- not probation,  
24 long-term offender.

25 MR. ENGELMANN: How did you feel about that

1 sentence?

2 **MS. BURGESS LEBRUN:** At first, when it was  
3 initially given to him, I was relieved that he was going  
4 behind bars and nobody can touch -- he can't touch nobody.  
5 And, like, today I'm sitting here going, you know, he's out  
6 in a few years. There's nothing that can stop him from re-  
7 offending no matter how much he's given an offender's name  
8 or whatever, you know.

9 **MR. ENGELMANN:** It was much different,  
10 though, than the first sentence he received?

11 **MS. BURGESS LEBRUN:** Oh yes.

12 **MR. ENGELMANN:** Now, you mentioned that you  
13 were given the name of someone from Victim Support Program?

14 **MS. BURGESS LEBRUN:** Yes.

15 **MR. ENGELMANN:** Was there any follow-up  
16 either from them or by you with them, do you remember?

17 **MS. BURGESS LEBRUN:** Afterwards?

18 **MR. ENGELMANN:** Yes, after you were given  
19 the name when you were first interviewed. Do you know if  
20 you had any contact with them, up until the time he was  
21 sentenced?

22 **MS. BURGESS LEBRUN:** I had some contact up  
23 until the time he was sentenced.

24 **MR. ENGELMANN:** All right. So you had some  
25 contact from someone from Victim Support or Victim

1 Services?

2 MS. BURGESS LEBRUN: Yes. I think her name  
3 is Louise.

4 MR. ENGELMANN: Do you remember what kind of  
5 services you were provided?

6 MS. BURGESS LEBRUN: I wasn't provided with  
7 any services, just someone to talk to and make sure I'm  
8 always okay.

9 MR. ENGELMANN: Now, were you ever asked to  
10 fill out a Victim Impact Statement?

11 MS. BURGESS LEBRUN: Yes, I was.

12 MR. ENGELMANN: Do you remember who asked  
13 you to fill it out or who provided it to you?

14 MS. BURGESS LEBRUN: The police.

15 MR. ENGELMANN: When you say the police,  
16 that would have been one of the OPP officers?

17 MS. BURGESS LEBRUN: The OPP.

18 MR. ENGELMANN: Did they actually give it to  
19 you?

20 MS. BURGESS LEBRUN: Yes.

21 MR. ENGELMANN: Do you remember how you got  
22 it?

23 MS. BURGESS LEBRUN: I can't remember if it  
24 was in the mail or if they hand delivered it to me.

25 MR. ENGELMANN: Were you told what it would

1 be used for?

2 MS. BURGESS LEBRUN: Yes.

3 MR. ENGELMANN: What were you told?

4 MS. BURGESS LEBRUN: I was told that it  
5 would be used for -- when he's sentenced, the day he's  
6 sentenced.

7 MR. ENGELMANN: Did anyone help you in  
8 filling out that form?

9 MS. BURGESS LEBRUN: I think the police did  
10 a couple of times. I had a few questions but minor  
11 questions.

12 MR. ENGELMANN: What did you do with the  
13 form after you filled it out?

14 MS. BURGESS LEBRUN: I gave it to them.

15 MR. ENGELMANN: Gave it to?

16 THE COMMISSIONER: One of the police  
17 officers?

18 MS. BURGESS LEBRUN: I think it was one of  
19 the policemen.

20 MR. ENGELMANN: Would you ---

21 MS. BURGESS LEBRUN: I'm not sure, though.

22 MR. ENGELMANN: Do you recall if you brought  
23 it to court when you went to the sentencing hearing?

24 MS. BURGESS LEBRUN: I know I had it in  
25 court when he was sentenced.

1                   **MR. ENGELMANN:** Did you have a discussion  
2 with anyone about the possibility of reading your Victim  
3 Impact Statement?

4                   **MS. BURGESS LEBRUN:** Yes, I was asked if I  
5 would like to read my Victim Impact Statement, and I said I  
6 would love to read it.

7                   **MR. ENGELMANN:** Who asked you that?

8                   **MS. BURGESS LEBRUN:** I think it was the  
9 Crown Attorney; am I saying that right?

10                  **MR. ENGELMANN:** Yes.

11                  **THE COMMISSIONER:** Yes, you are.

12                  **MS. BURGESS LEBRUN:** Okay.

13                  **MR. ENGELMANN:** And that was a female Crown  
14 Attorney?

15                  **MS. BURGESS LEBRUN:** Correct.

16                  **MR. ENGELMANN:** Why did you want to read it?

17                  **MS. BURGESS LEBRUN:** Because I wanted him to  
18 feel what I was feeling inside.

19                  **MR. ENGELMANN:** Okay. And he was there?

20                  **MS. BURGESS LEBRUN:** Yes, he was.

21                  **MR. ENGELMANN:** Did you get an opportunity  
22 to read it?

23                  **MS. BURGESS LEBRUN:** No, I did not. She  
24 ended up reading it.

25                  **MR. ENGELMANN:** Do you know why that

1           happened?

2                           **MS. BURGESS LEBRUN:** I don't have a clue.

3                           **MR. ENGELMANN:** How did that make you feel  
4           at the time?

5                           **MS. BURGESS LEBRUN:** I felt like of no use.  
6           I really wanted him to know how I felt and out of my own  
7           heart because no matter how much somebody else reads the  
8           statement, it never comes out the way you want it to come  
9           out.

10                          **MR. ENGELMANN:** I have a copy of that here,  
11           I believe, and I just want to have the witness provided  
12           with document number 117848.

13                          Ms. Lebrun, could you just take a look at  
14           the document you have just been handed? Can you just --  
15           it's not on the screen yet. Is this the Victim Impact  
16           Statement that you wanted to read in court when Mr. Leblanc  
17           was sentenced?

18                          **MS. BURGESS LEBRUN:** Yes.

19                          **MR. ENGELMANN:** Who prepared the document?

