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--- Upon commencing on Tuesday, August 30, 2022 at 2:00 p.m.

**MR. LEO ARTALEJO:** So I'll just reiterate for the transcription we're recording this.

**MR. DAN JENKINS:** Yes.

**MR. LEO ARTALEJO:** As we had talked about earlier, it will be transcribed into English and French, and it will be released as a source document, and that's to meet the transparency requirements of a public commission.

Thank you for being here.

**MR. DAN JENKINS:** Thank you.

**MR. LEO ARTALEJO:** We know that you have a unique perspective as a family member, and we're really grateful that you're here because this Commission needs to make meaningful and effective recommendations that will help Canadian families in the future. And so it's very important to us to hear from you, learn from you, so that we can make sure that future families are supported. So that's why we appreciate your time and your energy and your courage to be here today.

My role as a facilitator is to support the conversation; to keep the conversation on topic; keep track of time. Maybe we'll explore some related topics, if there's something that you bring up that may be helpful for the Commission to better understand.

Some of the topics that the Commission hopes to hear from you about today is primarily your experience as a family member during this event; your access to information during the mass casualty; the supports and services that were helpful to you as a family member, and then maybe, you know, more -- almost more importantly is what was missing that could have helped you, so that we make sure that our recommendations are helping to put those things in place.

So I've shared the three kind of open-ended questions that I thought we would start with -- there. We'll spend about 15 minutes with each question,

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2 **MR. DAN JENKINS:** Yes.

3 **MR. LEO ARTALEJO:** --- but it's completely up to you whether  
4 you want to speak long form, short form. And I'll just check in with you before we move  
5 to the next question to see ---

6 **MR. DAN JENKINS:** No problem.

7 **MR. LEO ARTALEJO:** --- if you need a break or if there's anything  
8 else you want to say.

9 **MR. DAN JENKINS:** No problem.

10 **MR. LEO ARTALEJO:** When you're speaking, no-one will interrupt  
11 you. And ---

12 **MR. DAN JENKINS:** I'm not used to that.

13 (LAUGHTER)

14 **MR. LEO ARTALEJO:** And, you know, it's helpful if you stay  
15 centred on your firsthand experience. If we kind of stray into blame and speculation and  
16 opinions, you know, we feel like that won't be as helpful to what we need to learn. But  
17 we're happy to hear from you, and it's not my job to censor you in any way; it's my job to  
18 really support you.

19 **MR. DAN JENKINS:** Yes.

20 **MR. LEO ARTALEJO:** So I'll check in with you. If you need a  
21 break, just let me know, and we'll go from there.

22 **MR. DAN JENKINS:** All right.

23 **MR. LEO ARTALEJO:** Okay?

24 **COMMISSIONER STANTON:** Did anyone offer you something to  
25 drink or eat, or...? Okay.

26 **MR. LEO ARTALEJO:** And if you need a drink or a bathroom  
27 break as we go, just let me know.

28 **MR. DAN JENKINS:** No problem.

1                   **COMMISSIONER STANTON:** Sandra, are you okay?

2                   **MS. SANDRA McCULLOCH:** I'm fine, thank you.

3                   **COMMISSIONER STANTON:** Okay.

4                   **MR. LEO ARTALEJO:** So the first round of questions is; what do  
5 you want to tell us about your experience seeking information and getting support  
6 immediately -- during and immediately after the mass casualty?

7                   **MR. DAN JENKINS:** In order to get support, you have to actually  
8 go out and ask for it. Sue and I have not really been the ones to go out and ask for  
9 support. What we've received is from Victim Services and from Skipper.

10                                 I've heard many things on Skipper over the past few weeks. And  
11 actually the day that people stood up and were very negative, I called him that night. He  
12 was helpful. You know, he had a hell of a job to do, but I thought he was very good at  
13 what he did, even how many families he was dealing with; even with the amount of  
14 tragedy that was there.

15                                 And, I mean, you couldn't expect him to be able to tell you the  
16 information. You know, that wasn't what this was about. Or at least I knew it wasn't --  
17 his job wasn't to come up and say, "Well, we didn't do this, or we didn't do that," or --  
18 you know, he was very -- right down the line, he followed exactly what he should have.  
19 He didn't open up any of what was going on behind the scenes; it's just what he could  
20 do to help us.

21                                 Victim Services, I'll tell you Barb Smith was quite a lady, really.  
22 She was there every day with us . She catered to Patsy or some of the ladies and  
23 made sure that Francine was -- had a chair and looked after and her cane was with her.  
24 That -- Barb played a very big role in this, as far as we were concerned.

