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2 **Burke:** Today is, ah, 2016-zero, ah, 11-08. My name is, ah, Corporal, ah, Steve
3 Burke. I'm with the RCMP Major Crime Unit. The time is, ah, 19:38. Ah,
4 I'm here with, ah, Constable Peter Gosse and I'm, ah, speaking with, ah,
5 Colin Dinn. Mr. Dinn, this statement is regarding, ah, a letter that the
6 RCMP received today.

7 **Dinn:** Okay.

8 **Burke:** Ah, in relation to, ah, the Don Dunphy shooting.

9 **Dinn:** Um-hum.

10 **Burke:** Ah, can you tell me your relationship with Donald Dunphy.

11 **Dinn:** I was just a friend.

12 **Burke:** Can you tell me, ah...

13 **Dinn:** I knew him for probably twenty-five years, twenty years, twenty-five years
14 but I've been away, like, a lot off and on, right?

15 **Burke:** Um-hum. Um, we – the letter received today is, ah, it was from an
16 anonymous writer. Ah, they, ah, claim to have known Mr. Dunphy, visited
17 him on a daily basis.

18 **Dinn:** Um-hum.

19 **Burke:** Ah, do you have any idea who that may be?

1 **Dinn:** Visit Donny on a daily basis. Well, there's only a few people around here
2 that used to go visit, like, that I knew who used to visit him.

3 **Burke:** Um-hum.

4 **Dinn:** (Unintel) meself and Tom Hearn and a few of the Dobbins in Haricot every
5 now and then, but I've never known anybody meself 'cause, well, I haven't
6 been there every day either, right, so...

7 **Burke:** Um-hum. Anyone that would visit, ah, Don by boat?

8 **Dinn:** By boat? Never. Not to my knowledge. No sir. There's not even
9 anywhere there to tie up a boat as such. Yeah, no, I've never known
10 anybody to come by boat to visit him. That's weird.

11 **Burke:** Ah...

12 **Dinn:** By boat.

13 **Burke:** Ah, this person, like I say, would have been there on a daily basis or
14 almost daily...

15 **Dinn:** Yeah.

16 **Burke:** ...I think was the words they used.

17 **Dinn:** Not by boat or...

18 **Burke:** No.

19 **Dinn:** ...(unintel) daily by boat.

20 **Burke:** And was anyone there daily otherwise?

21 **Dinn:** Not every single day, no. That's what I say, like, I – I used to go probably
22 three days a week, you know.

23 **Burke:** Yeah.

- 1 **Dinn:** And when I'd go Tom is after being there.
- 2 **Burke:** Yeah.
- 3 **Dinn:** Right? 'Cause there'd be – Donny'd say, well, Tom just left or you'd see a
4 couple a – a couple a beer bottles 'cause...
- 5 **Burke:** Yeah.
- 6 **Dinn:** ...Tom'd bring a couple a beer and have a chat with him and then go
7 home. But he's the only other fella that I knows that was back and forth
8 there, like, regular say.
- 9 **Burke:** Right.
- 10 **Dinn:** But not by boat. He lives just a couple a houses up the road.
- 11 **Burke:** Yeah.
- 12 **Dinn:** Yeah, I would know, like, I don't know anybody that – sure there's nobody
13 that even uses boats around home.
- 14 **Burke:** Ah, any, ah, anyone in the area that had any connection with Don Dunphy
15 that moved away recently? Or anyone in Mitchell's Brook or Mount
16 Carmel that moved away recently.
- 17 **Dinn:** Not my – I – I don't know. I really couldn't tell you.
- 18 **Burke:** No.
- 19 **Dinn:** I haven't been paying attention to anything in the bay (unintel). I'm back
20 and forth to doctors steady. Every time I turns around.
- 21 **Burke:** Did, ah...
- 22 **Dinn:** Anybody who moved away...nobody.
- 23 **Burke:** Don ever mention to you about anyone he knew in Port aux Basques?

- 1 **Dinn:** No.
- 2 **Burke:** So this person would have visit Don on a daily basis and he says he
3 witnessed the event, the shooting event. Can you shed any light on that?
- 4 **Dinn:** Witnessed it? No.
- 5 **Burke:** And, you know, like I said, wo – would have – would have visited him on a
6 daily basis. Is there anyone that you can...
- 7 **Dinn:** No man, that don't even make sense (unintel).
- 8 **Gosse:** Who would have been there basically on the day of the shooting.
- 9 **Dinn:** Yeah, that don't even – 'cause I watched Donny drive by my house the
10 day he got shot. Fourteen minutes after he drove by my place he was
11 gone according to the... Now that Easter Sunday I was standing in the
12 driveway when he drove by the house and they say the cop was already
13 down there then.
- 14 **Gosse:** There was nobody with him then hey Colin?
- 15 **Dinn:** No, he was in the jeep by himself and he blew the horn.
- 16 **Burke:** Hmm.
- 17 **Dinn:** When he drove by. Yeah, I don't know who this person could be. That's –
18 that's weird.
- 19 **Burke:** Yeah. No, ah, you know, we received the letter.
- 20 **Dinn:** Yeah, I know.
- 21 **Burke:** It's from an anonymous person. We're trying to figure out who that is and
22 if some of things in the letter, ah, that's some of the questions we're
23 asking you basically, right?

1 **Dinn:** Yeah, that don't – don't ring no bells man. There's nobody – like I said, I
2 used to be there a couple, three days a week.

3 **Burke:** Hmm.

