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1 INTERVIEW WITH CPL. TREVOR O'KEEFE
 2 MS. O'BRIEN:
 3 Q. This is an interview in the course of the
 4 Inquiry respecting the death of Donald
 5 Dunphy. It is November 30th, 2016. The time
 6 is 9 a.m., and the witness to be deposed
 7 today is Cpl. Trevor O'Keefe. This
 8 interview is taking place at the
 9 Commission's Offices in St. John's. Present
 10 is Cpl. O'Keefe, counsel for the RCMP, Lori
 11 Rasmussen. Also present is co-counsel to
 12 the Inquiry, Sandy Chaytor, and me, Kate
 13 O'Brien. The interview today is being
 14 recorded. Cpl. O'Keefe, I'm going to ask
 15 you to affirm your evidence. Do you affirm
 16 that the information that you provide in
 17 this interview is the truth, the whole
 18 truth, and nothing but the truth.
 19 CPL. O'KEEFE:
 20 A. I do, so help me God.
 21 CPL. TREVOR O'KEEFE (AFFIRMED)
 22 MS. O'BRIEN:
 23 Q. Can you state your full name, address, and
 24 date of birth, please?
 25 CPL. O'KEEFE:

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1 A. It's Cpl. Trevor O'Keefe. Do you want my
 2 personal address?
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1 a lot of homes, and a lot of bad homes, but
 2 this is by far the worse place I have ever
 3 been in, absolute state. It was a mess.
 4 Like I said, with regards to seeing stuff,
 5 if you throw anything out to me, I'd say I
 6 probably saw it there. It was a mess and
 7 cats everywhere.
 8 MS. O'BRIEN:
 9 Q. Do you recall how many cats you saw?
 10 CPL. O'KEEFE:
 11 A. In that room or all around?
 12 MS. O'BRIEN:
 13 Q. Well, you can break it down.
 14 CPL. O'KEEFE:
 15 A. Honestly, I have no idea. I mean, there
 16 were cats everywhere, they were outside,
 17 they were inside. We can even hear them
 18 walking around in the ceiling up there. You
 19 can hear the [1:22: 27) makes sound] and I
 20 really don't know how many because when we
 21 got on the scene, you could see the cats
 22 outside. I mean, there were all kinds of
 23 cats outside and they were kind of crawling
 24 into the crawl space, and we knew they were
 25 inside, of course, when we got in. They

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1 were going around all over the place.
 2 MS. O'BRIEN:
 3 Q. Do you specifically recall seeing some in
 4 the livingroom?
 5 CPL. O'KEEFE:
 6 A. Yes, there was cats in there too, so whether
 7 it was two cats, five cats, I don't know.
 8 There was a lot of cats all over the place.
 9 MS. O'BRIEN:
 10 Q. Did you see any weapons?
 11 CPL. O'KEEFE:
 12 A. Yes.
 13 MS. O'BRIEN:
 14 Q. What did you see?
 15 CPL. O'KEEFE:
 16 A. There was a – I'm going to refer to my
 17 report here.
 18 MS. O'BRIEN:
 19 Q. Do you need to do that to refresh your
 20 memory?
 21 CPL. O'KEEFE:
 22 A. No, no.
 23 MS. O'BRIEN:
 24 Q. If you need to look at it to refresh your
 25 memory, that's fine.

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1 CPL. O'KEEFE:
 2 A. Yes, yeah, if you don't mind because I just
 3 wanted to be sure I got it all right,
 4 because this was over a year and a half ago,
 5 but as I said here, I said it was like a
 6 long gun at his feet. When I say a long
 7 gun, I don't know if that was a shotgun, a
 8 rifle, we refer to it as a long gun.
 9 MS. O'BRIEN:
 10 Q. Do you recall what position it was in?
 11 CPL. O'KEEFE:
 12 A. No, like I said, it was on the floor around
 13 his feet area, so whether the barrel was
 14 facing out towards the livingroom or out
 15 towards the window, I can't recall, and I
 16 didn't take any photos there either. I
 17 mean, the main goal of us being in the house
 18 there was to check out Mr. Dunphy because,
 19 you know, there was a chance he may not have
 20 been deceased, so we had to check on him,
 21 and we had to clear the home.