25                                 Information prior to, you know, after everything had happened was  
26 non-existent, really. I mean, we did go over and sit with the RCMP for -- I think we had  
27 one of Sean's daughters and Sue and I, and it was really -- a lot of what came out of  
28 that we found out some of the differences within a few days, you know, of what they had

1 been telling us, but yet there really wasn't the -- it wasn't the -- it was part truth, or it was  
2 -- and I don't want to say it was a lie because it wasn't. It was -- they weren't telling us  
3 everything, and they were only telling us enough, you know?

4                   And it wasn't really enough information that I was satisfied with,  
5 and, I mean, I've looked at this so many ways in that, you know, for us as a family it was  
6 -- we weren't -- the whole idea of this Commission was for the truth. We wanted to  
7 know exactly what transpired that night, which I like the ways you did it with regards to  
8 the minute to minute to minute.

9                   I believed halfway through it that when I started hearing that, you  
10 know, there were going to be certain officers that did not have to appear, I took that very  
11 disheartedly [*sic*] because I thought, you know, well, if they've got to go to trial, they  
12 have to bear witness; they have to give statement. And here we are in a Commission,  
13 and they can say, "Hey, I've got a medical a problem, I've got PTSD," whatever.

14                   I don't know what they thought about the rest of us, but they could  
15 get away and back off? That hurt. That hurt us, totally, you know. Because I couldn't  
16 believe that these people with the jobs that they have and what they're trained to do,  
17 couldn't come and face. You know, this is all -- everybody here all we wanted was,  
18 what happened? How can we make it better? Because as much as these months have  
19 gone on, it's the recommendations that go forth.

20                   Thank you for your last comments to Lucki. We were on our way  
21 home and we had that on in the car, and they have to be held responsible.  
22 Recommendations have to be done. It can't happen again.-

23                   I just think that there has to be, like, we always talk resources; we  
24 talk about, "What's going to make it easier for you? How can we do it better?" "Well,  
25 we need more of this, we need more of that." I understand, but the first thing they did  
26 that night was lack of training.

27                   Your training did not kick in. If I'm not mistaken -- and you can say  
28 when an officer goes into a situation, and we didn't have one or two officers; we had

1 three in and one out. I think the gentleman from Membertou was the third man in. And  
2 Mr. -- S/Sgt. Rehill doesn't hunker down and take cover. And I'm sure that every officer  
3 knows that they have to preserve life. You have to approach and go after the killer.  
4 And they knew there was a killer out there.

5 So that hurt, you know? Like, and to me that was training, or it was  
6 the -- you know, and I'm sure they were scared. I can't -- God love them, they should  
7 have been scared, but they should have been trained more that they knew what they  
8 had to do.

9 So whether it had been Rehill telling them to hunker down, "Okay,  
10 take cover," and they responded to their Commanding Officer, or -- I'm not sure, but  
11 throughout this, the lack of the roadblocks, there was so many instances they could  
12 have had him.

13 I mean, I'm hoping that it's not just the money. I'm hoping it's  
14 training. I'm hoping it's that they recognize that -- and I think maybe it was Campbell  
15 that said it, that they let us down. Like, they did let us down. You know, they didn't do  
16 the job that we all perceived an RCMP officer, who should be the better trained in  
17 Canada, who should be the better -- whatever. I think a lot of our HPDs and New  
18 Glasgow Police Departments, they all are too, and they don't play well together. You  
19 know, so -- but they should be trained well enough, much better than most.

20 The 18<sup>th</sup> is one thing; the 19<sup>th</sup> is a totally different thing , and then  
21 when you have constables that drive by, recognize who it is, and keep going. I don't -- I  
22 can't see how that ever happened, you know? And then any -- I've travelled that road  
23 many times going back and forth to Alanna and Sean's. You can turn a tractor-trailer  
24 anywhere. It wasn't a safe...? That was a safe place to turn, you know.

25 And some -- that speaks to me about the calibre of some of the  
26 people we have there. You hear too many times of, you know, like -- what's an RCMP  
27 officer do first thing in the morning? Go in and check the promotion list; "Where's  
28 everybody go? Where they at? Where's that put me next in line?" You know? I don't



1 like that kind of -- like, it's to go to work and do your job and so on, be promoted for  
2 what you do. Who you are and how you become within that organization, not on the  
3 knows or the contacts or, you know, that -- or may I even say the colour of your skin, do  
4 you wear pants or a dress or whatever, like I believe that everybody should be  
5 promoted equally but I think we should all be treated equally.

6                   And in this, I think the lack of training was paramount. You know,  
7 they just didn't go forward. And it was a new situation, I'm sure, for most -- for all of  
8 them. But then it came down to command; command broke up. I mean, there was too  
9 many cooks in that kitchen that day. There was too many people trying to do things,  
10 information wasn't going back and forth. And it wasn't all just poor communication as  
11 far as equipment; a lot of it was poor interpretation; it wasn't put out properly and then it  
12 was sat upon, you know?

