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1 **CPL. HENSTRIDGE:** Okay the time now is 14:30 hours, my name is Cpl. Monty
2 HENSTRIDGE, the date is April 6th, 2015, we're at the RCMP
3 Headquarters building in St. John's and I'm speaking with
4 Colin, ah, Thomas Gerard DINN, ah, Mr. DINN, I understand
5 that you're a friend of, ah, Mr. DUNPHY

6 **DINN:** Yes sir

7 **CPL. HENSTRIDGE:** And, ah, can you tell me a little bit about how you came know
8 the, about the situation that happened yesterday

9 **DINN:** Well, actually I was over in the shed getting' some tools
10 ready to load up to bring to town to, like, to work on me
11 daughter's car and me father came out through the door and
12 Alex was on the phone, she was after meeting four cop cars
13 going up through Mount Carmel and she called down, right,
14 said she met the cop cars and ambulance and, and by that
15 time it was, mother was after being on the internet and said
16 about a shooting and the cops all passed down by our place
17 so I got in the car and I went down and they were all to
18 Donnie's, me heart just dropped

19 **CPL. HENSTRIDGE:** Yeah, and, ah, when was the last time you had any contact
20 with, with Don

21 **DINN:** Well as I said he text me yesterday at quarter to two but I
22 was having Sunday, we were having Easter dinner at that

23 time, my Aunt was up and only for that I would have been
24 there

25 **CPL. HENSTRIDGE:** What did he want when he texted ya

26 **DINN:** Come down to visit, that was it, have a draw

27 **CPL. HENSTRIDGE:** Okay

28 **DINN:** I do it from time to time

29 **CPL. HENSTRIDGE:** That's fine, I appreciate you telling me that cause

30 **DINN:** Yeah

31 **CPL. HENSTRIDGE:** That's kind of minor now, compared to what we're talking
32 about

33 **DINN:** To what we're talking about, yes, but it's still illegal and...

34 **CPL. HENSTRIDGE:** Well

35 **DINN:** You know

36 **CPL. HENSTRIDGE:** I tell people when I'm taking statements

37 **DINN:** In, in

38 **CPL. HENSTRIDGE:** On deaths cause that's what we investigate

39 **DINN:** M'hmm

40 **CPL. HENSTRIDGE:** Is sudden deaths that there's absolutely nothing that you can
41 tell me that, ah...

42 **DINN:** You're not after hearing

43 **CPL. HENSTRIDGE:** I'm not after hearing and you're certainly not gonna get in
44 trouble for having a draw

45 **DINN:** Oh, man

46 **CPL. HENSTRIDGE:** Ahm, the key thing

47 **DINN:** It's only for the pain though

48 **CPL. HENSTRIDGE:** Yeah, yeah, you're in constant pain, are ya

49 **DINN:** Twenty four, seven .

50 **CPL. HENSTRIDGE:** Is that right

51 **DINN:** And I can't even smoke that anymore because of the pills
52 that I take

53 **CPL. HENSTRIDGE:** Oh, okay

54 **DINN:** And I can't, don't drink, or...

55 **CPL. HENSTRIDGE:** Okay

56 **DINN:** I'm ten, going on eleven years like this now

57 **CPL. HENSTRIDGE:** If you need to stop at any point during the interview

58 **DINN:** Whatever, it makes no difference

59 **CPL. HENSTRIDGE:** Just, by all means right

60 **DINN:** Yeah, no problem

61 **CPL. HENSTRIDGE:** So just

62 **DINN:** Then I drove down and I seen all the cops around and I
63 turned around and I come back to the house and I didn't ask,
64 like, talk to anybody or nothing at that time and when I got
65 home it was after being on Facebook or something about
66 shots fired and that's, that's how I found out about it, after,
67 you know, me daughter met the cops and...

68 **CPL. HENSTRIDGE:** M'hmm

69 **DINN:** She called down and

70 **CPL. HENSTRIDGE:** So the text, ah, do you still have the text by any chance

71 **DINN:** No

72 **CPL. HENSTRIDGE:** Okay, what did it, what did it say exactly

73 **DINN:** It had a dollar sign, ah, what'd it say, hang on now, this is, he
74 always does it right, dollar sign, ah, cash here, come down
75 for one

76 **CPL. HENSTRIDGE:** Cash

77 **DINN:** Or bring down one, that's, you know, like, that meant that he
78 was after getting money and he must have picked up some
79 weed

80 **CPL. HENSTRIDGE:** Oh, okay

81 **DINN:** And he wanted to have a draw right

82 **CPL. HENSTRIDGE:** But he had weed in his house

83 **DINN:** Oh, yeah, he grows, yeah

84 **CPL. HENSTRIDGE:** Why would he need, ah,

85 **DINN:** Well he's growing man, he's, well, like I said, I've been there,
86 back and forth for twenty five years

87 **CPL. HENSTRIDGE:** M'hmm

88 **DINN:** And years ago when he wasn't allowed to grow weed, he
89 used to grow good weed