20                          **MS. BURGESS LEBRUN:** Myself.

21                          **MR. ENGELMANN:** That's your signature?

22                          **MS. BURGESS LEBRUN:** Yes, it is.

23                          **MR. ENGELMANN:** You would have prepared the  
24           second page, which has the caption "Victim Impact  
25           Statement"; correct?

1 MS. BURGESS LEBRUN: Yes.

2 MR. ENGELMANN: And you also prepared a  
3 short statement on the final page of the document that  
4 talks about financial impact?

5 MS. BURGESS LEBRUN: Correct.

6 MR. ENGELMANN: Did you want an opportunity  
7 to read your Victim Impact Statement today?

8 MS. BURGESS LEBRUN: I would love to, if I  
9 get -- if I would have the chance.

10 THE COMMISSIONER: You can. So it will be a  
11 "P" exhibit?

12 MR. ENGELMANN: Yes.

13 THE COMMISSIONER: Exhibit No. 111.

14 --- EXHIBIT NO./PIÈCE NO P-111:

15 Cindy Burgess Lebrun - Victim Impact  
16 Statement

17 MR. ENGELMANN: If you could just wait a  
18 moment.

19 MS. BURGESS LEBRUN: Yes.

20 (SHORT PAUSE/COURTE PAUSE)

21 MR. ENGELMANN: Please go ahead.

22 MS. BURGESS LEBRUN: "Growing up, I  
23 watched my friends lead normal lives  
24 while I hid behind a wall of shame,  
25 guilt and fear. To this day, there is

1 never any freedom for what this man has  
2 done to me. I must concentrate so hard  
3 to live in the world that he has  
4 created for me. If not, his face  
5 manages to creep up and take over the  
6 faces of the people I love. All these  
7 years, I cried when my husband made  
8 love to me because he invaded my  
9 thoughts, and even at those precious  
10 times. I resented a lot of people  
11 while I was growing up because I  
12 expected them to help me and though I  
13 had never said a word, I had hoped with  
14 all my heart that someone would read  
15 into my eyes and stop the awful things  
16 he was doing to me. I have nothing to  
17 gain here today other than freedom to  
18 try and live my life, knowing he cannot  
19 hurt someone else the way he hurt me.  
20 I might be able to walk down the street  
21 without the fear that he may be lurking  
22 somewhere in the shadows, and maybe  
23 someday the nightmares will turn into  
24 dreams and the fears will turn into  
25 comfort. No punishment will truly make



1                   it all go away until the day I visit  
2                   his grave, knowing that he is facing  
3                   the ultimate judge. That is the day I  
4                   live for. Coming here after all these  
5                   years was devastating for me. I had  
6                   used the biggest shovels and the  
7                   strongest dozers to bury all the  
8                   haunting and degrading feelings that he  
9                   had created in me. I had to bring them  
10                  all forward again to remember, to  
11                  relive and, most of all, to re-suffer.  
12                  After 20 years, he managed to do it to  
13                  me again. Seeing his face in the court  
14                  brought back a bigger fear than when I  
15                  was a child; the knowledge that I was  
16                  now trying to hurt him by telling the  
17                  truth just about me walking away  
18                  because, unlike him, it is not in my  
19                  nature to hurt someone else. Watching  
20                  him pace the halls, he looked like the  
21                  monster from my past, waiting to pounce  
22                  on me at any opportunity. And the  
23                  question that still remains unanswered  
24                  and probably will always be is why?  
25                  Why me? Why only partial truth about

1 what happened? Why? I was only a  
2 little girl. That one word makes me  
3 cry because it makes me think of you.  
4 I feel so much pity for you, Jean-Luc.  
5 You had the power to teach me love  
6 instead of hate. You had the power to  
7 learn who I was instead of turning me  
8 into someone with no reason of being.  
9 I was a child full of love and you  
10 stole that from me and turned it into  
11 fear. You took something of no value  
12 to you but was the basis of my being.  
13 You destroyed it with no regards of  
14 consequences to me later in life. You  
15 took it, though you couldn't see it  
16 yourself. I was too young to protect  
17 it and now I cannot find it anymore.  
18 That is what you did when you stole my  
19 pride. I know deep down inside of me  
20 what kind of person I really am, but  
21 who can I trust with such sensitivity  
22 after what you did to me? There are no  
23 words to truly reflect the pain, the  
24 fears and the lifelong scars that you  
25 have put me through. If anyone here

1                   doubts that they are real, try walking  
2                   in my shoes for just one day and maybe  
3                   then you'll understand better.  
4                   I often wonder how far I would have  
5                   gotten in my life if you had let me  
6                   grow up normally. Maybe I would have  
7                   become a famous lawyer or a well-known  
8                   doctor. Instead I remain a shell of  
9                   the person I could have been and all  
10                  because of the hate and fear of people  
11                  that you put inside of my heart and in  
12                  my mind.  
13                  Why would a nobody like me even try to  
14                  be a somebody? You took away my future  
15                  by killing my childhood. Is there a  
16                  price attached to someone's future?  
17                  The life I have is only a shadow of  
18                  what it could have been. My fear of  
19                  people has stopped me from getting  
20                  anywhere in my life. My fear of  
21                  discussing it has stopped me from being  
22                  free."

23                         **MR. ENGELMANN:** Ms. Lebrun, you wrote those  
24                         words about five years ago. I know you wanted to say them  
25                         then. Some of those words, some of that impact is still

1 with you today?

2 MS. BURGESS LEBRUN: Yes.

3 MR. ENGELMANN: Are you getting some help,  
4 some counseling, some assistance?

5 MS. BURGESS LEBRUN: Yes, I am.

6 MR. ENGELMANN: At the time that the charges  
7 were being investigated in 1999, were you offered some  
8 counseling assistance at that time, to your knowledge?