13                   To me, those are the things -- I'm hoping it's not all going to be a  
14 financial situation in the end. I hope it's going to be more about the training or about,  
15 you know, what occurred and what happened and why it happened. And I think this is  
16 what the mandate was for.

17                   I don't know how much more information you have than what I  
18 have. I'm sure most is I talk to Sandra, because, as I say, I've got all kinds of  
19 information that I'd like to say because, you know, you's all know Banfield's going to be  
20 the bane of our existence right now because that lady is -- there's more there than I  
21 could ever think of in my mind. You've all had the opportunity, and I just can't believe  
22 that she came out of the woods she did that day, and I can't believe that, you know, as  
23 Nick- Dorrington said about a hit list or whatever. I don't know how true, or how true it  
24 isn't, but there's -- to me, there's got to be a whole lot more than -- down there, and  
25 then, you know, she goes in order for her -- I guess in order to give statements, she  
26 wouldn't give it until Restorative Justice let her loose. Or I won't say let her loose;  
27 that's a poor word. But negotiated with her to make sure that her charges were no  
28 longer there. Do I think for two seconds that maybe two or three of those bullets killed

1 my daughter? Probably. Maybe. Do I think she was part of it? Yes.

2                   And that's just a parent talking about their daughter. I probably --  
3 you know, this isn't just -- this wasn't just -- he might have snapped but there was a lot  
4 going on before he snapped in order for him to be able to buy the guns, the ammunition  
5 and have the people, and whether they didn't do drive-bys or how much she really  
6 knew, but I think there's a lot more. That's -- you know.

7                   And I -- I just don't think -- in talking to the few people I've talked to,  
8 because I've not talked to a lot of the other victims, you know, because there's a lot of  
9 them that aren't there, you know? I mean, I'm surprised the hell out of me, and I  
10 thought, like, if you're going to do something, follow through. And, I mean, Francine and  
11 you can pick out the people that were there just about most of the time and -- but in  
12 talking to the others who have either listened to it or read, you know, there's a certain  
13 feeling of being let down that we didn't get the answers.

14                   And I do mean answers, not blame, you know, because that's the  
15 part that really puts me the wrong way when I talk to anybody about who are you trying  
16 to blame? I'm not trying to blame a person in this. There are people that I think made  
17 some bad decisions. I think there's people that did things wrong, but I really think that  
18 what we all have -- make sure it never happens again, you know, so -- but I do feel that  
19 I want more of this than what we got. Now, whether that was because people didn't  
20 come and give good statement, or is it because -- my belief is from bits and pieces of  
21 talking to different families and having information way before this, and now wondering,  
22 like, you know, Alanna and Sean, I mean, he was there at 6:30 in the morning, you  
23 know? And I know, until Lillian was shot, they're in Portapique still thinking he was  
24 there. And they'd already -- he had already killed Alanna and Sean and Tom. And now  
25 it was, like, 11 o'clock in the morning, they told the Fire Department to stand down, they  
26 -- you know, they already knew Lillian was shot.

27                   The Fire Department wasn't allowed in. I mean, when we arrived at  
28 that house -- well, we never got to where -- the house, but within two weeks or three

1 weeks later that we were there, I mean, that -- I mean, it was -- like, I was devastated by  
2 it. It wasn't -- like, it was totally just -- well, everybody saw it on TV, it was the only  
3 place they ever showed. And it was right to the -- right into the basement.

4 So, you know, I can't believe that it would take them that many  
5 hours to have not sent somebody in, or a Fire Department or somebody, you know.  
6 Was Tom -- yeah. And I don't want to get into that because it doesn't matter.

7 But, you know, not even to see if they were alive; not even to see if  
8 there was anything that could have been done. They never even drove the road, you  
9 know? That -- and very little did we ever hear about Hunter Road in all of this you  
10 know? It was just a passing fleet because Lillian was being shot, so everybody's going  
11 in that direction, you know?

12 So I wasn't -- that made us feel, personally, a little on the outside.  
13 And, again, to me it is still all coming down to the RCMP and their lack of efficiency,  
14 what their job was. And it just -- it just didn't work. You know, not -- I can't see a thing  
15 they did that was right.

16 They got lucky when they -- I don't mean Commissioner, but they  
17 got lucky when they were at the Irving garage, that they were going there for gas  
18 because they didn't know where he was, from what I understand. They just happened  
19 by, you know?

20 Other than that, yeah, we probably could have had more casualties,  
21 you know? So other than that, I don't -- I'm blaming the RCMP, I am looking for better  
22 training for those people.