90 **CPL. HENSTRIDGE:** Okay

91 **DINN:** And ever since, like, I'd say the last ten years

92 **CPL. HENSTRIDGE:** Yeah

93 **DINN:** Well, I don't even know, since he got his license

94 **CPL. HENSTRIDGE:** Yeah

95 **DINN:** That he's legal, right

96 **CPL. HENSTRIDGE:** Yeah

97 **DINN:** He hasn't been able to grow anything any good

98 **CPL. HENSTRIDGE:** Okay

99 **DINN:** There's bugs and all kinds of stuff and he has all kinds of
100 problems, my thinking on it is that he wasn't able to look after
101 it and that's why it never

102 **CPL. HENSTRIDGE:** Right

103 **DINN:** Used to, cause he used to be so sick, seen him in some
104 misery man

105 **CPL. HENSTRIDGE:** Yeah, you said cash here, bring... what'd you say

106 **DINN:** Drop down for one or something like that, but he was bad, I'd
107 been telling him for two years not to be texting stuff

108 **CPL. HENSTRIDGE:** Right

109 **DINN:** And, like, anything about that (unintelligible) because this law
110 was passed and...

111 **CPL. HENSTRIDGE:** Yeah

112 **DINN:** Oh no that's all right, I got a, and I said it don't matter what
113 you got

114 **CPL. HENSTRIDGE:** Yeah, ah, so he wanted you to bring something down

115 **DINN:** No, no

116 **CPL. HENSTRIDGE:** Okay

117 **DINN:** No, no, no, no, he wanted me to go down

118 **CPL. HENSTRIDGE:** Oh, okay

119 **DINN:** He waved at me sure, I was in the yard when he passed by

120 **CPL. HENSTRIDGE:** Oh, okay

121 **DINN:** Quarter to one

122 **CPL. HENSTRIDGE:** Alright

123 **DINN:** So I figured he was up to his daughter's for dinner

124 **CPL. HENSTRIDGE:** Yeah

125 **DINN:** I don't know if he was out over the road or whatever, maybe

126 he was after picking up or...

127 **CPL. HENSTRIDGE:** Okay

128 **DINN:** I really don't know

129 **CPL. HENSTRIDGE:** Alright, ahm, so you say you've been back and forth there for

130 you said twenty five years or so

131 **DINN:** Yeah, easy

132 **CPL. HENSTRIDGE:** Okay

133 **DINN:** That long

134 **CPL. HENSTRIDGE:** Now from what, my understanding, you're probably one of his

135 few if any friends that he...

136 **DINN:** He was my best buddy, man

137 **CPL. HENSTRIDGE:** Yeah, ahm, in your time down there, ahm

138 **DINN:** M'hmm

139 **CPL. HENSTRIDGE:** Oh

140 **DINN:** Yeah, sure

141 **CPL. HENSTRIDGE:** Any of the other people that were down there, you

142 you ever had any friends down there?

143 **DINN:** Yeah, sure

139 **CPL. HENSTRIDGE:** Can you tell me kind of the typical conversation that you
140 might have had with him, what, what was he interested in,
141 what did he talk about a lot.

142 **DINN:** Compensation, all the time

143 **CPL. HENSTRIDGE:** About what, compensation

144 **DINN:** Yeah

145 **CPL. HENSTRIDGE:** And what did he say about compensation

146 **DINN:** Just about being screwed over all the time and, like, every
147 other, every other month there was somebody different
148 gonna help him

149 **CPL. HENSTRIDGE:** Okay

150 **DINN:** And then he'd get a month out of it and they'd do something
151 or a little bit or whatever and then they'd just disappear so
152 then he'd be off his head then for...

153 **CPL. HENSTRIDGE:** Yeah

154 **DINN:** A month until somebody else came along, type thing

155 **CPL. HENSTRIDGE:** Right

156 **DINN:** The last couple, ah, let's see, I have a job to remember stuff

157 **CPL. HENSTRIDGE:** Take your time b'y

158 **DINN:** Jesus, Paul LANE, who's Paul LANE

159 **CPL. HENSTRIDGE:** He's in government

160 **DINN:** Yeah, he's one feller that was helping him or supposedly
161 helping him and DAVIS, not, buddy was just elected and, oh
162 Jesus

163 **CPL. HENSTRIDGE:** The premier

164 **DINN:** Why don't I remember stuff

165 **CPL. HENSTRIDGE:** Paul DAVIS is the Premier

166 **DINN:** Now, yeah, but there was another fella that was helping him,
167 he was a minister of, like, some well he was, he was, I don't
168 know what he was

169 **CPL. HENSTRIDGE:** Yeah

170 **DINN:** I got to think of the name now, it'll come to me, ah, he was
171 only put in office, like, a couple months ago, three or four
172 months ago, what the hell was his name, he was going, he
173 was helping him with the compensation or his secretary was,
174 ah, my god

175 **CPL. HENSTRIDGE:** That's fine, you can't remember a name, that's no big deal

176 **DINN:** I've only been home for two years now see

177 **CPL. HENSTRIDGE:** Yeah, no that's fine

178 **DINN:** Cause I've been away for thirteen

179 **CPL. HENSTRIDGE:** So what was...

