

STATEMENT OF

NICHOL DEMYEN (nee JOHN)

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J. TEMPLETON This is the taped interview of Nichol Susan Marie DEMYEN (nee JOHN) Born 52-September-02 of Kelowna, B.C. The interview is conducted in Room 322 of the Park Lake Hotel, Kelowna, B.C. Present for the interview Cpl. Jim TEMPLETON, Cst. John DYCK and Nichol DEMYEN.

Nichol, we met before. I am Cpl. Jim TEMPLETON, RCMP, Regina. Cst. John DYCK, also of the RCMP, Regina. We are attached to a task force set up by the RCMP to answer certain questions raised by Mr. MILGAARD and his family concerning the death of Gail MILLER in 1969. As a result of our investigation into this incident, we have had access to all reports, all trial transcripts, and all statements supplied by witnesses. During the while, during our meeting with you, we'd like to discuss the events of the 31st of January, 1969, plus events following that concerning the police investigation and any appearances that you've had in the court system. We are also aware that you have given evidence at the Supreme Court of Canada and we'd like to discuss the events that lead up to that and any interviews you had prior to appearing at the Supreme Court in 1992. There is no guarantee that this is going to be the last time, I hope it is, but I can't guarantee that, Nichol. We also want to point out that this is separate and apart from any civil action that Mr. MILGAARD has initiated against the City of Saskatoon and the Province of Saskatchewan. That is not the purpose of this interview. That's an entirely different matter. What we hope to do is ask you a few questions to clear up a few of the questions that Mr. MILGAARD's family and lawyers have asked. I realize and appreciate that this happened some time ago, 24 years, also it is, perhaps some of it, a little more fresh in your mind because of the things being brought back into the light since 1988. So your memory, hopefully, will be very good. What we are looking for here is what you remember. Not so much what you have come to learn over the period of time. Once and for all, we'd like to get some of these questions answered that have been raised and supply those answers back to Mr. MILGAARD's family. Before we start, do you have any questions?

N. DEMYEN

No.

- J. TEMPLETON We're going to try and do this in some form of chronological order, Nichol. We'll take you right back, right away to in and around 1969, January. Could you tell us when and how you first met David MILGAARD?
- N. DEMYEN It was the summer before that in a park downtown in Regina. I can't remember who introduced us, or how we met, but I know it was summer time.
- J. TEMPLETON So that would have been the summer of 1968?
- N. DEMYEN I would say so, yes.
- J. TEMPLETON And what were you doing at that time?
- N. DEMYEN That's a good question. I'm trying to remember whether I was working or not. I think I was working somewhere in Regina. I can't remember.
- J. TEMPLETON After you met Mr. MILGAARD in the summer of 1968, and prior to January, 1969, did you have occasion to take any road trips with him, or with any of his friends?
- N. DEMYEN Prior to the winter?
- J. TEMPLETON Yes
- N. DEMYEN No.
- J. TEMPLETON Nothing at all?
- N. DEMYEN No.
- J. TEMPLETON On January 31st, 1969, you left Regina to go to Saskatoon with Mr. MILGAARD?
- N. DEMYEN Right.
- J. TEMPLETON And Mr. WILSON?
- N. DEMYEN Right.
- J. TEMPLETON How did that trip come to be?
- N. DEMYEN I think we wanted to go to Vancouver, if I remember correctly. Being young, being stupid. We all decided, o.k., let's go.
- J. TEMPLETON Do you remember who invited you on that trip, was it Mr. MILGAARD or Mr. WILSON?
- N. DEMYEN I don't remember.

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- J. TEMPLETON Had you spent a couple days with them previous to departing?
- N. DEMYEN I was working, kind of, yeah, I guess so, a little of bit of contact here and there. But nothing, no great amount of time. I had gone to school with Ron, so I knew Ron.
- J. TEMPLETON Whose vehicle did you take?
- N. DEMYEN Ron's.
- J. TEMPLETON Do you the remember the vehicle... colour?
- N. DEMYEN White with, I think kind of a green colour... like a light, kind of a turquoise, I guess, I don't know.
- J. TEMPLETON Were you at WILSON's residence, is that where you left from?
- N. DEMYEN Yes.
- J. TEMPLETON Do you remember having some problems with the car, to get it roadworthy?
- N. DEMYEN Yes
- J. TEMPLETON Do you recall what that might have been?
- N. DEMYEN Battery.
- J. TEMPLETON And I take it that they bought a new battery?
- N. DEMYEN No. Cause it was late at night. It was really dark, so I would say no.
- J. TEMPLETON What time would you have left Regina on that trip?
- N. DEMYEN I don't know, 11:30, 12:00, something like that... 12:30... I know it was really late.
- J. TEMPLETON Thinking back to that time now, can you recall the trip to Saskatoon from Regina?
- N. DEMYEN Some of it.
- J. TEMPLETON Can you tell us what you remember?

N. DEMYEN I know it was dark. I think it was, might have been blowing snow somewhere along the line. I know we stopped in this town. We were there for a little while and I don't really remember much. I remember getting to Saskatoon. I remember being on the outskirts of Saskatoon and seeing all the lights and knowing that I was in Saskatoon.

J. TEMPLETON You mentioned that you stopped at a town along the way. Can you tell me about that?

N. DEMYEN The only thing I remember is the elevators. I think it was a really small town, I don't think it was very big.

J. TEMPLETON Do you remember why you would have stopped there?

N. DEMYEN No, I can't remember.

J. TEMPLETON Have you come to learn over time, why you stopped there?

N. DEMYEN Yeah.

J. TEMPLETON And why was that?

N. DEMYEN I can't remember. I've heard it before, but it's not something I want to keep in my mind.

J. TEMPLETON If I was to tell that Mr. MILGAARD broke into an elevator...

N. DEMYEN Yeah, that's what I, yeah O.K.

J. TEMPLETON You remember that now?

N. DEMYEN Yeah.

J. TEMPLETON You remember hearing that now?

N. DEMYEN Yeah.

J. TEMPLETON And you've indicated that you were on your way to Vancouver, why go to Saskatoon?

N. DEMYEN He had a friend in Saskatoon that he wanted to stop and see or something along those lines. And the guy's name was Shorty, I remember him saying Shorty.

J. TEMPLETON Did he indicate why he wanted to see Shorty?

N. DEMYEN I can't remember.

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J. TEMPLETON When you were driving from Regina to Saskatoon, who was driving the car?

N. DEMYEN Ron. Yeah Ron was.

J. TEMPLETON And where were you seated?

N. DEMYEN In the front and the back, I believe. I don't know when, like what the period of time was.

J. TEMPLETON And Mr. MILGAARD?

N. DEMYEN I don't know. Could have been, I think at one point, he was on my right hand side. That's all I remember. I don't know if it was front or back or...

J. TEMPLETON As you were driving, was there any alcohol involved?

N. DEMYEN I don't think so.

J. TEMPLETON Drugs?

N. DEMYEN Yeah.

J. TEMPLETON Don't be embarrassed. What form of drug would have been used on that trip?

N. DEMYEN I would say, I think it was grass.

J. TEMPLETON Do you remember who had the drugs?

N. DEMYEN No.

J. TEMPLETON Was everyone using drugs?

N. DEMYEN I can't remember.

J. TEMPLETON From reviewing some of the reports that we've had, and your testimony previously, you've indicated at times that there was a knife, or perhaps two knives, in this vehicle.

N. DEMYEN I remember one.

J. TEMPLETON And what kind of knife was that?

N. DEMYEN I'm not sure anymore.

J. TEMPLETON Do you remember when you saw this knife, who would have had this knife?

N. DEMYEN No.

J. TEMPLETON So you felt there was only one knife? If I told you that it was perhaps a hunting knife, would that bring any memories back?

N. DEMYEN No.

J. TEMPLETON Do you remember how you came to see the knife? Was somebody flashing around or did you just come across it in the car?

N. DEMYEN I don't remember.

J. TEMPLETON The weather was very cold and stormy, you said.

N. DEMYEN Yeah, I remember snow blowing in the lights of the car.

J. TEMPLETON How were you dressed?

N. DEMYEN Yeah, funny, I remember I had a dark blue pair of pants on and a kind of wine coloured jacket. Other than that, I don't remember.

J. TEMPLETON What about Mr. WILSON?

N. DEMYEN I don't remember.

J. TEMPLETON Mr. MILGAARD, how was he dressed?

N. DEMYEN The only thing that comes to mind is a brown jacket.

J. TEMPLETON What about shoes. Were people wearing winter boots at that time? Were you kids wearing winter boots, or just shoes?

N. DEMYEN I can't remember. I probably had a pair of boots on. I would think. But I wouldn't...

J. TEMPLETON What about a hat?

N. DEMYEN I don't really remember.

J. TEMPLETON Did either Mr. MILGAARD or Mr. WILSON have a toque on?

N. DEMYEN I can't remember.

J. TEMPLETON As you drove along to Saskatoon, and you stopped at a town and continued on your journey, was the heater in the car working pretty good? Was it cold in the car? Do you remember being cold?

N. DEMYEN Yeah I remember having my jacket, but I don't. I guess it was because it was cold in the car.

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- J. TEMPLETON Do you remember Mr. MILGAARD taking his shoes off in the car?
- N. DEMYEN No.
- J. TEMPLETON Would that surprise you, if he had taken his shoes off?
- N. DEMYEN Yeah, it would.
- J. TEMPLETON Why would that surprise you?
- N. DEMYEN Because it was really cold outside. I remember it being really cold. And, like I said, I remember having my jacket, wearing my jacket all the time.
- J. TEMPLETON When you were travelling, did you have any money with you?
Do you remember? You said you have been working, so did you have some money?
- N. DEMYEN Yeah, I think I did. But I don't remember how much.
- J. TEMPLETON What about the other, did they have any cash? Or were they using your cash?
- N. DEMYEN I don't know, probably mine.
- J. TEMPLETON You said you remember getting to the edge of Saskatoon, because you remember seeing the lights.
- N. DEMYEN Right.
- J. TEMPLETON Can you tell us about your arrival into Saskatoon and about what time that would have been?
- N. DEMYEN It was still dark. Knowing Saskatoon now, I know where, which way we came in. It was along the ...
- J. TEMPLETON If I could interrupt. So you would have come in from the south on, what is now Highway 11, as you know it. Is that right?
- N. DEMYEN Yeah
- J. TEMPLETON From that point where did you go?
- N. DEMYEN We were on... we ended up on Idylwyld and after... I think we crossed... when you come down Idylwyld, there's a hill and there's a set of lights at the bottom of the hill and we crossed those lights. After that, I don't know.
- J. TEMPLETON Who was giving the directions?