9 MS. BURGESS LEBRUN: No, none at the time.

10 MR. ENGELMANN: Have you ever refused  
11 counseling that's been offered?

12 MS. BURGESS LEBRUN: No.

13 MR. ENGELMANN: I understand that at some  
14 point after the charges were laid, you applied for some  
15 compensation for what happened to you through the Criminal  
16 Injuries Compensation Board; is that correct?

17 MS. BURGESS LEBRUN: That's correct.

18 MR. ENGELMANN: And how did you find out  
19 about them? Do you remember?

20 MS. BURGESS LEBRUN: The police.

21 MR. ENGELMANN: I'm sorry?

22 MS. BURGESS LEBRUN: The police.

23 MR. ENGELMANN: Okay. So one of the ---

24 MS. BURGESS LEBRUN: OPP.

25 MR. ENGELMANN: --- OPP officers.

1                   Did you have some help in filling out that  
2                   application? And if so, by whom?

3                   **MS. BURGESS LEBRUN:** I don't think so.

4                   **MR. ENGELMANN:** Okay. Were you ultimately  
5                   successful in getting some compensation from the Criminal  
6                   Injuries Compensation Board?

7                   **MS. BURGESS LEBRUN:** Yes, I was. But like  
8                   my brother said, no amount of money will ever justify what  
9                   we have to live with for the rest of our lives. They also  
10                  -- the Compensation Board told me if I ever wanted to try  
11                  therapy back then, when they -- when I went in front of  
12                  them, to call them and let them know and they would help  
13                  cover the cost.

14                  **MR. ENGELMANN:** So have they assisted with  
15                  some counseling?

16                  **MS. BURGESS LEBRUN:** Pardon me?

17                  **MR. ENGELMANN:** Did they assist with some  
18                  counseling or the cost of the counseling?

19                  **MS. BURGESS LEBRUN:** They told me they would  
20                  but I never used it. I wasn't ready.

21                  **MR. ENGELMANN:** Okay. You've just read to  
22                  us some of the impacts of the child sexual abuse, and I  
23                  understand that you're seeing some professionals. You're  
24                  seeing counselors and others to help with that?

25                  **MS. BURGESS LEBRUN:** Yes, I am.

1                   **MR. ENGELMANN:** You've told us that you  
2                   didn't have any contacts with institutions in 1986 and we  
3                   know now that you started to have some contacts with some  
4                   institutions in 1999 when the child sexual abuse that Jean-  
5                   Luc Leblanc did with you was first investigated. Looking  
6                   back, I don't know if you're able to tell us this, but this  
7                   was investigated in 1999 and it was investigated with your  
8                   brothers in 1986. Would you have wanted this to have been  
9                   investigated earlier?

10                   **MS. BURGESS LEBRUN:** I can't really say if I  
11                   would have wanted it. That's 20 years ago. I mean, my  
12                   thoughts weren't where they are today.

13                   **MR. ENGELMANN:** Okay. The Cornwall Police  
14                   Service had no contact with you in 1986?

15                   **MS. BURGESS LEBRUN:** No.

16                   **MR. ENGELMANN:** They certainly did have some  
17                   contact with your brothers. Do you have any comment to  
18                   make about the fact that there was no contact back then in  
19                   your own case?

20                   **MS. BURGESS LEBRUN:** Today?

21                   **MR. ENGELMANN:** Yes.

22                   **MS. BURGESS LEBRUN:** Yes, today, I sit here  
23                   and wonder why they didn't look -- I mean, I am from a  
24                   family of seven. So, you know, if two of the seven kids  
25                   have come up and said "I have been abused", then why

1 weren't the rest of us five looked into.

2 **MR. ENGELMANN:** I don't know if you have any  
3 thoughts or comments about the Children's Aid Society at  
4 the time, back in 1986 with respect to you and your  
5 siblings. Do you know if there was some contact?

6 **MS. BURGESS LEBRUN:** With -- no, there was  
7 none, sorry.

8 **MR. ENGELMANN:** None that you know of?

9 **MS. BURGESS LEBRUN:** Not with me anyways.

10 **MR. ENGELMANN:** Okay. Now, in 1999, the OPP  
11 started to investigate these allegations. I'm just  
12 wondering if you have any comments on their response and  
13 their contact with you?

14 **MS. BURGESS LEBRUN:** I had good contact with  
15 them. There should have been a little more contact with us  
16 to make sure how we're doing, whatever.

17 And instead of knocking on my door, I wish I  
18 would have received a phone call prior to them coming to my  
19 door, you know, because it would have had me ready instead  
20 of getting the train hit. It changed my life. It's -- you  
21 know, my marriage is very strong. I've got a very  
22 wonderful husband who is very supportive. Our intimacy has  
23 not been the same since then. And I just want it all back  
24 what I had. And I think maybe if it was done in a more  
25 softer state or a softer way of entering into someone's

1 world, to re-live everything, things might be different  
2 today.

3 **MR. ENGELMANN:** You told us a little bit  
4 about some contact or some involvement with the Crown  
5 Prosecutor, a woman prosecutor, at the sentencing hearing.  
6 Is that the only contact that you know of that you had with  
7 a Crown Prosecutor?

8 **MS. BURGESS LEBRUN:** Yes.

9 **MR. ENGELMANN:** Do you have any comments to  
10 make about that response or how you were dealt with then?

11 **MS. BURGESS LEBRUN:** Just the fact if  
12 somebody wants to read an Impact Statement, to allow them  
13 to read it. Like I said, it's different coming from your  
14 heart as opposed to me saying, "Here, can you read this?"  
15 It's a big difference.

16 **MR. ENGELMANN:** Is there anything else that  
17 you wanted to talk about with respect to the impact or  
18 institutional response? I am going to ask you a final  
19 question about recommendations.

20 **MS. BURGESS LEBRUN:** I wrote a letter to  
21 myself back in 2004, I think it was, about what I went  
22 through after this all broke open, about Jean-Luc and  
23 resurfacing my wounds and everything.