180 **DINN:** He used to be upset a lot about not getting any, anything with
181 compensation

182 **CPL. HENSTRIDGE:** M'hmm

183 **DINN:** Like, it's what he said right, like, I mean I don't know what he
184 was getting

185 **CPL. HENSTRIDGE:** Yeah

186 **DINN:** To be honest, I really don't

187 **CPL. HENSTRIDGE:** Did he ever make any threatening comments to you about
188 what he was, you know

189 **DINN:** No, not, he never, like, never said he was going after
190 anybody or hurt anybody, nothing like that, he used to be
191 upset and calling 'em names and, you know, two fellas sitting
192 around the living room having a chat, type thing, right, blow
193 off a bit of steam or whatever but I've never really in the
194 twenty, in, in the whole time I've seen him mad like, like,
195 mad, mad, pissed off mad, but never to the point that I, I felt
196 that he was gonna hit somebody or do something, like, I
197 mean he's got well, I, yea knows yourselves how many cats
198 are down there

199 **CPL. HENSTRIDGE:** Yeah

200 **DINN:** And you see him with them you'd swear you know he was as
201 quiet as an old dog, type thing

202 **CPL. HENSTRIDGE:** Right

203 **DINN:** I used to see him and he'd be, there'd be cats there half dead
204 and he'd take them and baby 'em and penicillin and whatever
205 they needed, like...

206 **CPL. HENSTRIDGE:** M'hmm

207 **DINN:** And get 'em back to health

208 **CPL. HENSTRIDGE:** Ahm, I noticed that he had a camera outside and he had his
209 own little grow op there

210 **DINN:** Yeah well he had to have the camera so...but they weren't
211 working I don't think

212 **CPL. HENSTRIDGE:** Okay and the cameras were for what purpose

213 **DINN:** He was supposed to have 'em with the license

214 **CPL. HENSTRIDGE:** Oh that was part of the license was it

215 **DINN:** Yeah, it, you were supposed to have security

216 **CPL. HENSTRIDGE:** Didn't know that

217 **DINN:** I, that's, well that's what he had said now, I'm not a hundred
218 percent sure on that, on, on why he, but that's what he had
219 said that, that was part of the licensing agreement thing that
220 they had to have security

221 **CPL. HENSTRIDGE:** M'hmm

222 **DINN:** And that sign he got up there on the front of the house, that's
223 been there for, must be four years now I s'pose

224 **CPL. HENSTRIDGE:** Okay

225 **DINN:** The one about his step and, that's because his step and
226 everything all fell off

227 **CPL. HENSTRIDGE:** Yeah

228 **DINN:** And rotted out and

229 **CPL. HENSTRIDGE:** I noticed the first couple words but I didn't read the whole
230 sign

231 **DINN:** Yeah, that's all it was just about any government officials or
232 people, like, that's what it kind of was, if they comes up and
233 hurts themselves well it's not his fault because he's not
234 getting nothing from the government, right, like, he was bitter
235 that way

236 **CPL. HENSTRIDGE:** Almost like a protest

237 **DINN:** Yeah, basically

238 **CPL. HENSTRIDGE:** Ahm...

239 **DINN:** Yeah

240 **CPL. HENSTRIDGE:** Was he, was he paranoid at all about people coming in and
241 robbing him

242 **DINN:** He said to me, when was this b'y, what, what are we in,
243 March, maybe in February, Jan, January, February, he said, I
244 guess he must have been after sending a letter or a bad
245 Twitter to somebody or something and he said, wouldn't be a
246 surprise he said they comes for me some night like that

247 **CPL. HENSTRIDGE:** When he said they, what did they mean

248 **DINN:** No, never, never said anybody in particular, I guess he
249 meant whoever he was...

250 **CPL. HENSTRIDGE:** Who did you take it to mean

251 **DINN:** Whoever he was sending the messages to

252 **CPL. HENSTRIDGE:** And who would that likely have been

253 **DINN:** It had to be somebody in Compensation, that's all I figured
254 or...

255 **CPL. HENSTRIDGE:** You said he said

256 **DINN:** Canada Pension was another one he used to be talking
257 about

258 **CPL. HENSTRIDGE:** He said I wouldn't be surprised

259 **DINN:** If they come for me some night or someday, like, or time or
260 whatever, day and then he said, let 'em come

261 **CPL. HENSTRIDGE:** Okay, so you, you took that to mean that it was somebody in
262 Compensation or...