N. DEMYEN I don't think Ron knew Saskatoon. It must have been Dave.

J. TEMPLETON Do you remember driving about looking for CADRAIN's residence? Do you remember that?

N. DEMYEN Yeah.

J. TEMPLETON And did you find it? Or did Mr.MILGAARD know exact directions to the CADRAIN residence?

N. DEMYEN No, he... I remember he got lost. He didn't know where he was.

J. TEMPLETON Yeah, and it's still dark out?

N. DEMYEN Yes.

J. TEMPLETON Any idea what time? Fairly early?

N. DEMYEN No.

J. TEMPLETON But still dark out?

N. DEMYEN Yeah.

J. TEMPLETON As you were driving around and the three of you were lost, did you have occasion to come across a young woman on the street and ask her directions?

N. DEMYEN Yeah.

J. TEMPLETON Do you recall that?

N. DEMYEN Yeah.

J. TEMPLETON And tell us about that. How that came to be.

N. DEMYEN It was, we were driving down this street that had, I think a boulevard in the centre of it. And there was this woman walking, I think I was the one that said stop and ask her where we are and where we want to go, right. I remember her stopping and I remember somebody rolling down the window, but I don't remember what was said to her, or what her answer was or anything. I can remember seeing this woman a bit.

J. TEMPLETON Do you remember where you were sitting in the car when you stopped and talked to this woman?

N. DEMYEN I think I was in the back seat. I couldn't swear on that, though.

J. TEMPLETON Do you remember who was driving?

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N. DEMYEN No.

J. TEMPLETON And you remember a boulevard on the street?

N. DEMYEN Yeah, I'm sure there was a boulevard and there was a building set back, kind of. It would have been like a brick building.

J. TEMPLETON Do you remember who asked her for directions?

N. DEMYEN No.

J. TEMPLETON Was it you?

N. DEMYEN It could have been. It could have been me.

J. TEMPLETON Did you, as you picture this in your mind, can you describe what this person was wearing?

N. DEMYEN No. It's too vague. I don't think she was very tall. Somehow that comes across. It seems she was all bundled up. Other than that, I can't really remember. I would say something dark, but I can't swear to that.

J. TEMPLETON Was she carrying anything?

N. DEMYEN I don't really remember.

J. TEMPLETON Purse?

N. DEMYEN I don't remember.

J. TEMPLETON Do you remember the conditions, it's still dark out now.

N. DEMYEN Yeah.

J. TEMPLETON Is it cold?

N. DEMYEN Yeah

J. TEMPLETON Do you remember ice fog, ice crystals in the air, foggy?

N. DEMYEN Yeah, I do. Yeah. That was when we got into Saskatoon too. It was kind of foggy, yeah. Cause of the lights on the, like the overhead lights, if you look up it'll, you can see the fog and it gives a different light.

J. TEMPLETON The woman that was walking on the street, was she walking on the road or was she walking on the sidewalk?

- N. DEMYEN I would say sidewalk. Cause I think there was a little bit of... like when they plow the road, there was a little bit of snow. O.K. And I think she was down a little bit from that.
- J. TEMPLETON Was she travelling towards your vehicle as you met her, or was she travelling in the same direction and you pulled along side of her?
- N. DEMYEN The same direction I would say. Yeah.
- J. TEMPLETON Do you remember Mr. MILGAARD talking to that girl?
- N. DEMYEN No.
- J. TEMPLETON I think for the sake of consistence here, we'll refer to Mr. MILGAARD as Dave. That's the term, you've used. He has also been referred to by different people as the nickname "Hoppy".
- N. DEMYEN Yeah.
- J. TEMPLETON Did you know him as Hoppy, as well.
- N. DEMYEN That's how I was introduced to him.
- J. TEMPLETON Do you know why they called him Hoppy?
- N. DEMYEN I think because of the way he walked.
- J. TEMPLETON And how was that?
- N. DEMYEN He had a funny way of walking. He kind of walked on his toes and he bounced.
- J. TEMPLETON Was he kind of a hyperactive kind of fellow?
- N. DEMYEN Yeah. I would say so.
- J. TEMPLETON Just as we're talking about him, tell us a little bit about him. What you remember at that time.
- N. DEMYEN Long hair. Slim. Fairly good looking. What else could I say about him? He had a, was it a broken tooth, or a tooth missing, I can't remember. There was something with his teeth. Smiled a lot. That's about all I can...
- J. TEMPLETON Was he an easy fellow to get to meet, Dave?
- N. DEMYEN Yeah. Friendly.
- J. TEMPLETON Did you know when you met him and met him different times in Regina, did you know where he was from?

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N. DEMYEN No. No.

J. TEMPLETON Did you know if he lived with his parents or he lived alone?

N. DEMYEN No, I didn't know.

J. TEMPLETON You didn't know.

N. DEMYEN He was pretty secretive about that. I think he was pretty secretive about that. I think lots of people back then were though, too. I mean it's where you come from, well who cares?

J. TEMPLETON That was the time in 1969?

N. DEMYEN Right.

J. TEMPLETON Do you know if he worked at all when you met him?

N. DEMYEN I didn't know if he did or not.

J. TEMPLETON Did he always seem to have money?

N. DEMYEN He'd always... it seems like we'd be in a group and he'd take off for an hour or two hours and come back and, I don't know, just, he was different.

J. TEMPLETON What do you mean?

N. DEMYEN I never ever saw him having money as in, in his hand, but you would always, I always thought he had money, but I didn't know where he got it from.

J. TEMPLETON So he would have no money, or appear to have no money, he would leave for an hour and come back with money.

N. DEMYEN Yeah. It was almost like, where were you and well, I went and got something to eat, or, you know, different things like that. Or he'd always come back with cigarettes, or different things. It didn't strike as being right.

J. TEMPLETON Just to return now to the morning of the 31st, you're in Saskatoon, you've driven along the street and came across a young lady walking and somebody asked for directions. What kind of directions did they ask for? Did they ask for the CADRAIN residence, or what did they ask?

N. DEMYEN Well I know, where we... I can't remember. Just there's... it's hard for me to separate what I've learned and what I know and things.

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- J. TEMPLETON Those things that you've heard and learned over the 24 years, do those things help your memory at all?
- N. DEMYEN No.
- J. TEMPLETON As you've heard them, do you remember them happening?
- N. DEMYEN No.
- J. TEMPLETON You don't.
- N. DEMYEN No, just, yeah O.K. I know somebody said we did this, or somebody put us in a place at a time, but it just doesn't compute to me. There's just voids, null.
- J. TEMPLETON The things that you have heard over a period of time and because of the recent investigations and court appearances, when you heard those things, did they surprise you? Or did you...
- N. DEMYEN Some of them did. Yeah.
- J. TEMPLETON And what would have surprised you?
- N. DEMYEN Just I, when I think back, and I'm trying to put a time into my head, there is no time to me and then someone says, well, you were supposedly here or... what really surprises me is about the church thing. That's something that's always really been vivid in my mind, is the church and... but I don't know the events to that or after that. It's just something that's there.
- J. TEMPLETON We'll move on here, then. After you stopped on the street, the three of you and spoke with the girl, do you remember driving away and where the vehicle was driven to next?
- N. DEMYEN No.
- J. DYCK If I could just interrupt for a second here, Nichol, you mentioned before when you met the girl on the street there, you made reference to a brick building. Was that... did you notice that brick building at the same time you were speaking with this girl?
- N. DEMYEN Yeah, I would say so.
- J. DYCK And which direction?
- N. DEMYEN I can remember windows too. And I would say it's like a light brick, it's not like a red brick, more of a tan colour, almost.

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- J. DYCK And in what direction from where you were at that time, did you observe this brick building?
- N. DEMYEN She was here and the building was off... she was on my right, o.k. and the building was behind her. O.K. she's walking this way, the building is here and we're here. We're all kind of in the same direction. So as she would be walking, it would be on her right hand side.
- J. DYCK Right beside her, or..
- N. DEMYEN No, it was set back ... it wasn't like the sidewalk was here and the building was here. It seemed like it was set back, say maybe, I don't know, my judgment of distance is not very good, but I would say, I don't know maybe 25 to 50 feet. You know, I'm just trying to place it.
- J. DYCK At that time did you feel it was a commercial building or a residence?
- N. DEMYEN Commercial, I would... yeah. It didn't seem like it would be an apartment, no. It had like window, window, window. Almost like an office or something along those lines.
- J. TEMPLETON After you drove away, do you remember who was driving when you left that girl on the street?
- N. DEMYEN No.
- J. TEMPLETON Do you remember a car getting stuck?
- N. DEMYEN Yeah, us.
- J. TEMPLETON Tell me about that.
- N. DEMYEN When we pulled into this back alley, I believe to turn around and go back where we were coming from. And that's when we got stuck in this, like just when you enter to the alley, that's it, got hung up right there.
- J. TEMPLETON So, you would have driven down the street and then ...
- N. DEMYEN I would say we were coming, O.K. the street with the boulevard, O.K. we were coming and what we did was turn onto a side street. O.K. and the back

alley would have been maybe and house and a half off the main boulevard. That's what I'm thinking in my head. O.K. and we pulled in to make... to go backwards... to reverse our direction... to come back onto the boulevard and go back that way. O.K. so we... so I don't know.. I can't...

- J., TEMPLETON And that was when the vehicle became stuck?
- N. DEMYEN Right.
- J. TEMPLETON Do you remember it being stuck in the snow, or stuck because of car problems?
- N. DEMYEN I can't remember. I would say snow because there was a lot of snow. I remember there being a lot of snow.
- J. TEMPLETON What happened when the vehicle became stuck?
- N. DEMYEN What do you mean?
- J. TEMPLETON How did you get out from being stuck?
- N. DEMYEN I don't remember.
- J. TEMPLETON As you are sitting at the entrance to this back alley, immediately after you had spoken with the girl, now you're stuck there, what did they fellows do? Did they try and push it? Did they make you try and push it?
- N. DEMYEN I can't remember.
- J. DYCK Just to clarify that, how soon was that after you spoke to the girl?
- N. DEMYEN I don't know. See that's where I'm... there's my space of time again. I'm just... I don't know. I couldn't even tell you, but I know it's still dark. It's not light yet.
- J. DYCK And which direction did you turn when you got stuck? Off that road... off that street?
- N. DEMYEN What do you mean?
- J. DYCK You said you got stuck when you...
- N. DEMYEN O.K. the boulevard was here... I would call it an Avenue street, O.K., we turned on, turned to the left to get onto this side street and then we turned to the left again to get into the entrance to the back alley. And what we were going to do is reverse, I believe, and go back onto that side

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street and hang a right onto the boulevard. So we're going back the same direction as we were coming from.

J. TEMPLETON Do you remember being stuck one more time?

N. DEMYEN No.

J. TEMPLETON The three of you are in the car and it's stuck at the entrance to the alley. Does anybody get out of the car?