23 I don't want to blame the boots on the ground because I really do  
24 believe that they were being directed and told, and, you know, we hear -- you know, Mr.  
25 Campbell was very heartfelt at the end of his, you know, and that made a difference to a  
26 lot of us, is that you saw somebody I don't want to say take responsibility, but know that  
27 he failed somehow, you know? And I don't like to see anybody have to go through that,  
28 you know, and even -- I mean, they shouldn't have to. And when they said that, you

1 know -- you know, "We're getting bad press," well, what the hell do you expect? You  
2 know? Like, when are you going to give good press -- good press, unless you've done  
3 something that you really can say, "We did well"? Other than Bergerman, I think she  
4 feels that they did the best they could, and I'm sure she might, but I don't think -- I would  
5 like to think there's very few of us sitting in this room that would like to say that I think  
6 they did everything they could, you know? I can't believe anybody would, you know,  
7 say that because it's just so untrue.

8 And I guess, again I'm getting off a little track here and ---

9 **MR. LEO ARTALEJO:** No, no, I think ---

10 **MR. DAN JENKINS:** --- I was trying to look at -- to see where I  
11 should be but ---

12 **MR. LEO ARTALEJO:** Why don't you just take ---

13 **MR. DAN JENKINS:** --- I'm rambling now.

14 **MR. LEO ARTALEJO:** Yeah, just take a breath.

15 **MR. DAN JENKINS:** And that's the problem.

16 **MR. LEO ARTALEJO:** Just take a breath ---

17 **MR. DAN JENKINS:** Yes.

18 **MR. LEO ARTALEJO:** --- and you can just look through your  
19 notes.

20 **MR. DAN JENKINS:** Yeah.

21 **MR. LEO ARTALEJO:** I think that you covered a lot of what we  
22 were looking for in number 2. And so let's just ---

23 **MR. DAN JENKINS:** Yes.

24 **MR. LEO ARTALEJO:** --- spend a little bit of time there.

25 **MR. DAN JENKINS:** Yeah.

26 **MR. LEO ARTALEJO:** Much of the work that still lies ahead for the  
27 Commission is to make these recommendations, which, as you said, are the most  
28 important outcome.

1                   **MR. DAN JENKINS:** Yes, without a doubt.

2                   **MR. LEO ARTALEJO:** And we wanted to hear from you which  
3 issues are most important, and you've touched on a few of them. I just want to reflect  
4 them back to you and see if we got those right.

5                   So RCMP training.

6                   **MR. DAN JENKINS:** Yeah.

7                   **MR. LEO ARTALEJO:** So you'd like to see some change there to  
8 better prepare the boots on the ground, as well as the chain of command.

9                   **MR. DAN JENKINS:** Chain of command, yes.

10                  **MR. LEO ARTALEJO:** And I do feel like your comments were  
11 focused on the RCMP. So for me, I just -- the issue is this kind of RCMP reform ---

12                  **MR. DAN JENKINS:** Yes.

13                  **MR. LEO ARTALEJO:** --- overall, so training, equipment, ---

14                  **MR. DAN JENKINS:** Yes.

15                  **MR. LEO ARTALEJO:** --- better understanding. Do you want to  
16 speak to anymore about kind of in that domain? I'm hearing ---

17                  **MR. DAN JENKINS:** Well, I think we'd all like -- if I was the  
18 Commissioners or anybody that was working within the RCMP that had any kind of  
19 command, I'd always probably want more resources, more people.

20                  Yes, PTSD is becoming one of those things that is -- I mean, it's  
21 hitting the medical staff, it's hitting the nursing staff, it's hitting the firemen, it's hitting --  
22 you know, because now -- I've got to be careful what I say here. It's so easy, and not  
23 that it's not a problem for a person, but it's so easy when everything else fails or when  
24 everything else is not right, "I have PTSD and I can't handle this," you know? You  
25 know, I mean, I see it in the business I was in. They didn't call it PTSD, it was more or  
26 less it was, "I'm just so overtaxed, I've got to take a break, my nerves are shot," you  
27 know? And I worked 40 years and probably didn't have a week in a row off, but you  
28 know, that doesn't speak for everybody, and maybe that makes me a little more critical

1 of those who do use it to the extent where is it being taken advantage of or is it not?

2 I certainly -- when the gentleman came in from Regina and we  
3 found out, you know, he got 11 million or so dollars in contracts with the RCMP, that  
4 really made him justifiable to be dealing with the RCMP? But when -- but there's a man  
5 that had his Master's or doctorate, or what he had, but he really hadn't been in the field.  
6 He read a lot of reports, from what it sounded - in that little interview that he gave us or  
7 that we saw it.