263 **DINN:** Or whoever he had been Tweeting with or against, I got to
264 think of that other fella's name b'y

265 **CPL. HENSTRIDGE:** You said Compensation and Canada Pension was the other
266 one

267 **DINN:** Yeah, I mean, like, he, he, he stirred the pot a lot

268 **CPL. HENSTRIDGE:** Yeah

269 **DINN:** Right, he lost his job over weed at the Department of
270 Highways

271 **CPL. HENSTRIDGE:** Yeah

272 **DINN:** And then he blew the whistle on 'em all

273 **CPL. HENSTRIDGE:** Okay

274 **DINN:** Cause there was a lot, ah, I don't know for sure about what
275 was going on there but I only knows what he said

276 **CPL. HENSTRIDGE:** Yeah

277 **DINN:** Type thing, but there was a lot of thievery and stuff going on,
278 I guess that all got cleared up or looked at after a couple of
279 years ago but, man

280 **CPL. HENSTRIDGE:** So aside from that comment, cause, it kind of, you went, like,
281 clicked on when I said did he ever experience any paranoia
282 aside from that comment, anything else that he said recently
283 that concerned you

284 **DINN:** No, no

285 **CPL. HENSTRIDGE:** But that one sounded, that one stood out to you, ah, firearms
286 in, in the house, you ever seen firearms

287 **DINN:** I've been there for twenty five years buddy and I never, not
288 once, not once laid eyes on a firearm, the man had a stick, a
289 wooden stick about, I don't know, an inch and a half in
290 around and four or five feet long with black tape on one end

291 and it was, like, little, little knots still on it say from the limbs
292 and that's been in his house by his chair forever, like, for as
293 long as I can remember and that's, that was it, that's what I,
294 that's what I knew he had for defense say if somebody came
295 after him, that was it, I've never, not once ever, I swear to
296 god, I've never laid eyes on a gun, ever, ever, I used to be
297 over to their father's house

298 **CPL. HENSTRIDGE:** Yeah

299 **DINN:** His father had a gun years ago

300 **CPL. HENSTRIDGE:** Yeah

301 **DINN:** And I think Dick got it, Kev was saying, Dick had the gun

302 **CPL. HENSTRIDGE:** Okay

303 **DINN:** That gun, say, the, that was the only gun that was even down
304 in that area

305 **CPL. HENSTRIDGE:** Did he ever indicate to you that he had a firearm

306 **DINN:** No

307 **CPL. HENSTRIDGE:** Or something else for protection

308 **DINN:** No, never, cause I was, like, I'm still in shock man, I heard
309 that the morning

310 **CPL. HENSTRIDGE:** Yeah, ahm, over the last few years, ah, you said January,
311 February he made this comment

312 **DINN:** Yeah

313 **CPL. HENSTRIDGE:** About I wouldn't be surprised if they

314 **DINN:** Come, yeah

315 **CPL. HENSTRIDGE:** Come for me someday or something like that

316 **DINN:** Yeah

317 **CPL. HENSTRIDGE:** And let 'em come, ahm, did anything else, did, was there
318 anything else said around that conversation or...

319 **DINN:** No, now I never used to try to keep him going, like...

320 **CPL. HENSTRIDGE:** Oh, okay

321 **DINN:** I used to try to change the subject to something else cause...

322 **CPL. HENSTRIDGE:** Oh, okay

323 **DINN:** He'd been doing that for twenty years, like, twenty five, you
324 know he was, off his head with people for that long, ever
325 since he got hurt

326 **CPL. HENSTRIDGE:** Okay

327 **DINN:** It is, right, ever since he was injured

328 **CPL. HENSTRIDGE:** Okay, so there's always been some feud of some kind

329 **DINN:** Oh, wicked and between his family and him

330 **CPL. HENSTRIDGE:** Yeah

331 **DINN:** And him and Compensation and...

332 **CPL. HENSTRIDGE:** Yeah

333 **DINN:** Canada Pension

334 **CPL. HENSTRIDGE:** Yeah

335 **DINN:** I'm in the same boat

336 **CPL. HENSTRIDGE:** Oh you're in a lot of pain, I can see that, I'll try to make this
337 as brief as I can, ah...

338 **DINN:** I wish Compensation could see it, they don't see it

339 **CPL. HENSTRIDGE:** M'hmm

340 **DINN:** I went from making ten grand a month to eleven hundred
341 bucks

342 **CPL. HENSTRIDGE:** Yeah

343 **DINN:** Not able to work, twenty four, seven pain

344 **CPL. HENSTRIDGE:** Wow

345 **DINN:** It's madness

346 **CPL. HENSTRIDGE:** Yeah

347 **DINN:** Lost everything, had to move back to Newfoundland

348 **CPL. HENSTRIDGE:** Yeah

349 **DINN:** Wicked, I knows what he went through, like, I, I can
350 sympathize with a lot of it

351 **CPL. HENSTRIDGE:** You guys had that in common, hey

352 **DINN:** Yeah

353 **CPL. HENSTRIDGE:** M'hmm

354 **DINN:** Right

355 **CPL. HENSTRIDGE:** Yeah

356 **DINN:** It's not something good to have in common, but

357 **CPL. HENSTRIDGE:** No

358 **DINN:** You know

359 **CPL. HENSTRIDGE:** Ahm, and I don't know if I asked you this question, did he
360 have any issues with the police per say, did you ever hear
361 him, cause I mean a lot of people don't like cops but...