N. DEMYEN Yeah but somebody has to, because I remember, being in the vehicle by myself.

J. TEMPLETON You're sitting in the vehicle by yourself, obviously Mr. WILSON and Dave have gone for whatever reason. Do you remember why they left?

N. DEMYEN I would say to get somebody to help us.

J. TEMPLETON Do you remember what direction they would have left in?

N. DEMYEN No.

J. TEMPLETON Do you remember again, who was driving? Who would have gotten out the driver's side and who would have got out the passenger side?

N. DEMYEN No. I think I was in the back seat.

J. TEMPLETON You think you were in the back seat?

N. DEMYEN Yeah. Cause I think I remember having my feet up on the front seat of the car.

J. TEMPLETON O.K.

N. DEMYEN And I remember, I had to have been by myself because I was always afraid of the dark, sounds stupid, O.K., I know, but oh I hated the dark. I didn't like to be by myself and that was from years before, but anyway I remember sitting there and thinking to myself, I don't like this.

J. TEMPLETON How long were you by yourself in the car?

N. DEMYEN I don't know. It had to have been, I don't know. I couldn't... I would say for a little while because I remember being really apprehensive and I think I locked all the doors cause I was by myself.

J. TEMPLETON Was the car still running? Do you remember being cold in the car?

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- N. DEMYEN I don't think it was running.
- J. TEMPLETON Obviously Ron WILSON and Dave MILGAARD had gotten out of the car. Again, do you remember them getting out of the car, going in whatever directions?
- N. DEMYEN Well I have something in my head. I can see Ron going out and getting out of the driver's side and Dave getting out of the passenger side, but after that I don't know, like I can't remember which way they went.
- J. TEMPLETON Do you remember when Dave MILGAARD got out of the car, do you remember if he had shoes on?
- N. DEMYEN He'd be pretty stupid if he didn't. It was pretty cold.
- J. TEMPLETON At any time that you knew Dave MILGAARD, did you ever know him to walk without shoes in the winter in the snow?
- N. DEMYEN No.
- J. DYCK During the trip from Regina to Saskatoon, at any time did any one of you three have a nap, or sleep in the back, or even in the front?
- N. DEMYEN Say this again.
- J. DYCK Did any one of you three have a nap during that trip, fall asleep for a period of time?
- N. DEMYEN No, I don't remember. I would probably... if... this sounds silly but...if anybody was to fall asleep, it would have been me.
- J. TEMPLETON On that trip you left at quite a late hour, I understand, and so you would have been up all day...
- N. DEMYEN I can, yeah right and I can remember being at Ron's place before we left and being really tired and saying well are you guys ready yet. Like how long is it going to be? You know, cause I'm tired.
- J. TEMPLETON Just to get you back to the car, now. You're sitting in the car, it's dark and you're alone and the other two fellows have left. It appears, you seem to recall Mr. Ron WILSON getting out of the driver's side and Dave MILGAARD getting out of the passenger side. O.K. The car is sitting in the lane, facing, can you picture looking down the lane... and what do you see?

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N. DEMYEN I see a church.

J. TEMPLETON A big church, little church...

N. DEMYEN Big church. Lots of steeples, like pointy things, that's what I see.

J. TEMPLETON Brick, wood?

N. DEMYEN I don't know.

J. TEMPLETON Do you see any lights around the church?

N. DEMYEN Lights...It's bright enough for me to see so there had to be lights. But, as far as telling you how far away it is, I don't know.

J. TEMPLETON Do you remember what buildings were around you as you sat in the car, stuck?

N. DEMYEN No.

J. TEMPLETON If you look out to the right, what do you see?

N. DEMYEN To the right, fence, I think.

J. TEMPLETON Lots of snow?

N. DEMYEN Yeah. Lots of snow.

J. TEMPLETON You said that you were stuck. Had you kind of slipped off the travelled portion over into the snow, or were you just stuck kind of in the middle of the lane?

N. DEMYEN I think in the middle. More, like, to the right than would be to the left.

J. TEMPLETON As you recall, when you look out the left side of the car, because now you're frightened and you're looking around, what do you see out the left window?

N. DEMYEN I'm looking forward. I can see garbage cans on my left hand side. Like in front of the vehicle, but to the left. And it would be almost like a home made stand, kind of, I guess.

J. TEMPLETON Is the alley fairly bright? Is there lights in the alley?

N. DEMYEN Yeah. I would almost say it was the headlights of the car.

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J. TEMPLETON And they shone down past the garbage cans and toward the church, is that right?

N. DEMYEN Yeah.

J. TEMPLETON Do you remember at any time, getting out of the car?

N. DEMYEN I don't remember.

J. TEMPLETON Do you remember the two fellows returning to the car?

N. DEMYEN No.

J. TEMPLETON Do you remember anything that happened prior to Mr. WILSON getting back to the car? Did you happen to see Mr. MILGAARD again? Do you remember who came back first? Do you remember seeing the girl again?

N. DEMYEN No. I don't remember.

J. TEMPLETON Would she have walked past where you were stuck?

N. DEMYEN She could have. I don't remember.

J. TEMPLETON You didn't see her, though?

N. DEMYEN No.

J. TEMPLETON Did you see Mr. MILGAARD talk to this girl again?

N. DEMYEN I don't know.

J. TEMPLETON Eventually both Ron WILSON and Dave MILGAARD returned to the vehicle, do you remember that?

N. DEMYEN I don't remember them getting in.

J. TEMPLETON You don't remember them getting in.

N. DEMYEN See that's one of... that's part of the thing that's missing, like, I've heard that someone came and helped us get out of there. O.K. I don't know, I can't remember the exactly what happened, but I remember being out of the vehicle, and it's light and I don't know how the heck I got there.

J. TEMPLETON Do you remember where you were standing when you were out the vehicle and it's light?

N. DEMYEN I remember a vehicle. I can hear a vehicle coming up behind me and I can hear someone saying to me, "Nichol" or "Nicky" or whichever I can't remember,

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- "get back in the car". But, what's going on here, o.k. It's bright, it's now daylight, I'm in an alley and the vehicle's behind me
- J. TEMPLETON Was that Ron WILSON and Dave MILGAARD in the vehicle? Do you remember?
- N. DEMYEN I don't even remember getting back into the car.
- J. TEMPLETON But you remember a car coming up behind you, you're on foot...
- N. DEMYEN I can hear a motor running behind me. And I can hear somebody saying to me "get back in the car".
- J. DYCK You're out of the vehicle right now and you recall them saying that, is there anything that happened immediately prior to that car arriving and those comments being made?
- N. DEMYEN I don't remember. There's nothing there. It's almost like somebody took and transplanted me from seven o'clock in the morning till nine. Just took me and just...
- J. TEMPLETON If we were to give you a piece of paper, can you show us the route that the car went, as far as, without, you obviously don't know the streets and such, but as far as how many turns you made and which direct, left, right, if I were to give you a piece of paper could you kind of sketch that out for us.
- N. DEMYEN Yeah O.K.
- J. TEMPLETON Just as John's getting you a piece of paper, would you like some more coffee?
- N. DEMYEN Yes please. Now don't forget, I don't know directions.
- J. TEMPLETON That's fine, just indicate left or right for turns. Starting at, you could kind of mark an 'x' where you may have stopped and talked with the young lady and go from there.
- N. DEMYEN I have to explain something to you.
- J. TEMPLETON When you're done we'll go over it together and you can explain what you've done there. You're making that to scale, of course.
- N. DEMYEN No.
- J. TEMPLETON O.K.

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N. DEMYEN That's what I have to explain to, because I don't know.

J. TEMPLETON I was just joking.

J. DYCK That's just Jim's lines.

N. DEMYEN O.K. this is where the car is. And that's where the girl is. We talked to her...

J. TEMPLETON Can you indicate the girl with an 'x'?

N. DEMYEN Right. O.K. Now here's that boulevard I was talking about. Like, it seems to me there was lights or something in the centre. We came down...

J. TEMPLETON By lights in the centre, sorry to interrupt Nichol, by lights in the centre, like light standards?

N. DEMYEN Like a median. O.K. a median, I would think was in the centre, like there wasn't an open street. So like there was say, maybe two lanes of traffic going this way and two coming this way, do you understand what I mean?

J. TEMPLETON When you're talking about lights, would that be street lights, or traffic lights?

N. DEMYEN Street lights. Now I don't know the distance from here to here, O.K. it could have been six blocks, it could have been two blocks, it could have been half a block, O.K. do you understand what I'm saying?

J. TEMPLETON Yeah, down to an intersection, you've indicated.

N. DEMYEN Right. O.K., here's the intersection, right here, O.K. and this street continues on. O.K., but it seems to me that you couldn't cross this way, O.K.

J. TEMPLETON You couldn't go straight, you had to make either a left or right turn?

N. DEMYEN Right, there was a building here. This is where the brick building was, somewhere in here.

J. TEMPLETON Just draw that on there as well.

N. DEMYEN I have a hard time drawing a straight line, O.K.

J. TEMPLETON Oh no, that's good.

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N. DEMYEN Like I said, I don't know the distance this way. O.K. how far we could have traversed half a block, or two blocks, I don't know. But I know we turned left and we turned left again. And that's where the car is.

J. TEMPLETON And that's o.k. the car's stopped now and you've indicated it with the alley.

N. DEMYEN And the church is back here somewhere.

J. TEMPLETON Would you draw where you think the church is there now? Now as you said, you're sitting in the car in the alley, stuck, now what ...

N. DEMYEN We're facing this way. The church is somewhere down that way. Like I said, it could have been a block, it could have been two blocks, but I remember seeing this church.

J. TEMPLETON But straight ahead of you in any event.

N. DEMYEN Right, exactly.

J. TEMPLETON You also mentioned in the alley that there was garbage cans, perhaps on a stand?

N. DEMYEN Over, I would say somewhere over here. O.K.

J. TEMPLETON You also mentioned that out the right side of the car, you remember a fence...

N. DEMYEN There's a fence. O.K. I don't know how far it went, or..

J. TEMPLETON But there was a fence.

N. DEMYEN Right.

J. TEMPLETON Do you recall what was out the left side of the car?

N. DEMYEN No.

J. TEMPLETON Can I just have a look at that?

N. DEMYEN Yeah.

J. TEMPLETON Great. Thanks.

J. DYCK If there's anything more you remember about this diagram, just let me know and I can add it on.

- J. TEMPLETON And we'll just go right back to it. As we're talking, Nichol, if...
- N. DEMYEN I think that the... I've told someone this before, but I think the thing that drew my attention to the church was the church bells. O.K. Like I looked... I could hear these bells and I looked up I must have been sitting like this in the back, O.K. and I had to kind of sit up and look, cause I'm really short. O.K...
- J. TEMPLETON So you're sitting with your feet up in the back?
- N. DEMYEN Right, and my feet were against the front seat.
- J. TEMPLETON O.K. and you heard the bells.
- N. DEMYEN I heard the bells and that's what drew my attention. I kind of looked up and went oh, o.k.
- J. TEMPLETON As I started to say, as we're talking here, and we talk about several different things as we go along, if something happens to come to mind, something we've already talked about, just feel free to go back to it. Don't be concerned about that.
- J. DYCK Yeah, I was just going to mention how, was there was succession of rings, or was it just one, or...
- N. DEMYEN No, it was more than one. It was almost like... I wouldn't say a melody of rings, but it was enough that it drew my attention. I like things like that. I have music boxes at home and things and it just...
- J. TEMPLETON So it would be music as opposed to a bell tolling.
- N. DEMYEN Yeah kind of ding, ding, do you know what I mean. Like someone was pulling the bell.
- J. DYCK Different tones, or was it...
- N. DEMYEN I don't remember.
- J. TEMPLETON Again, do you remember WILSON and Dave MILGAARD coming back to the car?
- N. DEMYEN No.
- J. TEMPLETON You don't. Do you remember how you got unstuck?
- N. DEMYEN No.