4 **Dinn:** I knows Tom used to visit him the same.

5 **Burke:** Um-hum.

6 **Dinn:** Other than that, like, I knows George Dobbin used to come visit him every
7 now and then but, you know, it's another buddy of his. They grew up
8 together and they worked together years ago and whatnot but everybody
9 used – you know, there was lots of people dropped in to visit Donny that...

10 **Burke:** Um-hum.

11 **Dinn:** ...I don't even know.

12 **Burke:** Yeah.

13 **Dinn:** You know? 'Cause I wasn't there as such.

14 **Burke:** Right.

15 **Dinn:** But there was always somebody dropped in to visit him and...

16 **Burke:** Um-hum.

17 **Dinn:** Every day but it wasn't the same person.

18 **Burke:** No.

19 **Dinn:** Like...

20 **Burke:** But you and Tom were pretty consistent.

21 **Dinn:** Yeah.

22 **Burke:** Yeah.

1 **Dinn:** To my knowledge.

2 **Burke:** Right.

3 **Dinn:** I used to go down there a couple, like I said, minimum of a couple, maybe
4 three times a week when I – when I was home, right?

5 **Burke:** Right.

6 **Dinn:** When I was up north it was kind of hard to...

7 **Burke:** Where's George Dobbin from?

8 **Dinn:** Ah, Haricot. But, like, same thing, maybe once a week, maybe once a
9 couple, three weeks. You know, they were just old – old buddies, right?

10 **Burke:** Hmm.

11 **Dinn:** George be's away working all the time. When he'd come home he'd drop
12 down and see Don and...

13 **Burke:** Um-hum.

14 **Dinn:** ...back to work.

15 **Burke:** Okay.

16 **Dinn:** That was it.

17 **Gosse:** Never travelled there by boat from Haricot or nothing did he?

18 **Dinn:** No, my dear. (Laughs). That'd be a (laughs).

19 **Gosse:** That'd be a cha...

20 **Dinn:** Yeah.

21 **Gosse:** Challenge.

1 **Dinn:** Take him a lot longer to do that than it would go by car. He could walk
2 quicker than go by boat.

3 **Burke:** Haricot's on the other side of the bay?

4 **Dinn:** Yeah, just – Mount Carmel is here and Haricot is on the...

5 **Burke:** Yeah.

6 **Dinn:** You got to...

7 **Gosse:** You go to go right around the...

8 **Dinn:** Yeah. You got to go right out around, like, yeah, it's – it's a couple hours
9 run.

10 **Burke:** Okay.

11 **Dinn:** Well, a buddy of mine comes around every now and then in an old, ah, old
12 skiff say. He got an old make and break in her. Takes him all day.

13 **Burke:** (Laughs).

14 **Gosse:** (Laughs)

15 **Dinn:** Right?

16 **Burke:** Yeah, brave.

17 **Dinn:** And it got to be good weather.

18 **Burke:** Yeah.

19 **Gosse:** Yeah, I imagine it gets pretty rough out there.

20 **Dinn:** Yeah, well that's the thing, yeah. I was thinking when you're saying come
21 by boat every day because...

22 **Burke:** Hmm.

1 **Dinn:** ...out around them points it's – you got to have some boat.

2 **Gosse:** Yeah.

3 **Dinn:** Most days, right? If, like, you'd have to have a good boat, right? It would
4 definitely have to be a good boat.

5 **Burke:** And is there any place to land a boat there?

6 **Dinn:** No. Unless you just land her on the beach – like, in on the rocks on...

7 **Burke:** Yeah.

8 **Dinn:** ...the beach. But for – as for a dock or anything, there's nothing handy to
9 Donny's. There's one up past our place say, up the wharf, the – the – the
10 actual wharf where...

11 **Burke:** Yeah.

12 **Dinn:** ...all the tugboats and barges and stuff are but there's nothing. Then the
13 next place that you can tie up as such there's one right down the end of
14 Mitchell's Brook there's an old boat...

15 **Burke:** Right.

16 **Dinn:** ...boat shed and an old wharf but other than that there's nowhere to...

17 **Burke:** Yeah.

18 **Gosse:** But you wouldn't tie up there and walk...

19 **Dinn:** No.

20 **Gosse:** ...miles anyway.

21 **Dinn:** No, hardly, right? That would be the same as walking from here to
22 where? Way out past school.

23 **Burke:** Hmm.

1 **Dinn:** Right?

2 **Burke:** Yeah.

3 **Dinn:** Like it would be a good run, yeah. Yeah, I – I haven't no idea who that
4 might be man. I'm very sorry but...

5 **Burke:** Yeah. Okay, um, so do you – do you have any...

6 **Dinn:** Un - unless there was somebody, like, in the bay with binoculars but I
7 never – you know what I mean (laughs), in a boat.

8 **Burke:** Yeah, no that's...

9 **Dinn:** This is very – it's...

10 **Burke:** That's not...

11 **Dinn:** Yeah.

12 **Burke:** ...consistent with what we got.

13 **Dinn:** No, it's kind of strange, right?

14 **Burke:** Yeah. Is there anything else you want to add, ah, Colin?

15 **Dinn:** No, I just – that's – I'll be thinking about that now for – for the night. How
16 in the hell – I never seen anybody come there even with a boat in tow, let
17 alone...

18 **Burke:** Yeah.

19 **Dinn:** ...on a boat.

20 **Burke:** Yeah. Okay, the time is, ah, 19:49 and that's the end of the statement.

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