362 **DINN:** Well, no real issues I s'pose, years ago there used to be a
363 fella, DECKER, was it, he had trouble, like, back in the
364 eighties say

365 **CPL. HENSTRIDGE:** Okay

366 **DINN:** Stuff like that, he got caught a few times for weed and stuff,
367 he got searched a few times on the Salmonier Line and...

368 **CPL. HENSTRIDGE:** Yeah

369 **DINN:** But he never really, like, singled out anybody to, he didn't like
370 cops in general but then when he got his license, that's why
371 he didn't like cops right cause he used to smoke weed all
372 day, every day because of his

373 **CPL. HENSTRIDGE:** Yeah

374 **DINN:** Situation

375 **CPL. HENSTRIDGE:** So the issues he had with the police was before he got the
376 license

377 **DINN:** Yes and then after he got his license he got searched a
378 couple of times but he had the license

379 **CPL. HENSTRIDGE:** Right

380 **DINN:** And he never told 'em

381 **CPL. HENSTRIDGE:** He never told them he had a license

382 **DINN:** Until then right and then he did, like, once they searched
383 everything

384 **CPL. HENSTRIDGE:** Right

385 **DINN:** And found it and then he showed them the license and they
386 left him alone after that, that's, now that's what he told me
387 right, I was never personally with him or involved in

388 **CPL. HENSTRIDGE:** Yeah

389 **DINN:** Any of his dealings with the cops or nothing

390 **CPL. HENSTRIDGE:** Okay

391 **DINN:** I used to go there probably, oh I used to go down and plow
392 the snow in his driveway any time we had storms

393 **CPL. HENSTRIDGE:** M'hmm

394 **DINN:** And to go visit him, I used to go around seven, seven thirty in
395 the evening and most times you couldn't even get in to see
396 him because when you get there, by that time of the evening,
397 he'd have all the lights off and he'd be lying down, every
398 evening, now sometimes if I got there before he laid down,
399 he'd stay up for hours but if there was nobody around see, I
400 think that was a lot of it he spent a lot of time alone, a lot of
401 time alone

402 **CPL. HENSTRIDGE:** So he'd go to bed or lie down

403 **DINN:** Well because of being, like, how do I put this, it was pretty
404 much the same routine, like, every week kind of thing, right,
405 he'd have maybe two good days

406 **CPL. HENSTRIDGE:** M'hmm

407 **DINN:** And then the rest would be bad days with whatever,
408 whatever medical stuff he had wrong with him, right, like, I
409 often went there and he'd be, like, leaning over the arm of a
410 chair, driving it into his stomach trying to get gas to pass
411 through him to get rid of headaches and, like, he used to
412 pass blood and, like, it was unreal man the stuff, the poor
413 fucker

414 **CPL. HENSTRIDGE:** M'hmm

415 **DINN:** But after he passed blood and stuff, that's what he used to
416 tell me, he said fill the toilet he said with blood

417 **CPL. HENSTRIDGE:** M'hmm

418 **DINN:** And then he was good for two days and then it'd start again,
419 right

420 **CPL. HENSTRIDGE:** Yeah

421 **DINN:** It was just a vicious cycle, now his doctor, Dr. McGARRY
422 was trying to help him out as much as he could, like, doing...

423 **CPL. HENSTRIDGE:** Yeah

424 **DINN:** Checking stuff but he used to go to doctors out in Holyrood,
425 there, Dr. WALSH and one in town, he wasn't getting
426 nowhere so he switched, he went down to McGARRY and he
427 had all kinds of tests done and he had a couple operations,
428 he was feeling better and he was able to do more, that's only
429 in the last year

430 **CPL. HENSTRIDGE:** M'hmm

431 **DINN:** Like...

432 **CPL. HENSTRIDGE:** That's what I was gonna ask ya, in the last, you know, few
433 weeks, months, whatever, is there anything that you've
434 noticed about his behaviour, his attitude that would indicate
435 things were getting out of control

436 **DINN:** No, he was getting better, like, medically and physically
437 feeling better, his color come back, he gained a bit of weight,
438 like, he was gone away to nothing there for a while man, he
439 looked like the picture of death and whatever, what'd they do
440 with him, gallbladder, maybe, what did he do

441 **CPL. HENSTRIDGE:** And that surgery seemed to help

442 **DINN:** The first surgery helped for about a week and then he started
443 getting sick again so they went through and they found
444 something else, whatever, oh my, I should pay more
445 attention

446 **CPL. HENSTRIDGE:** That's alright

447 **DINN:** To words

448 **CPL. HENSTRIDGE:** That's alright, my understanding was that he talked a lot so
449 you can't be expected to remember every word that he said

450 **DINN:** Oh, it continuous.