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- J. TEMPLETON Do you remember being stuck any more than the one time?
- N. DEMYEN No.
- J. TEMPLETON Do you remember anybody around the garbage cans that you had indicated?
- N. DEMYEN No, I don't remember.
- J. TEMPLETON Did, would you, yourself have approached the garbage cans when you said you walking perhaps in the lane. Did you go to the garbage cans?
- N. DEMYEN It was still dark when I saw those garbage cans. O.K. And when I was walking it broad daylight. It was like I'm looking out this window now and it's perfectly light.
- J. TEMPLETON You remember it being light, or would you perhaps have been standing the headlights of a car? Is that a possibility?
- N. DEMYEN No. It was broad daylight.
- J. TEMPLETON It was broad daylight.
- N. DEMYEN It was broad daylight when I was walking. I remember being cold.
- J. TEMPLETON You seem to have a bit of a time in there where your memory is not quite as good as it has been and it's been very good so far. When the fellows are back in the car, do you remember driving away with the other two fellows in the car?
- N. DEMYEN When I'm walking, it's a back alley that I'm walking in, O.K. I remember houses, like on my left, O.K. I looked. I mean it was like the back yard of a house, I would say.
- J. DYCK Where was that...
- N. DEMYEN I don't... pardon me..
- J. DYCK Where was that in regard to the garbage cans?
- N. DEMYEN I have no idea. None.
- J. TEMPLETON Do you remember leaving that area?
- N. DEMYEN No.
- J. TEMPLETON What's the next thing you remember?

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- N. DEMYEN I don't remember getting into the vehicle. I know that.
- J. DYCK When you were walking down the alley there, is the church anywhere?
- N. DEMYEN I would say no. I would say we were away from that area. That we're not within a two block radius. O.K. Because there's too much time from the dark to the light. Like I don't understand why we would be in the same area so I would guess we're somewhere else. O.K.
- J. TEMPLETON As we move along, Nichol, do you recall going to a motel to ask directions? Or the boys going to a motel to ask directions?
- N. DEMYEN I remember stopping to ask for directions, but don't know where.
- J. TEMPLETON Can you tell us what you remember about that happening?
- N. DEMYEN I remember Dave getting out of the car, but I don't know if it's light or dark, or what it is.
- J. TEMPLETON Who did he ask for directions?
- N. DEMYEN I don't remember.
- J. TEMPLETON Did he go into a building of any sort?
- N. DEMYEN I would say, yeah, it would have had to have been a building.
- J. DYCK You say a building, was it....
- N. DEMYEN I see like a glass door, O.K. and say, like glass windows, but as far as what it was, I don't know.
- J. TEMPLETON When Dave got out of the car, can you see him going in through the glass doors? Can you remember that?
- N. DEMYEN I don't remember that.
- J. TEMPLETON Do you remember what he was ...
- N. DEMYEN I think we talked about stopping at a service station, O.K. because we're lost, O.K. I don't know who said, I could have even said this, why don't we go to a gas station. Because they have to have a map. O.K.
- J. TEMPLETON Was the intention to get a map, then. Was that why you stopped?

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- N. DEMYEN Yeah, I would say so.
- J. TEMPLETON Do you remember when Dave got out of the car, did he have his jacket on?
- N. DEMYEN I don't remember.
- J. TEMPLETON Did he have shoes on?
- N. DEMYEN I don't remember. I can't see somebody getting out of the car when its cold and snowy and not have shoes on.
- J. TEMPLETON He went into this building to ask directions. Did he, in fact, do you remember, get directions or did he get a map?
- N. DEMYEN I couldn't swear... I don't know to tell you the truth.
- J. TEMPLETON How long would he have been in this place to get directions?
- N. DEMYEN I don't know.
- J. TEMPLETON In and out fairly.... SIDE ONE TAPE ONE ENDS
- SIDE TWO TAPE ONE:
- J. TEMPLETON Just as I asked you the last question, Nichol, the tape ran out and we've now switched over to the other side. I think I asked you do you remember how long Dave MILGAARD would have been in this building asking directions?
- N. DEMYEN I would say it would only have to be a few minutes. I can't see it taking very long.
- J. TEMPLETON And you remember that he did, in fact, get directions, or that he got a map, do you recall that?
- N. DEMYEN I would say he got a map, O.K., cause I think I can remember something being spread out and looking at this map and the name Pleasant Hill sticks in my mind. I can't swear to, that was the time we were talking about it or if there really was a map there.
- J. TEMPLETON Do you remember who's driving now?
- N. DEMYEN I would say Ron did most of the driving because it was Ron's car. O.K.

- J. TEMPLETON So after you get directions and a map, do you remember where you... what happened next?
- N. DEMYEN No.
- J. TEMPLETON Do you remember being stuck again?
- N. DEMYEN I remember going into somebody's house, o.k. Cause I'm cold and there's other people with me, o.k. But I can't even tell you if it's Ron or if it's Dave or whoever and I remember this woman saying to me something about coming in and I had to go to the bathroom. I remember using the bathroom. And it's daylight now.
- J. TEMPLETON Can you picture that woman as you remember back?
- N. DEMYEN No. But I think we had to go down, or I had to go down some steps to get to where I was going. I don't know if it would be into, it was like a suite, maybe. o.k., but I don't know if we had to go downstairs into the suite, or if I had to go downstairs to go to the bathroom. But I remember there being some stairs.
- J. TEMPLETON Was there anybody else there?
- N. DEMYEN I don't remember. I think there was a guy there. O.K. But I ... I don't even remember if he even said anything or what, but...
- J. TEMPLETON Do you know how you came to be at that house?
- N. DEMYEN To me, it was almost like when I walking down that back alley it was fairly immediately after. O.K. And it's light already.
- J. TEMPLETON Do you remember the car being stuck in that back alley?
- N. DEMYEN No.
- J. TEMPLETON At this house? Do you remember a tow truck coming?
- J. DYCK Do you remember any other vehicles, besides your own around?
- N. DEMYEN I remember people talking about something. There had to have been some other people with me. It seems like, I don't know, conversation was going on, but I wasn't in the conversation.

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- J. TEMPLETON You remember other people talking, but you weren't included?
- N. DEMYEN Yeah, kind of, yeah.
- J. TEMPLETON Any idea what the discussion was about?
- N. DEMYEN No. No.
- J. TEMPLETON After 24 years?
- N. DEMYEN No. I don't even remember faces, or colour of hair. It's just...
- J. TEMPLETON Was this a housewife, do you remember if she was a housewife, or would she have been a lady getting ready to go to work? Was there any kids in the house?
- N. DEMYEN I don't know.
- J. TEMPLETON But when you were at that lady's house, it was light out?
- N. DEMYEN Yeah.
- J. TEMPLETON O.K. Do you remember leaving that house, or that area?
- N. DEMYEN No.
- J. TEMPLETON Do you remember driving some more, still looking for Shorty's house? Do you remember that?
- N. DEMYEN No.
- J. TEMPLETON Do you remember arriving at Shorty's house?
- N. DEMYEN I remember getting somewhere. Some how it seems like it was a big two storey house. And I would think that it would be Shorty's house. O.K. cause I remember him saying, I think that's it.
- J. TEMPLETON Who said that?
- N. DEMYEN I would say it had to have been Dave because Ron didn't know Shorty. O.K.
- J. TEMPLETON So you arrive at the house and Dave MILGAARD feels that this is Shorty's place that he's looking for. Do you recall what happened then?
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J. TEMPLETON Did you all get out of the car and go in, or did Mr. MILGAARD get out of the car and go in first?

N. DEMYEN I don't even remember. I don't know if I got out, or who got out, or what.

J. TEMPLETON Do you remember going into the house? Or did you, in fact, go into the house?

N. DEMYEN I don't know if I did or not.

J. TEMPLETON Do you remember being in the house?

N. DEMYEN No.

J. TEMPLETON Do you remember meeting Shorty or Albert CADRAIN?

N. DEMYEN I had to have met him because he ended up with us but I don't know when or how or who or where.

J. TEMPLETON You have indicated, I believe it was in an interview with Eugene WILLIAMS, that you can recall a suitcase from your car that was in the CADRAIN house. There was some clothing involved, does that help your memory at all?

N. DEMYEN No.

J. TEMPLETON Would you remember meeting any of Albert's brothers or sisters, or his parents?

N. DEMYEN No. Were they there?

J. TEMPLETON Some of them were there, yes.

N. DEMYEN And they did meet me? O.K.

J. TEMPLETON Do you remember anything....

N. DEMYEN Stop... stop... stop... stop...

J. TEMPLETON O.K., we'll just switch the tape off now for a moment.

J. TEMPLETON O.K. we're back from lunch. It's still the 17th of May, the time is 1340 hours. Present again are myself, Cpl. Jim TEMPLETON, Cst. John DYCK and Nichol DEMYEN. Nichol, just when we broke for lunch, we had been talking about you, Ron WILSON and Dave MILGAARD being at the Albert CADRAIN residence in Saskatoon. I asked you several questions concerning being in the house, and you didn't seem to recall any of that. In a more general sense, can you recall anything from being at the CADRAIN residence?

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N. DEMYEN No.

J. TEMPLETON We'll have to go on then. Do you recall Albert leaving the residence with you, or joining your party at that time?

N. DEMYEN Not really.

J. TEMPLETON What would be the next thing that you would remember after that?

N. DEMYEN Probably driving down the highway.

J. TEMPLETON I take that's on the way to where?

N. DEMYEN To ... I think we were going to Edmonton, I can't remember. Yeah, I think we were on our way to Edmonton from there. I remember seeing a sign that said Rosetown and we were all kind of discussing about which way to go and we ended up, I guess maybe going towards Rosetown, I don't know.