24 **MR. ENGELMANN:** This is a note you wrote to  
25 yourself?



1                   **MS. BURGESS LEBRUN:** This is a note that I  
2 wrote on my computer.

3                   **MR. ENGELMANN:** Right. And it's about the  
4 impact?

5                   **MS. BURGESS LEBRUN:** It's about the impact.

6                   **MR. ENGELMANN:** Do you want to either read  
7 that or paraphrase it?

8                   **MS. BURGESS LEBRUN:** Would I be able to read  
9 it?

10                  **THE COMMISSIONER:** If you wish.

11                  **MS. BURGESS LEBRUN:** Can I do that now?

12                  **THE COMMISSIONER:** Go ahead.

13                  **MS. BURGESS LEBRUN:** Thank you.

14                                "When I was a little girl, I was  
15 sexually assaulted along with two of my  
16 brothers. The guy was charged in '86  
17 for my two brothers and my name was  
18 never mentioned.

19                                Many years later, I had two cops come  
20 to my door and started to question me.  
21 From that moment on, the door inside of  
22 me opened and it hit me like a tonne of  
23 bricks.

24                                I went to see my doctor and I told him  
25 what was going on. My emotions were

1 getting to me and nothing seemed to be  
2 fair or right. So he gave me some  
3 medication to try. Well, after two  
4 days I started to shake a little bit.  
5 I went back to see him about it and he  
6 told me to come off of them right away.  
7 By the time I left his office and got  
8 to my home, which is only three blocks  
9 away, I was shaking worse. I was  
10 stuttering, stomping out the left foot.  
11 My whole left side of my body was  
12 acting strange, my lips, my eyes, my  
13 head.  
14 I have three children, and they were  
15 with me at the time it happened. What  
16 a devastation for those kids to see.  
17 My husband was called home from work  
18 and he took me to the hospital. Then  
19 gave me some other kind of medication.  
20 I remained there for a bit to relax and  
21 they told me to leave but please have  
22 no excitement for a few days or so.  
23 After a few days later, a friend of  
24 ours had hit my left hand and it  
25 started all over again with the

1                   stuttering and all these strange acts.  
2                   My husband then took me to the Ottawa  
3                   Hospital. They didn't have a clue of  
4                   what was going on with me. They'd  
5                   never seen it before. So they gave me  
6                   a shot of Benadryl or Benylin...I am  
7                   not sure which one...I get those two  
8                   mixed up all the time. But I know it's  
9                   one that they use for Parkinson's. I  
10                  remember passing out and told my  
11                  husband to go get the doctor because I  
12                  could feel myself going out. I walked  
13                  out of there five hours later feeling  
14                  fine.  
15                  Ever since I took those pills, I have  
16                  never been the same. I've had an ECG  
17                  done, a CAT scan done, an MRI. I did a  
18                  sleep test, did all other kinds of  
19                  tests, even went to the Trauma Movement  
20                  Disorder Centre where they said to me  
21                  'Well, we can tell you that it's not  
22                  all in your head. Everything is  
23                  supposed to be normal'. Then why in  
24                  heavens can I not even eat a bowl of  
25                  ice cream or be out in the cold with my

1 kids or go from cold to hot? My kids  
2 call it the chicken dance.  
3 I feel like my left side of my back has  
4 like a trigger sitting in there. As I  
5 am writing to you, speaking to you now,  
6 something has happened under my left  
7 shoulder blade. It's like a twick or a  
8 twitch or a pressure point. I can't be  
9 hit on my left shoulder. I can't even  
10 get overly excited. These episodes  
11 happen even at my workplace, in front  
12 of company and in front of my family.  
13 To this day today, I have seen four  
14 neurologists. The last one I just saw  
15 a few weeks ago in October. I have  
16 what they call a 'psychological  
17 disorder' but he says it will cure, not  
18 for a long time but with lots of help."

19 Thank you for giving me this opportunity to  
20 read this.

21 **MR. ENGELMANN:** Ms. Lebrun, as you know,  
22 we've asked witnesses who've come before you if they have  
23 suggestions for us with respect to the job we have at hand.  
24 I'm just wondering if you have any suggestions or  
25 recommendations that you'd like to leave with us as well?

1                   **MS. BURGESS LEBRUN:** I do.

2                   **MR. ENGELMANN:** Well, now is your  
3 opportunity.

4                   **MR. ENGELMANN:** Now is your opportunity.

5                   **MS. BURGESS LEBRUN:** For myself, I feel that  
6 if someone was given a new name to the cops, then the cops  
7 should not show up at their door. There should be even a  
8 phone call to that person first.

9                   Keep in touch with the victims for at least  
10 six months after a sentencing.

11                   Don't forget to offer victims and families  
12 counseling.

13                   Get the CAS involved. CAS needs to ask all  
14 the children, not just the two or whoever has been abused.

15                   I got to read my Victim Impact Statement,  
16 which was one of the things I marked down should have been  
17 done for me then.

18                   My recommendations: keep victims updated.

19                   Put probation up a tree.

20                   **MR. ENGELMANN:** I'm sorry?

21                   **MS. BURGESS LEBRUN:** Put probation up a  
22 tree. You know, I don't want to use any other  
23 terminologies. If you do a crime, then give them the time,  
24 jail, that is, and let them be marked as offenders forever.

25                   Maybe police should keep counseling cards on

1           them at all times so they can hand them out to victims so  
2           they have somewhere to call.

3                       Teach sex abuse in the school curriculum  
4           more often. Let the children know that it's okay to talk  
5           about it.

6                       Schools should be notified of any abuse.

7                       Let speakers into our school, especially if  
8           you're a former victim of abuse, because we know what it's  
9           all like.

10                      Again, if someone has been abused in a  
11           family, then all children should be interviewed.

12                      There shouldn't be such a thing as a waiting  
13           list for any type of counseling or therapy.