451 **CPL. HENSTRIDGE:** Yeah

452 **DINN:** Like, you'd have a job to get a word in edge wise sometimes

453 **CPL. HENSTRIDGE:** Yeah

454 **DINN:** Once he got going on something, right

455 **CPL. HENSTRIDGE:** So there was no indicators to you that

456 **DINN:** No this just blows me away buddy

457 **CPL. HENSTRIDGE:** What, ah

458 **DINN:** I never expected

459 **CPL. HENSTRIDGE:** What's your understanding, what do you think happened in
460 that house

461 **DINN:** Yesterday

462 **CPL. HENSTRIDGE:** Yeah

463 **DINN:** I have no idea, I really don't unless, I, I don't know, he went
464 down two o'clock, like, he passed my house at quarter to two
465 so he was only just home whenever this cop showed up

466 **CPL. HENSTRIDGE:** Yeah

467 **DINN:** He had to be just home

468 **CPL. HENSTRIDGE:** And you were never aware of any firearms

469 **DINN:** Never, no sir, no, not a bit

470 **CPL. HENSTRIDGE:** Did he ever, ever remember him saying anything like that if
471 someone came around, I'd shoot 'em

472 **DINN:** No only he had the stick, that's what he said

473 **CPL. HENSTRIDGE:** (Unintelligible)

474 **DINN:** He said I don't need anything other than this

475 **CPL. HENSTRIDGE:** Okay

476 **DINN:** Cause I don't know what he was, Jesus, I don't know what he
477 was like now, like, physically able to take care of himself but,
478 like, back in the day he was physically able to take care of
479 himself

480 **CPL. HENSTRIDGE:** M'hmm

481 **DINN:** Nobody and that's all he ever said, I don't need nothing he
482 said, I got this stick he said and if that don't take him down,
483 they'll take me down, never, never, I, when, when I heard a
484 gun in house, it's like who brought it there, where'd it come
485 from, I, I mean, I've been in the bathroom, I've been in the
486 kitchen, I've been in the furnace room, I've been in the grow
487 room, I've been in the living room, I never laid eyes on a gun
488 ever, ever, ever

489 **CPL. HENSTRIDGE:** Ahm, I don't think I have any more questions for you Colin,
490 ah, if I do, sometimes I'll go back through my notes and

491 **DINN:** Yeah, call me anytime

492 **CPL. HENSTRIDGE:** I appreciate that and ah...

493 **DINN:** You might not get an answer right away because of where I
494 live

495 **CPL. HENSTRIDGE:** Yeah, no, no, that's no (unintelligible) b'y, let me conclude
496 the recording here and, ah, is there anything else that you
497 think might be relevant to this investigation that you think we
498 should know and, ahm, how often did you see him, how often
499 were you down there

500 **DINN:** A couple times a week usually b'y, unless he was sick and
501 then I'd only get there the once but if I went, say three times
502 in a row and I couldn't get in

503 **CPL. HENSTRIDGE:** Yeah

504 **DINN:** The fourth time I went in

505 **CPL. HENSTRIDGE:** Okay

506 **DINN:** Just to check, make sure he was okay, right

507 **CPL. HENSTRIDGE:** Yeah

508 **DINN:** Because there was times he's after been, I don't know if he,
509 he didn't have a, they had to take him one night in the
510 ambulance, this was a year ago

511 **CPL. HENSTRIDGE:** Yeah

512 **DINN:** But he, the same thing, he was down in the house and he's,
513 I, I was down that night and the lights were off and I went on

514 **CPL. HENSTRIDGE:** Yeah

515 **DINN:** But his daughter was after phoning him three or four times
516 and got no answer so she came down and the next thing he
517 was gone in the ambulance, right

518 **CPL. HENSTRIDGE:** Oh, okay

519 **DINN:** So after that, when I went there if I couldn't get in

520 **CPL. HENSTRIDGE:** Yeah

521 **DINN:** Like, if the lights were out or whatever after the third time that
522 was it, I'd pound on the door 'til he answered right, like, he
523 used to be down there for days in the dark man with migraine
524 headaches and throwing up

525 **CPL. HENSTRIDGE:** His mental health, I was gonna ask you about that, was there
526 any sign that he was, I guess delusional or he, I said
527 paranoid before

528 **DINN:** Yeah, no, I, well when you, when you listen to the stuff, like,
529 the words that he used to say, they'd make sense right,
530 different things but then you'd have to take everything into
531 account and they probably don't make sense but just for what
532 you were saying

533 **CPL. HENSTRIDGE:** M'hmm

534 **DINN:** Like, it made sense but when you threw it into the whole
535 picture, it had nothing to do with his compensation and stuff,
536 like, ah, how can I...