J. TEMPLETON Do you remember who was driving?

N. DEMYEN No.

J. TEMPLETON Just before we go on to that, there was a period of time where the car was taken into a garage to be fixed. Now this may not have been of any importance to you, but do you recall anything like that?

N. DEMYEN Not really.

J. TEMPLETON A little bit?

N. DEMYEN I don't know if it was what I heard, or what I know.

J. TEMPLETON We'll take it in that light and tell us what you have to say.

N. DEMYEN Just, I guess that it was in the garage and, actually, I guess I learned this last year. Somebody told me that we, the car was put in a garage and we were in a restaurant across the street, or something, I don't know.

J. TEMPLETON But you don't have any recollection of that?

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- J. TEMPLETON You talked about driving down the highway on your way to Edmonton and you remember a sign which said "Rosetown". And I asked you if you remembered who was driving the car?
- N. DEMYEN I think it was Ron. I'm not sure, though.
- J. TEMPLETON And there's now four of you. There's Ron WILSON, Dave MILGAARD, Albert CADRAIN and yourself, is that right?
- N. DEMYEN I guess so.
- J. TEMPLETON As you're driving along, can you remember actually travelling down the highway?
- N. DEMYEN Yeah. I remember seeing that sign.
- J. TEMPLETON And we're not sure who was driving?
- N. DEMYEN Right.
- J. DYCK Was there a mileage indicator on it, distance?
- N. DEMYEN Yeah, but I can't remember what it said on it. All I remember is it said "Rosetown".
- J. TEMPLETON As you're driving along, everybody's in a pretty good mood, I take it, in a bit a party atmosphere in the car, would that be fair to say?
- N. DEMYEN I guess so. I don't really remember.
- J. TEMPLETON Listening to the radio?
- N. DEMYEN I don't know. I don't know. I remember it was the snow was blowing across the road. I remember that because it was kind of drifting, you know how...
- J. TEMPLETON Were you in the front or in the back?
- N. DEMYEN I don't remember.
- J. TEMPLETON You don't remember. O.K. Do you remember at some point on that trip looking into the glove box on the car?
- N. DEMYEN Yes.
- J. TEMPLETON Can you tell us about that?
- N. DEMYEN I can't remember why I went into it, but I remember digging through it. So obviously I have been in the front seat. I would guess from that and it

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stands out in my mind that I found was a cosmetic bag. Like, something that a woman would have. I remember digging through it. And it seemed to be kind of full of face make up, or something. Inside of it and somehow that.... digging out there was, I don't know how to describe it, it was almost like I.D. O.K. and it was like... it had a name on it and I think it had a picture, O.K., but I can't remember the name or what the picture looked like.

J. TEMPLETON Can you remember what this cosmetic bag looked like? About the size of it and colours?

N. DEMYEN I would say about five inches wide, it had a zipper on the top. I think it was like a beige, or a light pink, almost flowers. That's about all I can remember.

J. TEMPLETON And what did you do with this cosmetic bag?

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- N. DEMYEN I... I don't know exactly what I said but I said something to the effect of, whose is this, or what's this doing here, it just struck me as being funny. Because, if I remember, correctly, I don't think Ron had driven the car for a long time and it just seemed funny that this make up bag was in there and I didn't really know him to have girlfriends, or anything. So, it just seemed like it was out of place. And I don't really remember what happened after that. I think somebody grabbed it out of my hand and threw it out the window. O.K., like big deal... take this and throw it out the window.
- J. TEMPLETON Do you remember who that was?
- N. DEMYEN No.
- J. DYCK Do you know which window it went out?
- N. DEMYEN Passenger side. It was just something that was strange. It just didn't sit well.
- J. TEMPLETON Do you remember anything else being in the glove compartment?
- N. DEMYEN No.
- J. TEMPLETON On the trip up to Saskatoon, or , did you ever look in that glove box before?
- N. DEMYEN I don't know. I can't remember if I did or if I didn't.
- J. TEMPLETON Looking for a map, or anything like that.
- N. DEMYEN I don't know.
- J. DYCK This may sound like (inaudible)... this type of I.D. that you found in the cosmetic bag...
- N. DEMYEN I want to say female, but I can't be sure, do you know what I mean, because I can't remember the face or the name on it. Just seemed kind of irregular.
- J. TEMPLETON You remember looking into the cosmetic bag and there was some identification of some sort. What else would have been in there?
- N. DEMYEN I can't be sure what else was in there. I want to say face make up, like a compact, O.K. Or blush, or something along those lines. It's something that you would open. O.K., but other than that I can't remember because it seems to me that there

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was like excess powder inside the cosmetic bag itself, like something had opened and it was spilled in it.

- J. TEMPLETON Driving down the highway and you recall a sign saying Rosetown, do you recall stopping at the community of Rosetown?
- N. DEMYEN No I don't.
- J. TEMPLETON Were you a little bit more than... perhaps when you were at Rosetown you may have went to a store to purchase some food and a few things. Do you remember that?
- N. DEMYEN Food sounds familiar. I can't.. I would say a loaf of bread, I think.
- J. TEMPLETON And you have very little recollection of that. From there, you would continue on to Calgary. O.K. Did anything else occur on the way to Calgary, that sticks out on your mind?
- N. DEMYEN No, I remember being in Calgary, though. At least I think it was Calgary.
- J. TEMPLETON As you're driving down the highway, how was Ron WILSON and Dave MILGAARD acting? Did you notice any difference in them, were they acting normally, silly, anything at all?
- N. DEMYEN I don't remember.
- J. TEMPLETON How about Albert CADRAIN, how was he?
- N. DEMYEN I don't remember him either.
- J. TEMPLETON You said you remember arriving in Calgary?
- N. DEMYEN Not arriving in Calgary, but being in Calgary. I think at one point we were on some kind of big hill or something, or driving down. I remember going, like it was kind of like on an angle, and lots of lights, so it must have been night time, I would say. I remember being, the car being parked on a street and, I can't remember if I was walking or, I remember being out of the vehicle and I remember sitting on the steps. On some steps. I kind of ..over.. with my head in my hands.
- J. TEMPLETON Were you alone when you on these steps?
- N. DEMYEN Yeah, I think I was. I think I was upset. I don't know about what, but I ... something was wrong. I don't know. ..inaudible... saying something to me and I don't know who it was and I don't remember

getting back in the car, either. I just remember being on those steps.

J. TEMPLETON inaudible

N. DEMYEN I don't know. I was sitting there, kind of gathering my thoughts, or something, or just, I don't know. I have a tendency to be by myself sometimes. Just want to get away from my surroundings.

J. DYCK When do you find yourself doing that?

N. DEMYEN When I'm under a lot of pressure. A lot of stress, I just, get away from me. I'm like that to this day. I got to have some time to myself. I'm really stressed.

J. DYCK Do you know what could have created that stress?

J. TEMPLETON Do you recall anything else of your trip to Calgary?

N. DEMYEN No. I remember stopping on a highway, but I think that was after we left Calgary. I don't think it was before. I could be wrong. O.K. But I remember stopping. I don't if anybody got out, or anything, but I just remember somehow being on the side of a highway. I think maybe somebody said pull over, or do something, anyway we stopped. But as far as what happened then, I don't know.

J. TEMPLETON So you feel you arrived in Calgary at night because you recall the lights. That would have been the same night that would have been the night of the 31st of January, 1969?

N. DEMYEN I would guess so. Yeah.

J. TEMPLETON You went direct from Saskatoon, Rosetown, Calgary, is that correct?

N. DEMYEN I would think so, yeah.

J. TEMPLETON Yeah. You'd mentioned, I believe, that your intentions were to go to Edmonton. Had you mentioned that?

N. DEMYEN Yeah. I don't know if it was before we got to Calgary, or after we got to Calgary, but apparently, Dave knew a girl in Edmonton, in St.

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Albert, somehow that strikes me as the right name. He wanted to go and see her, or pick her up or do something. I don't know if that conversation happened before we got to Calgary, or after we got to Calgary.

- J. TEMPLETON Do you remember arriving in Edmonton, or St. Albert, do you remember that?
- N. DEMYEN No.
- J. TEMPLETON ...you went and located this girlfriend of David MILGAARD's?
- N. DEMYEN I remember a motel.
- J. TEMPLETON In St. Albert?
- N. DEMYEN I don't know if it's St. Albert or Edmonton, cause, I know St. Albert isn't far from Edmonton. We were sleeping on the floor, I think. That was about it.
- J. TEMPLETON ...come to meet this girlfriend of Dave MILGAARD's?
- N. DEMYEN I can't remember. Must have met her, O.K. because somehow blonde sticks in my mind, with glasses.
- J. TEMPLETON I'm going to tell you a name and see if that helps your memory. Sharon WILLIAMS.
- N. DEMYEN The name is familiar to me, yeah.
- J. TEMPLETON How long would you have stayed there in Edmonton or St. Albert?
- N. DEMYEN I don't know.
- J. TEMPLETON A day or two, three...
- N. DEMYEN I don't know, maybe a day, I don't know.
- J. TEMPLETON And after Edmonton, where did you travel to?
- N. DEMYEN I don't know. I remember being in Banff or close to Banff or something. I remember archways, like an entrance to a park or something. I've driven that road, I don't know probably 25 times and I remember it but this sticks in my head.
- J. TEMPLETON Did you all still have money?
- N. DEMYEN I don't know. I have no idea.

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- J. TEMPLETON You don't remember who was buying the gas, or the food? Would you stop and have something to eat when you were travelling, do you remember that?
- N. DEMYEN No I don't remember.
- J. TEMPLETON Do you remember, perhaps, being in Banff. There's, you may well have gone back through Calgary...
- N. DEMYEN Yeah, I don't know. I would guess we would have had to go through Calgary.
- J. TEMPLETON But you don't remember that?
- N. DEMYEN No.
- J. DYCK Would you want to check that, I saw the volume was down a little bit on that, just go back on the tape.
- J. TEMPLETON O.K. I'm just going to back on the tape. O.K. I'm just going to shut it off for a second and check our tape.
O.K. we're back on. Nichol, after Calgary and Banff, or Banff and Calgary, whichever order, do you recall where you travelled to next?
- N. DEMYEN Not really. I remember being in Regina.
- J. TEMPLETON Did you ever get to Vancouver?
- N. DEMYEN No.
- J. TEMPLETON Do you remember why the trip never ended up in Vancouver?
- N. DEMYEN It seems to me somehow there was a sign that "closed" and that's what made us turn around and go back. I could be wrong, O.K., but this is what it seems to me, so.
- J. TEMPLETON Would you have driven straight back. Did you stop on the way back to Regina or did you drive straight back from Calgary and Banff?
- N. DEMYEN I don't know if we stopped or not.
- J. TEMPLETON Thinking back, roughly, because it's a long time ago, of course. How many days, this whole trip, Saskatoon, Calgary, Edmonton, Banff, back to Regina. How many days would that have been?
- N. DEMYEN I have no idea. None.