14                      More advertising for help on sex abuse, a 1-  
15           800 anonymous hotline 24/7.

16                      There should be better police checks when  
17           hiring somebody, especially Jean-Luc being a bus driver.  
18           You know, how was that missed?

19                      Police and school staff should be trained to  
20           be able to look for signs and know how to deal with these  
21           types of situations.

22                      Extra facilities for health-related that are  
23           not covered through OHIP, because a lot of us can't afford  
24           the cost of it out there.

25                      And last, I marked just for myself, I'm a

1 very overprotective parent today.

2 **MR. ENGELMANN:** Overprotective?

3 **MS. BURGESS LEBRUN:** Very overprotective. I  
4 have a 15-year old that can't go three blocks from my home,  
5 and I wish I could let him be a little more free, but that  
6 will take a lot of work. We'll get there.

7 **MR. ENGELMANN:** Ms. Lebrun, thank you very  
8 much for participating in this Inquiry.

9 Many of my colleagues who are counsel for  
10 some of the parties here will have questions for you. They  
11 will introduce themselves and they will tell you who they  
12 are acting for.

13 **MS. BURGESS LEBRUN:** Okay. Thank you.

14 **MR. ENGELMANN:** Thank you.

15 **THE COMMISSIONER:** Are you okay to continue  
16 for now?

17 **MS. BURGESS LEBRUN:** Yes, I'm good.

18 **THE COMMISSIONER:** All right.

19 Mr. Wardle, go ahead, sir.

20 --- CROSS-EXAMINATION BY/CONTRE-INTERROGATOIRE PAR MR.

21 **WARDLE:**

22 **MR. WARDLE:** Ms. Lebrun, my name is Peter  
23 Wardle. I'm here for Citizens for Community Renewal, the  
24 citizens group.

25 Let me just start by saying, I think on

1           behalf of all of us, thank you so much for coming and for  
2           sharing that experience with us this afternoon.

3                       **MS. BURGESS LEBRUN:** You're quite welcome.

4                       **MR. WARDLE:** I just have a couple of  
5           questions for you. I'm going to show you a document, if I  
6           may. It's Exhibit C-99. If we could turn first to page  
7           7152064, this is a CAS file with respect to your brother  
8           Scott, and I understand from Mr. Lee that you may have had  
9           an opportunity to review parts of this. Is that correct?

10                      **THE COMMISSIONER:** Would it help if you had  
11           a hard copy?

12                      **MS. BURGESS LEBRUN:** I can see this fine. I  
13           have never seen that page.

14                      **MR. WARDLE:** Okay. Well, I'm going to take  
15           you to a page in a minute which you may have seen, but I  
16           want to just start by just making sure you understand what  
17           this document is.

18                      **MS. BURGESS LEBRUN:** Okay.

19                      **MR. WARDLE:** You'll see that it has at the  
20           top -- it may not show on your screen, but it starts with  
21           Record of Inquiry and then it's got a name on the left  
22           which is the name of an employee of the Children's Aid,  
23           Bruce Duncan. And then there's some dates and you'll see  
24           the date is January 24, 1986. And then there's some  
25           information that follows about your family.



1 Do you see all of that?

2 MS. BURGESS LEBRUN: Okay.

3 MR. WARDLE: And you'll see, if we just  
4 scroll down the page a little bit, that you're mentioned  
5 there as one of the children and you'll see the names of  
6 all of your brothers and sisters and you're shown and your  
7 date of birth is shown there.

8 MS. BURGESS LEBRUN: Correct.

9 MR. WARDLE: Do you see that?

10 MS. BURGESS LEBRUN: Yes, I do.

11 MR. WARDLE: Okay. So you were 15 at this  
12 time and we've already heard evidence from your two  
13 brothers about how this was reported to the CAS and to the  
14 police. But at this point, January 24, 1986, you were 15  
15 years old; correct?

16 MS. BURGESS LEBRUN: Yes, going on 16.

17 MR. WARDLE: Now, I just want to turn, if I  
18 can, to page 7152068, and again, if we scroll to the top of  
19 the page, you'll see "Details of Inquiry" and if you just  
20 read that to yourself, I think we've heard evidence now  
21 about -- that is the events involving your brother Scott  
22 and Jason Tyo.

23 MS. BURGESS LEBRUN: Correct.

24 MR. WARDLE: Now, I'm just going to turn  
25 over a couple of pages to page 7152070. And there's a

1 heading at the top of the page, "Worker's Assessment of the  
2 Situation". Now, is this a paragraph that you've had an  
3 opportunity to have a look at recently?

4 **MS. BURGESS LEBRUN:** Yes.

5 **MR. WARDLE:** Okay. I'm not going to ask you  
6 a lot about this paragraph, but I do have one or two  
7 questions for you. I understand that there was a prior  
8 incident involving you at your school. Is that correct?

9 **MS. BURGESS LEBRUN:** Correct.

10 **MR. WARDLE:** And I understand that there's a  
11 reference in this paragraph to you in relation to that  
12 incident, if I can put it that way? If we look down  
13 through the paragraph, there's a sentence that says -- and  
14 this is referring to your mother:

15 "She is also concerned that four of her  
16 seven children, to her knowledge, have  
17 now also been victimized."

18 Correct?

19 **MS. BURGESS LEBRUN:** Correct.

20 **MR. WARDLE:** And as I understand it from my  
21 discussions with your counsel, Mr. Lee, your mother was  
22 aware that there had been a prior incident of abuse  
23 involving you at your school?

24 **MS. BURGESS LEBRUN:** Right.

25 **MR. WARDLE:** So this indicates that this was

1 reported to the CAS at the time they were investigating the  
2 matters involving your brother Scott. Is that your  
3 understanding?

4 **MS. BURGESS LEBRUN:** Yes.