537 **CPL. HENSTRIDGE:** I think I understand what you mean, believe it or not

538 **DINN:** Yeah

539 **CPL. HENSTRIDGE:** I think you mean, ah, he was logical

540 **DINN:** Yes

541 **CPL. HENSTRIDGE:** In what he was saying but then when you think about the
542 whole big picture, it didn't make sense

543 **DINN:** Yeah it didn't, it didn't add into it right, it didn't

544 **CPL. HENSTRIDGE:** Yeah

545 **DINN:** Something now that wasn't all the time but

546 **CPL. HENSTRIDGE:** Yeah, it always came back to compensation and

547 **DINN:** Always, well, compensation and weed cause he used to be
548 on open line all the time, him and Patty, Patty DALEY

549 **CPL. HENSTRIDGE:** Patty DALEY, yeah

550 **DINN:** That's Pat DALEY's son, that fella I was talking about, when
551 we were walking in, I said about my Uncle Pat

552 **CPL. HENSTRIDGE:** Oh, okay, yeah

553 **DINN:** And that's, Patty is his son

554 **CPL. HENSTRIDGE:** Oh, okay

555 **DINN:** Yeah but he used to be on, Donnie used to phone Open Line
556 all the time

557 **CPL. HENSTRIDGE:** Yeah

558 **DINN:** All the time and between, he, he used to be, he had, at about
559 the roads too right, the roads in our way are shot

560 **CPL. HENSTRIDGE:** Yeah

561 **DINN:** Oh, buddy

562 **CPL. HENSTRIDGE:** I think I might have heard, might have heard

563 **DINN:** It's a wonder any of those cop cars, if they were doing
564 anything over

565 **CPL. HENSTRIDGE:** Yeah they're rough shape, we got a Malibu with low profile
566 tires on it and I came close last night to

567 **DINN:** Yeah

568 **CPL. HENSTRIDGE:** Dinging one

569 **DINN:** Oh yeah you got to, and he used to work for Department of
570 Highways, right

571 **CPL. HENSTRIDGE:** Yeah

572 **DINN:** He used to ride them about that, like, I don't know if he ever
573 actually went to the Department of Highways, or, or said it to
574 them but he used to say it, like, to me, he'd be off his head
575 about the potholes and the roads and

576 **CPL. HENSTRIDGE:** Yeah

577 **DINN:** But no, I, I'd say two years ago when I came home he was
578 worse mentally then he was in the last year because he was
579 really sick and I told him to go to McGARRY because
580 McGARRY is my doctor

581 **CPL. HENSTRIDGE:** M'hmm

582 **DINN:** And he helped me out no, and

583 **CPL. HENSTRIDGE:** So you were gone away for twelve years you say

584 **DINN:** Yeah, thirteen almost of those twenty five, so, but I'd be
585 home, like, for a month at a time, twice a year, whatever and
586 I'd go visit him when I was home and then I've been back
587 now for two years and spends more, I used to go visit him
588 more often, right, seems he lives just down the road and I
589 used to pick up groceries for him and cat food and bring him
590 wood, clear his driveway, he was always, always good with
591 me, like I never

592 **CPL. HENSTRIDGE:** Yeah, you never saw him as a violent person at all

593 **DINN:** Not, not violent but angry

594 **CPL. HENSTRIDGE:** Okay

595 **DINN:** Like, there's a difference, you'd never think, like, the way he
596 used to handle them cats, man, old strays and everything
597 and they'd be sick and sticking into him, I watched him one
598 night, no word of a lie, I watched him sit in the chair and the
599 cat drew blood out of him

600 **CPL. HENSTRIDGE:** M'hmm

601 **DINN:** While he held her, giving her penicillin but he would not let
602 her go, he never threw her, he never did nothing, he held
603 onto her, he give her the penicillin and we were three weeks
604 trying to heal up his fingers, now you'd think that if he had
605 something wrong with his head

606 **CPL. HENSTRIDGE:** M'hmm

607 **DINN:** That cat would have got bet off the wall right

608 **CPL. HENSTRIDGE:** M'hmm

609 **DINN:** To me, that's just

610 **CPL. HENSTRIDGE:** Yeah

611 **DINN:** That's just me though, that's how I

612 **CPL. HENSTRIDGE:** Yeah

613 **DINN:** He never had no money as such, like, any time and we built
614 a big pen up in the woods for cats

615 **CPL. HENSTRIDGE:** Yeah

616 **DINN:** Right, like, every cent that he could scrape together

617 **CPL. HENSTRIDGE:** Yeah

618 **DINN:** Was all for cats

619 **CPL. HENSTRIDGE:** Yeah

620 **DINN:** Yeah, I don't understand it man, blows me away, these
621 letters and stuff, I knows he had wrote letters, he had said
622 about it years ago that he wrote, like, maybe ten or fifteen
623 years ago he wrote a letter either to compensation or the
624 Minister of Compensation or something like that and it was
625 and a nasty letter right but that was the only, only letter that I
626 knew about and the b'ys were talking to me yesterday, like,
627 Kev, his brother said to me that the cop that was down there
628 was in, following up on these threatening letters that Donnie
629 had sent to the government

630 **CPL. HENSTRIDGE:** M'hmm

631 **DINN:** I know he was on Twitter all the time, tweeting out stuff and
632 he had followers and they were even trying to get a, what'd
633 ya call it, another, ah, political party going

634 **CPL. HENSTRIDGE:** Oh, okay

635 **DINN:** On Twitter right and I used to just, I said man leave it alone,
636 there's no, no, like ...