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- J. TEMPLETON When you got back to Regina, what happened, where did you go?
- N. DEMYEN I know where I ended up. But I don't know where when we got to Regina, where we went to or how we even parted ways, to tell you the truth. I remember living in a house with a bunch of other kids, but how I got there, I don't know.
- J. TEMPLETON When you got back to Regina did Albert CADRAIN stay with you for a while. Not stay with you so much as when you all departed, did Albert tag along with you for a while?
- N. DEMYEN I'm not sure. O.K.
- J. TEMPLETON On your return, did you part ways with Ron WILSON and Dave MILGAARD?
- N. DEMYEN I would think so. Because I don't remember them being there after... Albert seems a little familiar, but not the other two.
- J. TEMPLETON So you ended up at that time staying in a...
- N. DEMYEN Like a commune house. That's what it was. For people just, you know spend a few days and, you know, go on from there and do, you know. It was just a bunch of kids living there so.
- J. TEMPLETON When you left Regina at midnight or whatever, on the 31st of January, 1969, who were staying with at that time, or where were you living?
- N. DEMYEN I was at home. I was living at home.
- J. TEMPLETON You were.
- N. DEMYEN Yeah.
- J. TEMPLETON I'm going to mention a friend of yours, or acquaintance, at that time by the name of Barbara BERARD. Do you remember Barbara BERARD?
- N. DEMYEN Yes
- J. TEMPLETON And were you friends?
- N. DEMYEN I don't know if we were friends at that time or if I met her after. O.K., I'm not sure.
- J. TEMPLETON Would you ever have had occasion to stay at her house with her and her family?

- N. DEMYEN Yes, I remember that.
- J. TEMPLETON You did, O.K. Do you remember where that house would have been?
- N. DEMYEN Oh yeah. Vividly, on Victoria Avenue.
- J. TEMPLETON Why do you remember that so vividly?
- N. DEMYEN I don't know. To tell you the truth.
- J. TEMPLETON Would Barbara BERARD have been a person that you would have confided in if there had been something on your mind, or something bothering you?
- N. DEMYEN I might have. Yeah. I still remember her to this day, to tell you the truth. I remember what she looks like. I don't know if I would recognize her on the street after that many years, but.
- J. TEMPLETON Describe her to me.
- N. DEMYEN She was not very much taller than me. She was slim. She had kind of auburn coloured hair. Smaller eyes, like kind of petite face. That's about it.
- J. TEMPLETON And how would you have come to meet her?
- N. DEMYEN Probably just through, I don't know, maybe hanging around at the park downtown or somewhere.
- J. TEMPLETON But you knew her, but you're not sure when you became good friends.
- N. DEMYEN Right, when we actually had met. I remember, I know, I remember her.
- J. TEMPLETON Did you become good friends with Barbara?
- N. DEMYEN Yeah, I think, well as far as we would classify good friends, Yeah, I guess. Not the best of friends, but, someone that I didn't mind spending time, O.K.
- J. TEMPLETON You mentioned you lived in kind of a commune house, do you remember the name of that?
- N. DEMYEN No.
- J. TEMPLETON Do you remember where it was in Regina?
- N. DEMYEN Close to downtown, I remember that.
- J. TEMPLETON Was it a house, or was...

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- N. DEMYEN Yeah it was a house. It was one, maybe, two storey I think, yeah because it had a staircase going up. Yeah it was two storeys.
- J. TEMPLETON Was it run by the City, do you know or?
- N. DEMYEN No, I don't think so. No I think it was just, somebody had rented the house and then it was kind of a drop in place.
- J. TEMPLETON I'm going to mention another name to you and you may, or may not remember this person. The name Cody CRUTCHER mean anything to you?
- N. DEMYEN Yeah.
- J. TEMPLETON How would you know Cody CRUTCHER?
- N. DEMYEN I got to meet him through some other people. I don't know who introduced us. Ray, I met some guy named Ray and I think Ray and Cody were good friends, or something along those lines.
- J. TEMPLETON Can you remember Cody? Would he have been at this house, would he also have been at this drop in centre?
- N. DEMYEN No. I think Cody had his own place.
- J. TEMPLETON Was he a little older than yourself?
- N. DEMYEN Yeah, I would say so. I would say maybe, O.K. I would have been about 17, 16, 16, so he would have been about, let me think, Cody maybe 21, maximum maybe 23, I guess, I don't know.
- J. TEMPLETON What else do you remember about him?
- N. DEMYEN He had dark hair and I'd say he was quite a bit taller than me. He had a big moustache too. I think.
- J. TEMPLETON Was he a young man that would have been spending a lot of time on the street or in the park in the same circles as you and your friends?
- N. DEMYEN He, I think he dealt in drugs. O.K. and that's where a lot of us ended up and we did drugs with those guys. O.K.
- J. TEMPLETON Would Cody CRUTCHER be a fellow that you would confide in?
- N. DEMYEN No.

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- J. TEMPLETON Would he be a person that you would seek advice from?
- N. DEMYEN No. No. I don't think so. Cause I... Cody CRUTCHER, to me, O.K. I met a few people that summer and there were kind of two different type people, O.K. one was like what they called the "rounders" O.K., who were into dealing drugs and prostitution and all that kind of stuff. And then there was the other group who were like the flower kids, you know, the peace and stuff. Cody fit into the "rounder" class. O.K.
- J. TEMPLETON Would he be a guy that would be a bit more street wise?
- N. DEMYEN Yeah he was more of a big brother to me. Not someone who I would confide in, but I knew that if something was going on in my life and I needed help, I could go to him. O.K. say somebody was after me, or whatever, O.K.
- J. TEMPLETON Upon your return to Regina, had you ever been in trouble with the law prior to this?
- N. DEMYEN No. I was picked up once for shoplifting. I think that was it.
- J. TEMPLETON Were you charged for that?
- N. DEMYEN I don't... I can't remember.
- J. TEMPLETON Did you have any dealings with Social Services either in the respect of help, you know as a young person who is frequenting the street, or perhaps as someone who has had a brush with the law?
- N. DEMYEN To them for money?
- J. TEMPLETON Money or counselling of any sort?
- N. DEMYEN I think, when I got into trouble, I think my parents ended up dealing with Social Services. O.K. Somehow I think they got involved that way. But I didn't go to them, I don't think.
- J. TEMPLETON And again, not to confuse you, but I'm going to give you a couple names and these may or may not mean something to you. The first name is Bob LARSEN and also Don ROBERTSON.
- N. DEMYEN Don ROBERTSON seems familiar, but I don't know why.
- J. TEMPLETON You don't recall any time going for counselling sessions or anything like that?

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- N. DEMYEN I remember being in a place downtown. I think it was youth court or something. Am I right? I'm not sure O.K. And I remember being in a room with my parents and him and talking. Now, I don't know if I was in the counselling situation or what. O.K., that's all I remember, but I don't remember who...
- J. TEMPLETON You remember being in trouble and having your parents there.
- N. DEMYEN Yeah, exactly.
- J. TEMPLETON At that time, again now we're talking about February of 1969, you're 16 and a half years old. Who was your best friend at that time?
- N. DEMYEN Good question. I don't know.
- J. TEMPLETON Did you have a boyfriend?
- N. DEMYEN No.
- J. TEMPLETON A close girlfriend?
- N. DEMYEN I could have. I don't remember.
- J. TEMPLETON Do you recall any, you mentioned a group that hung around the park and do you remember any of the names of those people?
- N. DEMYEN No. Maybe if I heard them I would remember them, but nothing stands out in my mind. Other than Barb. I remember Barb, but I don't remember when I met her. Seems to me we were, it was either spring or summer when we started really hanging around together.
- J. TEMPLETON Would that have been the same summer that you met Dave MILGAARD at the park?
- N. DEMYEN I don't think so. I think it was the summer after, I'm not sure. O.K.
- J. TEMPLETON When the four of you now, there's Ron WILSON, Dave MILGAARD, Albert CADRAIN and yourself arrive back in Regina and you have a parting of the ways, do you have any recollection of that at all?
- N. DEMYEN No.
- J. TEMPLETON Was there any conversation when you left? Was anything said?
- N. DEMYEN I don't even remember arriving in Regina.

- J. TEMPLETON Do you recall if there was a period of time or how long a period of time or how long a period of time after that before you next saw Ron WILSON or Dave MILGAARD?
- N. DEMYEN No.
- J. TEMPLETON Were they a couple of fellows that you would see almost daily when you were in Regina?
- N. DEMYEN No. I don't think so.
- J. TEMPLETON Now it's in the winter time and the park is not the best place to be gathering. Where was the gathering spot, where the kids would meet?
- N. DEMYEN Good question. I remember being at Cody CRUTCHER's place. I remember being in the commune house, but other than that, I don't know.
- J. TEMPLETON Were these spots where the kids would come to meet and have a little party or talk?
- N. DEMYEN Yeah.
- J. TEMPLETON Beyond that, do you remember any place else?
- N. DEMYEN No. I can't..
- J. TEMPLETON And you mentioned, I think Nichol, that at that time you were living at home?
- N. DEMYEN At that time? No.
- J. TEMPLETON You weren't when you get back.
- N. DEMYEN I don't think so.
- J. TEMPLETON When you left with WILSON and MILGAARD?
- N. DEMYEN I think I was living at home at that time.
- J. TEMPLETON A few days later you returned from the trip to Saskatoon, Calgary, Edmonton, Banff. Would you have returned home?
- N. DEMYEN No. Cause I remember being in the commune house. O.K.
- J. TEMPLETON This would have been early February when you returned to Regina. At some point in time after that you were eventually contacted by the police concerning an investigation relating to the death of Gail MILLER. Can you remember the first time that the police came and approached you?

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N. DEMYEN I remember, yeah.

J. TEMPLETON You remember that very clearly?

N. DEMYEN Yeah

J. TEMPLETON Tell me about that.

N. DEMYEN I think I was upstairs in this house and somebody said there's somebody to see you at the door. I think I came down the stairs and there was these two big guys standing there. And that was it. I don't remember anything after that. I remember them saying to me that they're police, but I can't remember from where. O.K. and that they wanted to talk to me and that. That was it. I don't remember anything, other than that.

J. TEMPLETON Do you remember any of the conversation? What they talked to you about?

N. DEMYEN No.

J. TEMPLETON You don't?

N. DEMYEN No.

J. TEMPLETON Do you remember if they took you to the police station, or did he talk to you at the house?

N. DEMYEN I don't think they talked to me at the house, but I don't know where we went.

J. TEMPLETON You would have driven in the car with them?

N. DEMYEN I remember being in the Regina City Police station, but I don't know when that was. O.K.

J. TEMPLETON Do you remember if your parents were brought to the police station when these two policemen wanted to talk to you?