5 **MR. WARDLE:** Okay. And you're confident --  
6 I think you've told Mr. Engelmann this -- that whoever came  
7 to the house -- and I know you don't have any recollection  
8 of it -- but you're confident that nobody asked you any  
9 questions in or around late January of 1986?

10 **MS. BURGESS LEBRUN:** For Jean-Luc?

11 **MR. WARDLE:** Yes.

12 **MS. BURGESS LEBRUN:** No.

13 **MR. WARDLE:** Okay. Neither the police nor  
14 the CAS asked you any questions at all?

15 **MS. BURGESS LEBRUN:** No.

16 **MR. WARDLE:** Those are all my questions.

17 Thank you again.

18 **MS. BURGESS LEBRUN:** Thank you.

19 **THE COMMISSIONER:** Thank you.

20 Mr. Chisholm.

21 --- CROSS-EXAMINATION BY/CONTRE-INTERROGATOIRE PAR MR.

22 **CHISHOLM:**

23 **MR. CHISHOLM:** Good afternoon, Ms. Lebrun.

24 My name is Peter Chisholm. I'm counsel for the Children's  
25 Aid Society. I would like to start this afternoon by

1           thanking you for coming to testify. It was a difficult  
2           thing for you to do and you did the task very well.

3                        If I could just ask you a question in  
4           relation to what Mr. Wardle just asked you about, your  
5           victimization at school.

6                        **MS. BURGESS LEBRUN:** Correct.

7                        **MR. CHISHOLM:** Can you tell us not  
8           necessarily the name of the person who victimized you, but  
9           the position that they held?

10                      **MS. BURGESS LEBRUN:** They were students and  
11           there was three of them, and two of the three were friends  
12           of the family.

13                      **MR. CHISHOLM:** So they were students that  
14           were going to school with you?

15                      **MS. BURGESS LEBRUN:** Yes.

16                      **MR. CHISHOLM:** They weren't in a position of  
17           -- they weren't your teacher, caregiver or anything like  
18           that?

19                      **MS. BURGESS LEBRUN:** No, no, they were  
20           friends. They were boys.

21                      **MR. CHISHOLM:** Thank you, Ms. Lebrun. Good  
22           luck to you.

23                      **MS. BURGESS LEBRUN:** Thank you.

24                      **THE COMMISSIONER:** Mr. Rose.

25                      **MR. ROSE:** No questions.

1                   **THE COMMISSIONER:** Thank you.

2                   Mr. Scharbach?

3                   **MR. SCHARBACH:** Thank you.

4                   **---CROSS-EXAMINATION BY/CONTRE-INTERROGATOIRE PAR MR.**

5                   **SCHARBACH:**

6                   **MR. SCHARBACH:** Good afternoon, Ms. Lebrun.

7                   My name is Stephen Scharbach and I'm a lawyer for the  
8                   Ministry of the Attorney General. I just have a couple of  
9                   questions for you.

10                   You mentioned that you were in touch with  
11                   the Victims Assistance Program Office, I think -- Victim  
12                   Assistance?

13                   **MS. BURGESS LEBRUN:** Yes.

14                   **MR. SCHARBACH:** I think you mentioned a  
15                   person by the name of Louise?

16                   **MS. BURGESS LEBRUN:** Yes.

17                   **MR. SCHARBACH:** And that would be the Victim  
18                   Assistance Office in Ottawa?

19                   **MS. BURGESS LEBRUN:** Correct.

20                   **MR. SCHARBACH:** I just was hoping that you  
21                   could elaborate a little bit on your involvement with them.  
22                   Did you have a number of telephone conversations with that  
23                   office, for example?

24                   **MS. BURGESS LEBRUN:** With Louise?

25                   **MR. SCHARBACH:** Yes.

1                   **MS. BURGESS LEBRUN:** I had a few, yes.

2                   **MR. SCHARBACH:** And what were the nature of  
3 those telephone conversations?

4                   **MS. BURGESS LEBRUN:** Just to see how I was  
5 doing.

6                   **MR. SCHARBACH:** So she would occasionally  
7 phone you up and see how you were doing?

8                   **MS. BURGESS LEBRUN:** Yes.

9                   **MR. SCHARBACH:** Would she give you  
10 information about the case, about the dates, the  
11 developments of the case, anything of that nature?

12                   **MS. BURGESS LEBRUN:** She might have. I  
13 can't recall. She might have given me a few dates.

14                   **MR. SCHARBACH:** All right.

15                   And do you recall whether she ever told you  
16 that she could refer you for counseling or some sort of  
17 assistance if required?

18                   **MS. BURGESS LEBRUN:** I don't recall.

19                   **MR. SCHARBACH:** Okay. And with respect to  
20 the Crown, you mentioned that you had met a Crown  
21 Prosecutor, a female Crown Prosecutor; is that right?

22                   **MS. BURGESS LEBRUN:** Correct.

23                   **MR. SCHARBACH:** Is that one meeting or two  
24 meetings or do you recall?

25                   **MS. BURGESS LEBRUN:** I think it was just --

1 I think it was one, but it could have been two.

2 MR. SCHARBACH: Okay. And when we say  
3 meeting, it's face-to-face meetings in her office.

4 MS. BURGESS LEBRUN: I'm pretty sure it was  
5 one.

6 MR. SCHARBACH: Okay. And could you just  
7 briefly describe what was the nature of the discussion you  
8 had with the Crown; do you recall?

9 MS. BURGESS LEBRUN: It was about reading my  
10 Impact Statement.

11 MR. SCHARBACH: Okay. Did she discuss with  
12 you her view of the case or what she saw was going to  
13 happen? Did she tell you what you could expect, for  
14 example?

15 MS. BURGESS LEBRUN: Not that I recall.

16 MR. SCHARBACH: Okay. Did she discuss with  
17 you the possible outcome of the case?

18 MS. BURGESS LEBRUN: I don't remember.

19 MR. SCHARBACH: Did she discuss with you,  
20 for example, that Mr. Leblanc had indicated a willingness  
21 to plead guilty to the charges?