8 I don't know who says that, "Yes, we know you're hurting." I know  
9 that when the debriefing or whatever it was in Halifax or in "H" Division, and like some of  
10 the officers are just feeling what's going on? Like, there's nothing afterwards; there was  
11 no -- you know, I felt for those people, you know, that there was nothing there for them  
12 to go to, there was nothing more. It was like, "Okay, this is over now. Let's get back to  
13 work." You know? I think they needed, probably, some assistance.

14 But yeah, I am going off again..

15 **MR. LEO ARTALEJO:** Well, on one of the things that you touched  
16 on at the beginning was the support you received from Skipper Bent?

17 **MR. DAN JENKINS:** Yes.

18 **MR. LEO ARTALEJO:** But I'm wondering if we could go back to ---

19 **MR. DAN JENKINS:** Yes.

20 **MR. LEO ARTALEJO:** If it's comfortable for you to go back to  
21 before you were engaged with Skipper Bent?

22 **MR. DAN JENKINS:** Then that was ---

23 **MR. LEO ARTALEJO:** Could you just talk a little bit about your  
24 experience before you had that family liaison?

25 **MR. DAN JENKINS:** Alanna knew we were going over that  
26 morning. And so -- I've said this before at the first meeting. And Alanna knew we were  
27 going out, and of course, 7:00, 7:30 one of the neighbours called and said, "Have you  
28 seen Alanna and Sean, or have you heard from them?" I said, no, they know we're

1 coming over, and they're probably out cleaning the yard or doing something." And  
2 they're up and at it and then I never thought anything of it.

3 And Sue and I were getting ready and then the TV was on in the  
4 background. We heard a little something about Portapique and we heard the name,  
5 "Wortman" and that gave us cause for pause because, of course, we knew that Sean  
6 and Alanna had been to -- because Sean used to live in Portapique and he'd fish off the  
7 back banks of the river, which was behind Wortman's, and Alanna went up two or three  
8 times and did the same thing. We have some nice photos of some of the fish that they  
9 caught, you know?

10 But I heard the name, and that gave us really pause for concern.  
11 So instead of taking the truck that was loaded to go up there, we took the car, and we  
12 didn't get too far, and Jody called us again and said, "Listen, their house is on fire."  
13 Because Jody and Shelley were getting out of the area once they knew that there was  
14 more to this than what they just woke up to, you know?

15 And so we went as far as the little park in Wentworth, and the  
16 RCMP car was parked there across the road and the barricade was up down here.  
17 Walked up, and of course I can appreciate the officer had a rifle on me, probably Lillian  
18 was behind the vehicle, I don't know, you know, because it was very close thereafter.  
19 And I told her who I was and my phone number, and Alanna and the address, and  
20 everything I could, and I never, ever heard from her.

21 So she got busy, she got whatever; I don't know. You know the  
22 only thing -- we never heard from any RCMP officer or anybody to address us and say,  
23 "Listen, your daughter, this is what's happened at her property."

24 Now, mind you, they never did say once -- until they could confirm it  
25 was her body, they never said once that she was involved, you know, because Skipper  
26 said, "We don't do that until we know they're deceased, and they're not," you know, so  
27 to speak.

28 So, you know, that -- so -- and, again, in our situation it was that

1 they were burned so badly there was no recognition and it had to be by verification of  
2 teeth teeth and such.

3 So yeah, they didn't look after us, you know? Not in the heat of  
4 things, you know? Nobody came to the door and said, "Look sorry," you know? No.  
5 No. Yeah. You find it out by the news. You find it out by, you know, neighbours.  
6 That's it. I didn't think that was probably the right way to do it.

7 **MR. LEO ARTALEJO:** M'hm.

8 **MR. DAN JENKINS:** I think we deserved a little more than that,  
9 you know. But, of course, they didn't go over there until 11 o'clock, they weren't telling  
10 us because they didn't know, you know?

11 Again, I just -- maybe they need more resources. I don't know. It  
12 just gets to the point where you -- the frustration of it is this shouldn't have happened.  
13 The 19<sup>th</sup> should never -- you know, there's just no way that that should have happened.  
14 No roadblocks, no confronting (\*inaudible-12.22.45), no nothing.

15 And we know she was up at 6:30 in the morning because she was  
16 texting somebody about having some children's clothes there for their, for the  
17 neighbour's daughter -- daughter's baby. So she had texted at 6-something and so  
18 everybody -- you know, she was up, she saw the car drive in probably I don't -- don't  
19 know. One of the dogs was out and I don't know if he shot the dog first or -- we have  
20 no idea. All we know is that there was four or five shots over an hour and a half period,  
21 Tom being the last, probably, you know?

22 **MR. LEO ARTALEJO:** M'hm.

23 **MR. DAN JENKINS:** Just -- yeah. Yeah, and I don't know what --  
24 how you would handle telling people, that's got to be one of the worst jobs out there,  
25 you know?