N. DEMYEN I don't know.

J. TEMPLETON You don't remember your parents being concerned or angry with you?

N. DEMYEN I don't remember.

J. TEMPLETON Did... now again you may not remember this... do you remember supplying any statements to the police. By statements, I mean, telling them anything that they would write down, have you read and sign. Do you remember anything like that?

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- N. DEMYEN No.
- J. TEMPLETON As a result of things that have happened over the last few years, do you know if you did give them a statement?
- N. DEMYEN They've said that I did.
- J. TEMPLETON Have you ever seen that statement?
- N. DEMYEN I don't know. I've read a statement but I think it was a statement from when I was in Saskatoon.
- J. TEMPLETON We have a copy of that statement, Nichol, and just bear with us a moment while we find it and I'm going to show it to you and have you read it and I do this to perhaps it will help refresh your memory and if nothing else, it will at least help you fill in a spot there, O.K.

I'm going to show you now a typed statement, four pages long, it's dated the 11th of March, 1969, 4:30 p.m., Regina, Saskatchewan. It states "Statement of Nichol JOHN, Born 2 September 52 of Regina, 16 years of age"... and I'm going to show you this and I'll have you read it. Just read it to yourself.

Do you recall any of this?

- N. DEMYEN No.
- J. TEMPLETON Does it surprise you that I show you this statement?
- N. DEMYEN No. It's kind of different.
- J. TEMPLETON What do mean by different?
- N. DEMYEN Well it's got times and it's got days and it's got everything in it.
- J. TEMPLETON Have you ever seen this before?
- N. DEMYEN I don't think so. Not that I can remember.
- J. TEMPLETON It's written in a narrative format. And when police do something like this, often they would be interviewing a person and the person would be telling a story and the policeman would be writing it down. This obviously is a typed version of that. As it's written here, would it be... would any of these be phrases, or manners in which you would describe your trip, or your trip to Saskatoon?

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- N. DEMYEN I could. I would say yeah.
- J. TEMPLETON Do you feel, do you think that you gave that statement?
- N. DEMYEN I don't know. To tell you the truth. Like something as I was reading it, you know, some things kicked into my brain, you know, yeah O.K., that's right, that's right and that's right, but I don't remember this and I don't remember that and I don't remember this and I don't remember that.
- J. TEMPLETON What do remember as being right? Do you want to have a look at it again?
- N. DEMYEN Yeah.
- J. TEMPLETON Just as we go through it. Just indicate what you do remember and...
- N. DEMYEN One o'clock in the morning leaving Regina is very familiar. As far as license plates for the car, no, I don't know. I don't remember stopping in Davidson. Getting into Saskatoon between 6:30 and 7:30 would make sense cause it's dark and I've lived in Saskatchewan most of my life. Driving around looking for Shorty's place, makes sense. Convertible, I have no idea, none, no recollection. Tow truck seems familiar. Albert's place I don't remember any of it. You know, as far as meeting his mother and his brother and his sister, I don't remember none of that. The pants of David's sticks in my mind and same with Ron's. Somehow acid makes sense to me. Ron's pants. O.K. Seems familiar. As far as the gas station, I don't know, I don't remember that. Driving around looking for Albert's girlfriend, I think that happened, yeah. Rosetown, I already mentioned Rosetown. I would say from, you know, Calgary to Edmonton to Calgary and then to Banff and then back to Regina, yeah. Five or six days, no, it would almost seem to me, I don't know, maybe two days sticks in my head. I don't know, it just doesn't make sense. As far as Albert being picked up by the police, I don't remember that. That's about it.
- J. TEMPLETON When the police came to you at the house, the commune where you were living, they, no doubt, at that time, explained to you the purpose of their investigation and that being the death of a woman in Saskatoon. Something like that would not be a common occurrence in anyone's life. Do you recall the policemen telling you why they were there and...

- N. DEMYEN I think they did because, somehow I feel I was maybe very apprehensive or like, what are you guys... pardon me. Excuse me, you what, you know, it just...
- J. TEMPLETON ...So you would have had some surprise...
- N. DEMYEN Yeah, exactly.
- J. TEMPLETON Do you remember any feelings of fear, any other emotions?
- N. DEMYEN No. Being apprehensive, yes. You know, like, excuse me, what happened here?
- J. TEMPLETON Did they tell you more specifically the purpose of their investigation? Were you the person under investigation?
- N. DEMYEN I don't remember. No.
- J. TEMPLETON You don't remember any other names?
- N. DEMYEN No.
- J. TEMPLETON And you said these two policemen were very, very big or seemed very big to you?
- N. DEMYEN Well, I'm not a tall person, so anything over 5'6" is big to me.
- J. TEMPLETON Do you recall the treatment that the police... were they polite with you?
- N. DEMYEN I don't remember.
- J. TEMPLETON Would you remember if they had verbally abused you in any fashion?
- N. DEMYEN No I don't remember. I don't even remember what they looked like. No faces, no nothing.
- J. TEMPLETON So you don't remember anything of that interview?
- N. DEMYEN No.
- J. TEMPLETON What you read in the statement that I gave you to read, do you remember certain parts of it? Do you remember saying those things?
- N. DEMYEN No I don't remember saying them.
- J. TEMPLETON But it's in words that you may have used at that time.

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N. DEMYEN Yeah.

J. TEMPLETON At that time, when the police took you wherever it was that you were interviewed, do you recall if you would have happened to have spent any time in jail?

N. DEMYEN I don't remember. I don't think so.

J. TEMPLETON Would they have brought you back to the co-op house, the commune house?

N. DEMYEN I don't know. I have no idea

J. TEMPLETON Was there some concern raised with your friends that these two big policemen would come and take you off?

N. DEMYEN I don't know.

J. TEMPLETON Do you remember any other policemen coming within the next little while after that, coming to see you?

N. DEMYEN No. I don't remember.

J. TEMPLETON I'm going to tell about an incident that occurred and it would have occurred, apparently on the 18th of March, with the statement that you read having been given on the 11th of March, 1969.

N. DEMYEN So that was a week later.

J. TEMPLETON So now we'll go to the 18th of March, where two Saskatoon City Policemen would have arrived in Saskatoon with Albert CADRAIN. And these two policemen apparently came and spoke with you and then took you to the Regina jail, being the provincial jail, where Ron WILSON at that time was incarcerated. Do you remember Ron WILSON being in jail?

N. DEMYEN No. I don't remember.

J. TEMPLETON Would you remember a sit down meeting with Albert CADRAIN, Ron WILSON and yourself?

N. DEMYEN No. I don't remember.

J. TEMPLETON Do you remember ever speaking to... in Regina, now... to any Saskatoon City Policemen?

N. DEMYEN I don't remember.

- J. TEMPLETON You do not recall meeting with the Saskatoon City Police people at that time. In the next few weeks, do you recall any other interviews that you had with the police, perhaps the Regina City Policemen?
- N. DEMYEN No.
- J. TEMPLETON Do you know Cst. WALTERS? Or did you at that time know Cst. WALTERS?
- N. DEMYEN I think did, yeah. The name's familiar.
- J. TEMPLETON Would you have been interviewed by him? Spoken to by him?
- N. DEMYEN I had to have been. Because why else would I know his name, unless it was from when I got into trouble before that, I don't know.
- J. TEMPLETON Again, I have to ask you, do you remember an interview with him?
- N. DEMYEN No.
- J. TEMPLETON So, therefore, of course there would be no recollection of what would have been talked about. Do you remember ever being taken down to the police station again?
- N. DEMYEN No.
- J. TEMPLETON You would remember that?
- N. DEMYEN I don't remember. I remember being at the police station, somehow, I remember driving down 11th Avenue, but I don't know when that was. O.K.
- J. TEMPLETON We'll move along then. At some point, perhaps a month later...
- J. DYCK I'm just going to ask you, these police officers that attended your residence, or wherever you were staying at that time, were they in uniform, or were they in plain clothes?
- N. DEMYEN I don't know.
- J. TEMPLETON Just remember big.
- N. DEMYEN Two big guys, yeah.
- J. TEMPLETON Move along and some weeks, or a few weeks after you get back, do you recall having been taken to Saskatoon by the Saskatoon City Police personnel?

N. DEMYEN I remember being in the car on the way to Saskatoon.

J. TEMPLETON Do you remember how that came to happen?

N. DEMYEN No.

J. TEMPLETON Do you remember where you were living at that time?

N. DEMYEN No. I don't remember.

J. TEMPLETON Were they big policemen, as well?

N. DEMYEN I don't remember.

J. TEMPLETON But you do recall driving with them to Saskatoon?

N. DEMYEN Yeah.

J. TEMPLETON And during the trip to Saskatoon, were they questioning you?

N. DEMYEN I don't remember.

J. TEMPLETON Was there some conversation? Were they friendly or were you just excluded and riding in the back?

N. DEMYEN I think I was just in the back. I'm not very talkative, so..

J. TEMPLETON Do you recall any feelings at that time? Any feelings of surprise that they would be taking you to Saskatoon?

N. DEMYEN I think I kind of... someone said to me, O.K., we're going to Saskatoon. We go to Saskatoon. That's it.

J. TEMPLETON You had no concerns over that.

N. DEMYEN No. I don't think so. I don't know. It seems to that I was really quiet. And I remember being in a car on the way to Saskatoon, but with who, or to do what, I can't remember.

J. TEMPLETON Do you remember if you had any choice in the matter? Were you under arrest and taken to Saskatoon? Or did they ask you to come to Saskatoon and you went with them?

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J. TEMPLETON We just replaced the tape. This is now tape two. The time is 2:28 p.m. the 17th of May, 1993. All present and we'll continue.

Nichol, as the last tape ran out, we were talking about being taken to Saskatoon by the Saskatoon City Police. You've indicated that you recall being driven there, but you don't recall anything else. Is that correct?

N. DEMYEN Right.

J. TEMPLETON When you got to Saskatoon, do you remember where they took you?

N. DEMYEN I remember a big garage door opening up. And I would guess it was a police station.

J. TEMPLETON When you got to the police station, did you talk to policemen in a room there?

N. DEMYEN I don't know.

J. TEMPLETON Do you remember how long you would have been at this police station?

N. DEMYEN No.

J. TEMPLETON Do you recall staying over night in Saskatoon?

N. DEMYEN I think I did.

J. TEMPLETON Do you know where that would have been?

N. DEMYEN I think it was in a jail cell.

J. TEMPLETON Were you locked in a jail cell?

N. DEMYEN I don't know. I remember a lady, it seems to me she was nice to me. Other than that, I don't remember anything.

J. TEMPLETON At anytime, do you recall being with a detective and now I'm going to tell you a detective's name, now, Det/Sgt. Ray MACKIE, does that mean anything to you?