637 **CPL. HENSTRIDGE:** Yeah, well I am sorry for your loss and, ah, it's tragic

638 **DINN:** I just hope, the only thing, you know what, his daughter man

639 **CPL. HENSTRIDGE:** Yeah, she's pretty upset

640 **DINN:** Yeah, mother and father gone

641 **CPL. HENSTRIDGE:** Well we're hoping to get to the bottom of it and find out
642 exactly what happened in that room and we kind of got a
643 general idea right now based on just the scene

644 **DINN:** Well...

645 **CPL. HENSTRIDGE:** And how it's

646 **DINN:** How it was laid out

647 **CPL. HENSTRIDGE:** It's pretty

648 **DINN:** Messy

649 **CPL. HENSTRIDGE:** It's pretty telling right but ah...

650 **DINN:** Fair enough

651 **CPL. HENSTRIDGE:** We still got to talk to the police officer that went inside so
652 that's, that's gonna be done today

653 **DINN:** Yeah

654 **CPL. HENSTRIDGE:** And hopefully we'll have some answers, like I told, ah,

655 **DINN:** Well

656 **CPL. HENSTRIDGE:** Like I told, unfortunately because there was one person in
657 there

658 **DINN:** Yeah

659 **CPL. HENSTRIDGE:** That witnessed this

660 **DINN:** Right

661 **CPL. HENSTRIDGE:** Ahm, now that officer did take the same steps that I would
662 take in assessing risk

663 **DINN:** Yes

664 **CPL. HENSTRIDGE:** And there's no firearms registered to him

665 **DINN:** Yes

666 **CPL. HENSTRIDGE:** The visit with the brother next door

667 **DINN:** Yeah, yeah

668 **CPL. HENSTRIDGE:** No firearms indicated, so, you know it's not uncommon for us
669 to go in alone

670 **DINN:** Fair enough

671 **CPL. HENSTRIDGE:** There's no violence in his criminal record, so

672 **DINN:** No, that's the thing, like, he was never in fighting, he don't
673 drink

674 **CPL. HENSTRIDGE:** Right

675 **DINN:** All he does is drink Canada Dry ginger ale and smoke weed

676 **CPL. HENSTRIDGE:** M'hmm

677 **DINN:** All day long

678 **CPL. HENSTRIDGE:** Yeah, yeah

679 **DINN:** Unless he's, oh, unless he was going, like, coming to the
680 hospital or going for groceries or...

681 **CPL. HENSTRIDGE:** Yeah

682 **DINN:** And, ah, I honestly think that if our places were reversed I
683 would have lost me mind long ago

684 **CPL. HENSTRIDGE:** M'hmm

685 **DINN:** Like, this, the shape that he was in, the shape, things that I'm
686 after seeing myself in, in his physical, like, just to drive the
687 car, he used to have to put on a, like, a body suit to hold the
688 muscles and stuff together and, like, that's stuff people don't
689 even, don't know right, there's

690 **CPL. HENSTRIDGE:** We'll have all that information from the medical records
691 anyways

692 **DINN:** Yeah, yeah

693 **CPL. HENSTRIDGE:** We'll get all that

694 **DINN:** Yeah he is, he was in misery man

695 **CPL. HENSTRIDGE:** So you feel that, ah, the physical pain that he caused might
696 have caused some problems with him

697 **DINN:** Oh, for sure

698 **CPL. HENSTRIDGE:** Yeah

699 **DINN:** For sure

700 **CPL. HENSTRIDGE:** Okay, if there's nothing else I'm gonna conclude this
701 statement here

702 **DINN:** Fair enough

703 **CPL. HENSTRIDGE:** I appreciate you coming in and like I said

704 **DINN:** No problem sorry I was

705 **CPL. HENSTRIDGE:** Oh don't you worry about that

706 **DINN:** Had to go get me ticker checked out

707 **CPL. HENSTRIDGE:** Oh is that right

708 **DINN:** Yeah

709 **CPL. HENSTRIDGE:** (Unintel)

710 **DINN:** Not in, not in the best of shape meself

711 **CPL. HENSTRIDGE:** No, you're in a lot of pain that's pretty obvious, ah

712 **DINN:** And I still be's at stuff all the time

713 **CPL. HENSTRIDGE:** Yeah

714 **DINN:** Has to man, you'd go nuts if you don't right

715 **CPL. HENSTRIDGE:** Yeah, okay the time now is 15:03 and I conclude this
716 statement here

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