22 MS. BURGESS LEBRUN: I knew that, yes.

23 MR. SCHARBACH: Okay. And did she show you  
24 the courtroom?

25 MS. BURGESS LEBRUN: Pardon me?

1                   **MR. SCHARBACH:** Did she show you the  
2 courtroom?

3                   **MS. BURGESS LEBRUN:** No.

4                   **MR. SCHARBACH:** Okay.

5                   **MS. BURGESS LEBRUN:** I knew where it was, of  
6 course, because I would walk by it to go into another  
7 office.

8                   **MR. SCHARBACH:** Okay. Those are my  
9 questions. Thank you, Ms. Lebrun.

10                  **MS. BURGESS LEBRUN:** Thank you.

11                  **THE COMMISSIONER:** Thank you, Mr. Scharbach.  
12 Mr. Manderville.

13                  **MR. MANDERVILLE:** Thank you, Mr.  
14 Commissioner.

15                  **--- CROSS-EXAMINATION BY/CONTRE-INTERROGATOIRE PAR MR.**  
16 **MANDERVILLE:**

17                  **MR. MANDERVILLE:** Good afternoon, Ms.  
18 Lebrun. My name is Peter Manderville. I'm the lawyer for  
19 the Cornwall Police Service. I have a handful of questions  
20 for you.

21                  You told us that the period of your abuse  
22 with Mr. Leblanc began around 1982 or '83 and ended in the  
23 latter part of 1985. Would that be about right?

24                  **MS. BURGESS LEBRUN:** Correct.

25                  **MR. MANDERVILLE:** So it started when you



1           were around 12 or 13 and ended when you were 15?

2                       **MS. BURGESS LEBRUN:** Correct.

3                       **MR. MANDERVILLE:** And I take it you never  
4           told your parents about it?

5                       **MS. BURGESS LEBRUN:** Correct.

6                       **MR. MANDERVILLE:** In fact, you never told  
7           anyone about it?

8                       **MS. BURGESS LEBRUN:** Exactly.

9                       **MR. MANDERVILLE:** Right.

10                      And Scott, your brother, never told anyone  
11           about your involvement with Mr. Leblanc until February  
12           1999, right?

13                      **MS. BURGESS LEBRUN:** Right.

14                      **MR. MANDERVILLE:** Now, Jody told us earlier  
15           today that your parents knew about -- well, they certainly  
16           didn't know about the abuse, but they knew about Jody's and  
17           Scott's relationship or contacts with Mr. Leblanc. To your  
18           knowledge, did your parents know about your contacts, non  
19           sexual, but seeing Mr. Leblanc from time to time, visiting  
20           him?

21                      **MS. BURGESS LEBRUN:** I would assume so.

22                      **MR. MANDERVILLE:** And Jody never told anyone  
23           about the sexual abuse you experienced with Mr. Leblanc at  
24           any time ever; did he?

25                      **MS. BURGESS LEBRUN:** Never.

1                   **MR. MANDERVILLE:** At the time Mr. Leblanc  
2 was doing what he was doing, I take it, given your age, you  
3 did not really appreciate that he was abusing you.  
4 Correct?

5                   **MS. BURGESS LEBRUN:** Sorry.

6                   I wasn't sure if you were done with the  
7 question or what.

8                   **MR. MANDERVILLE:** My fault. I apologize.

9                   You are 12 or 13. I take it at the time  
10 this was happening to you, you did not have an appreciation  
11 that this was sexual abuse?

12                   **MS. BURGESS LEBRUN:** Right.

13                   **MR. MANDERVILLE:** And at some point later,  
14 you came to realize that you had been victimized.

15                   **MS. BURGESS LEBRUN:** Right.

16                   **MR. MANDERVILLE:** As best you can recall,  
17 when would you have come to the view that what he was doing  
18 was wrong and you had been abused?

19                   **MS. BURGESS LEBRUN:** In my later teens.

20                   **MR. MANDERVILLE:** Seventeen (17), 18  
21 perhaps?

22                   **MS. BURGESS LEBRUN:** When I stopped going.  
23 When I stopped going there, then I knew there was -- so  
24 probably yes, 17, 18; 16 maybe.

25                   **MR. MANDERVILLE:** And I take it this was

1 something that became your deepest, darkest secret?

2 MS. BURGESS LEBRUN: More than you know it.

3 MR. MANDERVILLE: And that was why when  
4 Scott did reveal it, you told us you felt like you had been  
5 hit by a train.

6 MS. BURGESS LEBRUN: Yes.

7 THE COMMISSIONER: I don't know if that's  
8 fair. I think she said that when the police came to her  
9 door and told them about it.

10 MR. MANDERVILLE: Fair enough. The  
11 revelation brought to you by the police and what Scott had  
12 revealed and the fact that the police now knew it was very  
13 troubling?

14 MS. BURGESS LEBRUN: It was very troubling.

15 MR. MANDERVILLE: And it was something --  
16 I've seen the expression that you put things under your  
17 rings. This was something you kept deep inside?

18 MS. BURGESS LEBRUN: Yes.

19 MR. MANDERVILLE: And you told us that you  
20 revealed it -- I presume it was very difficult to do -- but  
21 you revealed it to your husband in early 1990 perhaps?

22 MS. BURGESS LEBRUN: Correct.

23 MR. MANDERVILLE: Did you and your husband  
24 ever discuss coming forward and making a complaint?

25 MS. BURGESS LEBRUN: No.

1                   **MR. MANDERVILLE:** And you told us also until  
2                   you dealt with the OPP in February 1999, you had no  
3                   previous dealings with either the OPP or the Cornwall  
4                   Police?

5                   **MS. BURGESS LEBRUN:** No.

6                   **MR. MANDERVILLE:** And so your unwillingness  
7                   to come forward and tell about your complaint was not due  
8                   to any previous experience with the police. It was rather  
9                   due to your wish to keep this hidden?