26 **MR. LEO ARTALEJO:** But what I'm hearing you say is that there  
27 would -- it would have been helpful for you to be onboarded into a communication  
28 protocol where there would be follow up with you.



1                   **MR. DAN JENKINS:** Yes.

2                   **MR. LEO ARTALEJO:** And that that could be something that  
3 would have an established procedure around it. You have identified yourself ---

4                   **MR. DAN JENKINS:** Yes.

5                   **MR. LEO ARTALEJO:** --- to the RCMP.

6                   **MR. DAN JENKINS:** Yes.

7                   **MR. LEO ARTALEJO:** And that there would be some system put  
8 in place to be able to get back to you ---

9                   **MR. DAN JENKINS:** Yes.

10                  **MR. LEO ARTALEJO:** --- and in ---

11                  **MR. DAN JENKINS:** Yes.

12                  **MR. LEO ARTALEJO:** --- a timely manner but when they have  
13 more details.

14                  **MR. DAN JENKINS:** Yes.

15                  **MR. LEO ARTALEJO:** So that would have been helpful to you?

16                  **MR. DAN JENKINS:** More before the (\*inaudible-12.24.13) of the  
17 6 o'clock news.

18                  **MR. LEO ARTALEJO:** That's right, yes.

19                  **MR. DAN JENKINS:** Yeah. Definitely, yeah. Like I say, it's -- our  
20 communication, other than from Skipper, was very little communication with the RCMP.  
21 You know, that would be it -- there was nobody -- there was nobody else there, and as I  
22 said, if it wasn't for Barb at Victim Services -- and she called. You know, she just  
23 happened to call and say, "This is who I am, and this is what we do." And we didn't go  
24 further with it until, of course, these meetings started and then we'd see her every time  
25 we were there. And that was good. I mean, you know, that was really good.

26                                You know, we've been very fortunate to make some very welcome  
27 friends, acquaintances, I guess, you know, because most people are good people. I'm  
28 a believer of that, you know, it's just that sometimes they're directed wrong or, you

1 know, things happen that -- and it's always easier to go look back than it is forward, but  
2 in this case we have that opportunity to hopefully look forward and to maybe change  
3 those things that I think we may all look at and say, "Wow, you know we all want this  
4 never to happen again Yeah. So ---

5 **MR. LEO ARTALEJO:** Would you like to just take a minute ---

6 **MR. DAN JENKINS:** No.

7 **MR. LEO ARTALEJO:** --- to look through your notes?

8 **MR. DAN JENKINS:** No, no. I'm good. I'm good. I'm really good.  
9 I just -- I don't get this opportunity, you know, which is part of my problem because I try  
10 to deal with it.

11 **MR. LEO ARTALEJO:** M'hm.

12 **MR. DAN JENKINS:** And it's always hard to talk about obviously  
13 but you know, I feel better when it's done; I do. you know, it takes time, you know, so --  
14 but I want to thank you all. I really do. I know how tough this was, for us as well, you  
15 know? But the only thing that I  
16 really, you know, I feel that the police were given more opportunity, they were allowed  
17 to back away, and all I ever had heard in this is that we're going to try to make this as  
18 less painful for you people, and I think we were more traumatized at the end because  
19 we don't feel it -- really, everything came out. We don't feel it.

20 Anyway, you know, it's -- it would be like I've never heard of a  
21 SIRT -- or is it SIRT that does the investigation on shootings? Look at the Onslow, like,  
22 88 yards away, and the guy says, "I yelled." Three people didn't hear you, one of them  
23 was an RCMP officer, you know? And they shot, and they just drove away. You know?  
24 Anybody else, any other department in this province would have been probably taken a  
25 little more to task, you know? Just lucky they didn't kill anybody. And they could have  
26 done it very easily. I don't know how or ---

27 **MR. LEO ARTALEJO:** Let me ---

28 **MR. DAN JENKINS:** --- what their training was.

1                   **MR. LEO ARTALEJO:** Let me just check in with the  
2 Commissioners ---

3                   **MR. DAN JENKINS:** Yeah.

4                   **MR. LEO ARTALEJO:** --- and see if they have any ---

5                   **MR. DAN JENKINS:** No problem.

6                   **MR. LEO ARTALEJO:** Do you guys have any follow-up questions  
7 or anything you'd like to discuss before we close our session?

8                   **COMMISSIONER MacDONALD:** Just a huge thank you, sir.

9                   **MR. DAN JENKINS:** Yeah. But -- and I would also like to say, that  
10 -- as I said to you earlier about listening to you on that last one with Lucki,, and holding  
11 her to it. I appreciate that because this -- I mean, Mayerthorpe and New Brunswick and  
12 so on, I don't know how they disappear so quick, in the eyes of when you put the  
13 amount of work and effort you do, and then they go nowhere.