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 2 MS. O'BRIEN:
 3 Q. Okay. So I got another email. This one is
 4 taking place on April 14th and again, you're
 5 not on the email chain but you're mentioned
 6 in it, so I do want to ask you the
 7 questions, and it's from Kent Osmond again
 8 to Rod Tiller. "Hi, Rod. I know you have
 9 already spoken with Cpl. O'Keefe about his
 10 disclosing information to the family.
 11 However, I was informed this morning that
 12 Trevor also reached out to Sergeant Smyth
 13 following the shooting to see how he was
 14 doing. I don't know on what day that
 15 contact occurred. I have directed Cpl.
 16 Foote to have Cpl. O'Keefe draft
 17 comprehensive notes on that contact as it
 18 was not previously known to the
 19 investigative team and was not appropriate.
 20 I understand we are all human beings with
 21 feelings and this was" – I think there's a
 22 typo here. It says "do doubt" but I'm sure
 23 it means "no doubt done with the best of
 24 intentions. However, the RNC were
 25 completely plugged into the MEAP side of

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1 things and the optics of a first responder
 2 of the file speaking to a person under
 3 investigation should have been a common-
 4 sense issue and should not have been done."
 5 CPL. O'KEEFE:
 6 A. Okay.
 7 MS. O'BRIEN:
 8 Q. "I am raising this with you to ensure the
 9 notes are completed immediately and so you
 10 can assess how you wish to deal with the
 11 issue as his supervisor."
 12 CPL. O'KEEFE:
 13 A. Okay.
 14 MS. O'BRIEN:
 15 Q. So do you – you know, do you now recall Cpl.
 16 Foote speaking to you to get you to draft
 17 the comprehensive note?
 18 CPL. O'KEEFE:
 19 A. Yeah, I'm not sure.
 20 MS. O'BRIEN:
 21 Q. And you still – you don't recall anyone
 22 speaking to you about -
 23 CPL. O'KEEFE:
 24 A. Well, we did. We did speak – it was spoken
 25 about it.

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1 MS. O'BRIEN:
 2 Q. But what about it being inappropriate? You
 3 know, I know you said earlier that you were
 4 told that you should have a note on the
 5 file.
 6 CPL. O'KEEFE:
 7 A. Yeah.
 8 MS. O'BRIEN:
 9 Q. But what about being spoken to about it
 10 being inappropriate?
 11 CPL. O'KEEFE:
 12 A. I don't know of the exact wording, but you
 13 know, I know there was a conversation with
 14 regards to putting notes on the file and you
 15 know, "maybe you shouldn't have done it" but
 16 I mean, it wasn't -
 17 MS. O'BRIEN:
 18 Q. So there was a conversation "maybe you
 19 shouldn't have done it"?
 20 CPL. O'KEEFE:
 21 A. Yeah, yeah, but it was nothing – it was more
 22 like along those lines with Kent, right, and
 23 I said "okay, we'll put the notes on". But
 24 you're right, I mean, it's a human being
 25 type of thing.

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1 MS. O'BRIEN:
 2 Q. And when you did it, you didn't see anything
 3 wrong with it?
 4 CPL. O'KEEFE:
 5 A. When I called?
 6 MS. O'BRIEN:
 7 Q. Yeah.
 8 CPL. O'KEEFE:
 9 A. Well, I actually called, so obviously I
 10 thought it was okay, but I guess lots of
 11 people think it's not.
 12 MS. O'BRIEN:
 13 Q. What do you think today? Do you think it
 14 was still okay?
 15 CPL. O'KEEFE:
 16 A. You know what, I think right now looking at
 17 it, okay, there's probably some optics to
 18 it, but knowing me, maybe I'm too caring of
 19 a person, so I mean that's kind of how I
 20 look at it, you know, and that's all it was,
 21 but hey, sometimes I'm wrong, I guess.
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