10                  **MS. BURGESS LEBRUN:** Yes. I was going back  
11                  here on that. I wanted to leave out, if I may say, what  
12                  was left; like, my brothers had not said a word about me,  
13                  and as far as I was concerned, that the past is the past  
14                  and just let it ride.

15                  **MR. MANDERVILLE:** Did you ever talk about  
16                  your abuse with Scott and Jody?

17                  **MS. BURGESS LEBRUN:** No.

18                  I mean we were there, so we know what took  
19                  place, right.

20                  **MR. MANDERVILLE:** It's just simply not  
21                  something you discussed.

22                  **MS. BURGESS LEBRUN:** No.

23                  **MR. MANDERVILLE:** Thank you, Ms. Lebrun,  
24                  those are my questions.

25                  **MS. BURGESS LEBRUN:** Thank you.

1                   **THE COMMISSIONER:** Why don't we take the  
2 afternoon break? It will be a short break.

3                   **THE REGISTRAR:** Order; all rise. À l'ordre;  
4 veuillez vous lever.

5                   The hearing will resume at 3:10 p.m.

6 --- Upon recessing at 2:56 p.m./

7                   L'audience est suspendue à 14h56

8 --- Upon resuming at 3:18 p.m./

9                   L'audience est reprise à 15h18

10                  **THE REGISTRAR:** This hearing of the Cornwall  
11 Public Inquiry is now in session.

12                  Please be seated. Veuillez vous asseoir.

13 **CINDY BURGESS LEBRUN, Resumed/Sous le même serment:**

14                  **THE COMMISSIONER:** All right. Mr. Kozloff?

15 --- **CROSS-EXAMINATION BY/CONTRE-INTERROGATOIRE PAR MR.**

16 **KOSLOFF:**

17                  **MR. KOZLOFF:** Thank you, Mr. Commissioner.

18                  Good afternoon. My name is Neil Kozloff. I  
19 represent the Ontario Provincial Police.

20                  **MS. BURGESS LEBRUN:** Good afternoon.

21                  **MR. KOZLOFF:** Mrs. Lebrun, I want to thank  
22 you for coming forward and sharing your story with us here  
23 today in the hearing room, and I want to thank you for  
24 taking the time to think about your experiences and to  
25 provide constructive criticism to us regarding the dealings

1           you had with my client in particular.

2                           I can assure you that what you have said  
3 here will be helpful to the Commissioner and to my client  
4 in reviewing procedures. You did say that you had good  
5 contact with the OPP officers that you dealt with.

6                           **MS. BURGESS LEBRUN:** Yes.

7                           **MR. KOZLOFF:** And that was Officers Dupuis,  
8 Séguin and Génier?

9                           **MS. BURGESS LEBRUN:** Correct.

10                           **MR. KOZLOFF:** And that was over a three-year  
11 period; yes?

12                           **MS. BURGESS LEBRUN:** Yes.

13                           **MR. KOZLOFF:** I want to take issue with one  
14 thing you said today. You read your Victim Impact  
15 Statement, and it says, at the very end of it:

16   "Why would a nobody like me even try to  
17   become a somebody."

18                           I disagree with you 100 per cent. You are  
19 not a nobody. You have a loving and supportive husband.  
20 You have given life to and nurtured three children. You  
21 have shown heroism in baring your soul, coming here and  
22 sharing with us some not so pretty experiences.

23                           On behalf of my client, the Ontario  
24 Provincial Police, I salute you.

25                           **MS. BURGESS LEBRUN:** Thank you.

1                   **THE COMMISSIONER:** Thank you.

2                   Mr. Carroll?

3                   **MR. CARROLL:** Nothing.

4                   **THE COMMISSIONER:** Ms. Tymochenko?

5                   **MS. TYMOCHENKO:** None, thank you.

6                   **THE COMMISSIONER:** Mr. Lee?

7                   **MR. LEE:** I have no questions, Mr.

8                   Commissioner. Cindy, thank you.

9                   **THE COMMISSIONER:** Mr. Engelmann?

10                  **MR. ENGELMANN:** Nothing arising.

11                  I just too want to thank you very much, Ms.

12                  Lebrun, for coming here today and sharing this experience

13                  with us.

14                  **MS. BURGESS LEBRUN:** Thank you.

15                  **THE COMMISSIONER:** All right. Well, thank  
16                  you very much for coming. We certainly will take your  
17                  recommendations to heart and I hope perhaps to see you back  
18                  in Phase II in some form or another.

19                  **MS. BURGESS LEBRUN:** I'll be here.

20                  **THE COMMISSIONER:** All right, thank you.

21                  **MS. BURGESS LEBRUN:** Thank you.

22                  **MR. ENGELMANN:** Mr. Commissioner that  
23                  concludes the witness evidence that we have available  
24                  today. I have informed counsel of the plan for tomorrow  
25                  morning with respect to submissions dealing with our

1 temporary "C" exhibits. We have received some notification  
2 from counsel, both orally and in writing, about submissions  
3 they'll be making tomorrow morning.

4 My colleagues, Me Dumais and Ruel, will be  
5 here tomorrow. We'll also remind people about the schedule  
6 for next week.

7 **THE COMMISSIONER:** You will do that  
8 tomorrow?

9 **MR. ENGELMANN:** Yes.

10 **THE COMMISSIONER:** All right. So tomorrow  
11 should be a lighter day I suppose?

12 **MR. ENGELMANN:** Yes.

13 **THE COMMISSIONER:** So we will start at 10:00  
14 a.m.

15 **MR. ENGELMANN:** Okay.

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

17 **THE REGISTRAR:** Order; all rise. À l'ordre;  
18 veuillez vous lever.

19 The hearing is now adjourned.

20 L'audience est ajournée.

21 --- Upon adjourning at 3:22 p.m./

22 L'audience est ajournée à 15h22

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