14                   I don't know if there is or should be a committee; if there should be  
15 somebody that has a quarterly - watch on them. There has to be something, in my  
16 mind, that somebody has to say, "Well, this is the update. This is where we're at this  
17 time. This is what we've completed. This is where we're at." You know? I don't think  
18 we should be in -- expecting any less or every six months, maybe not every four but  
19 every six, you know?

20                   I'd dearly love to know who -- if it's big Mike that was sitting there or  
21 whatever from the RCMP that's supposed to be looking after this -- another great guy, I  
22 must say. I enjoyed his conversations. But, you know, I think, we need to-- you know,  
23 we need to go further than just making recommendations; we have to follow through.  
24 And I would love to know who to talk to or whatever to find out how that's going to work,  
25 you know, because I definitely think, you know, if not, I'll be making as many phone  
26 calls as I can to figure out, you know, where are we with this, you know, because I --  
27 this isn't just about -- this isn't a blame game, as much as sometimes people like to  
28 think it is. It is about what happens afterwards, and, to me, that's most important.

1                   **COMMISSIONER STANTON:** You might have heard some of us  
2 asking about implementation and figuring out accountability mechanisms, right?

3                   **MR. DAN JENKINS:** Yes.

4                   **COMMISSIONER STANTON:** So not just tracking what you've  
5 done but having someone have oversight about that.

6                   **MR. DAN JENKINS:** Yes.

7                   **COMMISSIONER STANTON:** It's important for us as well,  
8 because we are very interested in the implementation part and trying to figure out who  
9 would be responsible for which part.

10                  **MR. DAN JENKINS:** Yes.

11                  **COMMISSIONER STANTON:** And then how to hold them  
12 accountable.

13                  **MR. DAN JENKINS:** Yes.

14                  **COMMISSIONER STANTON:** Yeah, it's absolutely important to us  
15 as well.

16                  **MR. DAN JENKINS:** Definitely. Wow.

17                  **COMMISSIONER STANTON:** But we also rely on the people who  
18 are most affected ---

19                  **MR. DAN JENKINS:** Yeah.

20                  **COMMISSIONER STANTON:** --- to pick up that mantle when we  
21 finish our work, right?

22                  **MR. DAN JENKINS:** Yes.

23                  **COMMISSIONER STANTON:** That's when another phase of your  
24 work starts, really, right?

25                  **MR. DAN JENKINS:** And I will be the dog with a bone. I would  
26 definitely be that.

27                  **COMMISSIONER STANTON:** I believe it.

28                  **MR. DAN JENKINS:** I would.

1                   **COMMISSIONER STANTON:** I believe it, yeah.

2                   **MR. DAN JENKINS:** Nicely; I don't bite.

3   (LAUGHTER)

4                   **COMMISSIONER STANTON:** Yeah.

5                   **MR. DAN JENKINS:** I will get my point across. But thank you, ---

6                   **COMMISSIONER STANTON:** Absolutely.

7                   **MR. DAN JENKINS:** I like to hear that. You know, and I will do --

8 and I hope you plan on sending whatever information either through our lawyers or

9 directly to us would be ---

10                   **COMMISSIONER STANTON:** Well, it will be in the report.

11                   **MR. DAN JENKINS:** --- well welcome.

12                   **COMMISSIONER STANTON:** It will be in the report.

13                   **MR. DAN JENKINS:** It will be well welcome, yes.

14                   **COMMISSIONER STANTON:** I mean, we are going to make that

15 part of it, implementation, and ---

16                   **MR. DAN JENKINS:** Yes.

17                   **COMMISSIONER STANTON:** --- we'll walk through what

18 happened and why it happened and how it happened, and then the recommendations of

19 how to not have it happen again.

20                   **MR. DAN JENKINS:** Yes.

21                   **COMMISSIONER STANTON:** --- as best we can. But then also,

22 okay, implementation, and lay it out, is very much a focus of ours.

23                   **MR. DAN JENKINS:** Yeah. And time and guidelines.

24                   **COMMISSIONER STANTON:** Yeah. Well, and responsibility.

25                   **MR. DAN JENKINS:** Yes.

26                   **COMMISSIONER STANTON:** Right? So who would be

27 responsible for which things.

28                   **MR. DAN JENKINS:** Yes.

1                   **COMMISSIONER STANTON:** And how does -- how do we, as a  
2 collective, hold them accountable to that.

3                   **MR. DAN JENKINS:** Well, that is why I think back of Bergerman  
4 and some of them that had, "Well, that's not my job, that's so and so does that, so and  
5 so does that, and this person's responsible for that," and I wonder how they get  
6 anything done. You know, it's like, "That's not me. I'm only the Assistant  
7 Commissioner." I don't know how that works. And I don't mean to be poking fun at  
8 them; to me. it just didn't seem to be very much like a business.

9                   **COMMISSIONER STANTON:** I believe Ms. Lenehan thought  
10 she'd be quite wealthy if she had a dime for every ---

11                   **MR. DAN JENKINS:** You're probably right.

12                   **COMMISSIONER STANTON:** Yeah.

13                   **MR. DAN JENKINS:** No doubt about it. Thank you very much.

14                   **COMMISSIONER MacDONALD:** Thank you.

15                   **COMMISSIONER FITCH:** And ---

16                   **MR. DAN JENKINS:** I say I feel better; I don't know about that but  
17 at least it gets it out, and like I said, to me it's just so important to making sure this never  
18 and it's the training, to me, is probably more than or just as important as the money, you  
19 know?

20                   **COMMISSIONER FITCH:** Yeah, yeah. And I think you're  
21 preaching to the choir on that.

22                   **MR. DAN JENKINS:** Yes, I know.

23                   **COMMISSIONER FITCH:** And I just want to echo Commissioner  
24 MacDonald's thank you for ---

25                   **MR. DAN JENKINS:** Yes.

26                   **COMMISSIONER FITCH:** --- not only being here with us today, but  
27 for showing up and staying so committed and, you know, we said a long time ago when  
28 we first met how committed we are to doing our best to get this as right as possible.

1 And for you sharing with us now, as you did before, just please know it's not falling on  
2 deaf ears.

3 **MR. DAN JENKINS:** No.

4 **COMMISSIONER FITCH:** And ---

5 **MR. DAN JENKINS:** I didn't think that.

6 **COMMISSIONER FITCH:** Yeah. And we just can't thank you  
7 enough, and just ---

8 **MR. DAN JENKINS:** And again, thank you.

9 **COMMISSIONER STANTON:** And please give our thanks to Mrs.  
10 Jenkins as well, because we ---

11 **MR. DAN JENKINS:** I will.

12 **COMMISSIONER STANTON:** --- appreciate seeing both of you ---

13 **MR. DAN JENKINS:** She is -- as hard a time as I have, she has a  
14 harder time, believe me.

15 **COMMISSIONER STANTON:** Yeah.

16 **COMMISSIONER FITCH:** Yeah.

17 **MR. DAN JENKINS:** She thinks I'm strong. Shit, she's wrong  
18 there. I think she's the strongest, actually.

19 **COMMISSIONER STANTON:** Yeah.

20 **COMMISSIONER MacDONALD:** Congratulations on your new  
21 granddaughter.

22 **MR. DAN JENKINS:** Oh my God, yes.

23 **COMMISSIONER FITCH:** Yes, yes.

24 **MR. DAN JENKINS:** Oh my God, yes.

25 **COMMISSIONER STANTON:** Yeah, we've heard she's gorgeous

26 **MR. DAN JENKINS:** Yeah, just -- she's been wonderful.

27 **COMMISSIONER FITCH:** Yeah.

28 **COMMISSIONER STANTON:** Ophelia Alanna,

1                   **MR. DAN JENKINS:** Ophelia.

2                   **COMMISSIONER STANTON:** It's a beautiful name.

3                   **MR. DAN JENKINS:** Alanna, of course.

4                   **COMMISSIONER FITCH:** Yes, yes.

5                   **COMMISSIONER STANTON:** Yeah, beautiful.

6                   **MR. DAN JENKINS:** And Sean's daughter, of course, just had a  
7 baby three months before that.

8                   **COMMISSIONER FITCH:** Yes.

9                   **MR. DAN JENKINS:** And it's Alanna Quinn.

10                  **COMMISSIONER STANTON:** Oh, yeah.

11                  **COMMISSIONER FITCH:** Yeah.

12                  **MR. DAN JENKINS:** So she – she's been mentioned in two  
13 places, so that's pretty good.

14                  **COMMISSIONER STANTON:** Yeah.

15                  **COMMISSIONER FITCH:** Yeah.

16                  **MR. DAN JENKINS:** I mean, yeah, those are tears of joy.

17                  **COMMISSIONER FITCH:** Tears of joy.

18                  **MR. DAN JENKINS:** Yeah. It's not always sorrow, but you try to  
19 get between them.

20                  **COMMISSIONER STANTON:** Yeah, I'm sure.

21                  **MR. LEO ARTALEJO:** Okay, thank you very much. We really  
22 appreciate it.

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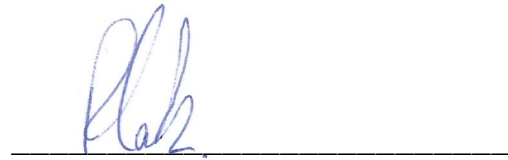
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