N. DEMYEN I think I read his name in something today.

J. TEMPLETON Do you recall if you were driven around the City of Saskatoon to different areas by Det/Sgt. MACKIE?

N. DEMYEN Yeah, I think I was.

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J. TEMPLETON Can you tell me about that.

N. DEMYEN By who, I don't know by who though.

J. TEMPLETON By a policeman, then?

N. DEMYEN Yeah.

J. TEMPLETON A uniformed policeman or a plain clothes policeman?

N. DEMYEN I don't know.

J. TEMPLETON Can you tell us about that?

N. DEMYEN I remember being driven around in a car and taken to someplace. That's about it. I don't remember where it was or what the conversation was or anything.

J. TEMPLETON As you think back, there was a purpose for all of this, no doubt.

N. DEMYEN Yeah, but, you know, like I said, what we talked about or where we were, I don't know.

J. TEMPLETON Do you remember if the city policemen showed you any landmarks in a certain area of Saskatoon?

N. DEMYEN I don't know. I don't remember.

J. TEMPLETON Alright, I'm going to throw out to you a couple of places, now. The church that we talked about earlier.

N. DEMYEN I don't remember.

J. TEMPLETON A funeral home.

N. DEMYEN A funeral home comes into my mind, but I don't know if I read that in something or told.

J. TEMPLETON When you were in Saskatoon, do you recall how many days you might have been there?

N. DEMYEN No.

J. TEMPLETON Do you recall staying in cell or a jail one night?

N. DEMYEN Yeah.

J. TEMPLETON Do you remember going to a hotel, that being the Sheraton Cavalier Hotel, to meet with another policeman?

N. DEMYEN I know I was in a hotel, but I don't know when.

- J. TEMPLETON Was there anybody else there? Anybody else you knew there?
- N. DEMYEN I think Ron WILSON was. I think.
- J. TEMPLETON Were you in the same hotel room with Ron WILSON?
- N. DEMYEN I was in the same room with him, but I don't know for how long. I remember us being in a room, but don't know when.
- J. TEMPLETON Was there a policeman, or some man present at that time, as well?
- N. DEMYEN I don't know.
- J. TEMPLETON Do you recall an interview with the policemen in that room?
- N. DEMYEN No.
- J. TEMPLETON Would he have sat down and talked with you and Ron together?
- N. DEMYEN I don't know.
- J. TEMPLETON This policeman, when he spoke to you, and I am aware that he did, in fact, speak to you, obviously you don't recall that. It's indicated that he showed you several items. Items of clothing.
- N. DEMYEN I don't remember. I've been told this before and I don't remember.
- J. TEMPLETON You don't remember anything at all about that?
- N. DEMYEN No.
- J. TEMPLETON Do you recall going back to the police station, then?
- N. DEMYEN No, I don't know where I went.
- J. TEMPLETON Do you remember if you gave the police any statements at that time? Again by a statement, I mean told them a story that the policemen would sit down and hand write it, have you read it and sign it?

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- N. DEMYEN Something about that seems familiar. I feel like I was in a room and I was talking and somebody was writing. O.K., but I don't know who was there or what time of day, or what month, or anything. O.K. I have the feeling it was in Saskatoon, I can't be sure. O.K. I don't know, it might have been in Regina, I don't know.
- J. TEMPLETON Nichol, I'm going to show you another statement and this one is hand written. It consists of 11 pages, it states "Nichol JOHN, 16 years, 817 Victoria Avenue, Regina, Place, Saskatoon, Date May 24/69, Time 10:00 a.m." And I'm going to just show you this now and ask you if you've ever seen this before?
- N. DEMYEN I think I read this one.
- J. TEMPLETON I note at the bottom that there's a signature?
- N. DEMYEN Yeah I have.
- J. TEMPLETON You have read that before? Do you recall sitting with the police and supplying them that statement?
- N. DEMYEN No. I don't remember.
- J. TEMPLETON When would you have seen this before?
- N. DEMYEN I saw this last year.
- J. TEMPLETON Where was that?
- N. DEMYEN In Ottawa, I think. It was when I was with Eugene WILLIAMS.
- J. TEMPLETON Did Mr. WILLIAMS show you that statement?
- N. DEMYEN Yes.
- J. TEMPLETON And did you discuss it with Mr. WILLIAMS?
- N. DEMYEN I can't remember if we talked about it or not.
- J. TEMPLETON I'm going to ask you, just to yourself, take a few moments and read through that. And then we'll discuss it a little bit after that.
- J. TEMPLETON Nichol, having had a chance to read that statement. Do you remember that?
- N. DEMYEN No. I don't remember all of it. But, something stand out in my head.

- J. TEMPLETON I'm going to ask you. I'll give it back to you and, after you light your cigarette. I'm going to ask you to go page by page and whatever you do do recall, or remember to be true in your mind, just explain it to us.
- N. DEMYEN O.K. Leaving Regina at about 1:00 a.m. makes sense. O.K. as far as the stops along the way to Saskatoon, I remember an elevator, but I don't know what town. O.K. I only somehow remember stopping once. Somehow a knife is familiar, but I don't where it comes in to play. The colour seems really familiar.
- J. TEMPLETON Now Page Two.
- N. DEMYEN Being shown by Mr. ROBERTS, I don't remember that. About the B & E is familiar, but snatching the purse, I don't remember. Getting stuck in another town, I don't remember. Driving around Saskatoon for 10, 15 minutes makes sense, talking to the girl, I remember. I don't remember who was driving. Somehow I have the feeling that Dave was in... was not driving, but I can't be specifically sure.
- J. TEMPLETON Page Three.
- N. DEMYEN Asking directions, Dave, yes somehow rings a bell. Still not absolutely positive. Her refusing the ride, yes, because somehow I remember thinking in my head, "it's so cold, why wouldn't she?" As far as Dave saying that, I don't remember. Getting stuck, yes. Funeral home, don't remember. Pushing the car, it's vague, but not sure. Don't remember which ways the guys went.
- J. TEMPLETON Page Four.
- N. DEMYEN Don't remember him grabbing her or anything like that. I don't remember hardly... no. Page, this page just doesn't, there's nothing there.
- J. TEMPLETON Now we'll go to Page Five.
- N. DEMYEN Garbage can, yes I remember, but I don't know why. As far as describing the garbage cans, yes. That's brilliant in my mind. I remember sitting in the car. I don't remember Dave or Ron getting back in the car. Apartment blocks, doesn't compute.
- J. TEMPLETON Page Six.

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- N. DEMYEN Getting to Shorty's place, don't remember. Don't remember Dave changing clothes. Somehow the ripped pants, yes, sticks in my mind. Don't know why. As far as Dave driving the car, something's there, but I don't know why or what. Driving around the block sounds familiar.
- J. TEMPLETON Page Seven.
- N. DEMYEN Breaking down at the corner, somehow, does Shorty live on a corner of a street, like on a corner of a block?
- J. DYCK Yes he did.
- N. DEMYEN O.K. Somehow vehicle parked somewhere different than where we had left it. I don't know why. Texaco service station sticks out in my mind, being there, I don't know how long.
- J. TEMPLETON You recall being at the Texaco Service Station?
- N. DEMYEN Texaco sounds familiar. But Texaco is all throughout Canada. I can somehow remember sitting down at a place and looking across the street and I see a service station. I am assuming that was at that point. Sitting alone. I don't remember.
- J. TEMPLETON Now Page Eight.
- N. DEMYEN No, don't remember Albert going to the bank, not really to the variety store, either. Don't remember going to one of Albert's friends. Looking in the glove compartment, yes, asking whose it was, yes. Dave driving, supposed to stop because he was driving too fast, yeah, O.K., yeah I remember that. I remember being scared.
- J. TEMPLETON This is on the way out of Saskatoon.
- N. DEMYEN Yes, right.
- J. TEMPLETON Page Nine.
- N. DEMYEN Rosetown sticks out in my head. Don't remember being there. Going to Calgary, Edmonton, Calgary, Banff, Regina, I guess so. About the marijuana, I don't remember that. Ron driving goofy, told him to pull over. I took the keys and ran, don't remember that. I remember steps sitting on the steps of an apartment block. I don't remember the conversation as it's in here.
- J. TEMPLETON Page...

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N. DEMYEN Ten.

J. TEMPLETON Ten. Thank you.

N. DEMYEN None of this.

J. TEMPLETON What is that you don't remember?

N. DEMYEN It says I didn't recall actually witnessing a murder until yesterday. I don't remember saying that. Don't remember him showing me a coat. Cosmetic bag, again, I remember that, I don't know why. Brown jacket, yeah, I remember that.

J. TEMPLETON What does the brown jacket mean to you?

N. DEMYEN I remember seeing a brown jacket with knit cuff, I don't know why. It sticks out in my mind.

J. TEMPLETON The last page, which is Page Eleven.

N. DEMYEN Talk about the toque, I don't remember. I remember discussing about the toque and mitts that belonged to Ron's brother, but I don't know when it was. O.K. That's it.

J. TEMPLETON Thanks. Having had the chance now to read that and go over it and a great portion of that you do recall. There are some things that you don't recall. When you would have been sitting with the police and giving the statement, which you've signed, would you have told them the truth at that time?

N. DEMYEN I sure hope so.

J. TEMPLETON Would you have any reason not to tell them the truth?

N. DEMYEN No, I don't think so.

J. TEMPLETON Would you have been frightened?

N. DEMYEN Being 16, yeah, I would say so.

J. TEMPLETON Would you recall if you were, in fact, frightened, or were you intimidated by the police?

N. DEMYEN I wouldn't say intimidated.

J. TEMPLETON Would they have put a lot of pressure on you to give a statement such as this? Do you remember anything like that?

N. DEMYEN I don't remember.

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- J. TEMPLETON Would you have allowed the police to put words into your words and by saying that, would they have written this out and then had you sign it? Or would you have signed something that you hadn't said?
- N. DEMYEN I probably would have signed anything at that point. Probably, like I'm saying, I'm looking back and saying, 16 years old, dealing with police, probably. I'm not saying I did. I'm not saying I didn't. But I'm going through things. I have a tendency to skim over things and things just don't, O.K. in one eye and out the other one.
- J. TEMPLETON Again, do you recall specifically supplying the police this statement?
- N. DEMYEN No I don't. No.
- J. TEMPLETON Several portions of this statement, you have a memory of.
- N. DEMYEN Of those things taking place, yes.
- J. TEMPLETON But those that you indicated to us, as you went through the statement?
- N. DEMYEN Right.
- J. TEMPLETON You've now had the opportunity to look at two statements. The first was typewritten and dated the 11th of March, 1969. This one, of course is dated the 24th of May, 1969. And there is quite a difference in the two of them. What would be a logical explanation for the difference in the statement? The first one was in March and this one, which is in May?
- N. DEMYEN This one's more detailed. The second one is more detailed. The first one is very, what's the word, scaled down.
- J. TEMPLETON How would that be explained?
- N. DEMYEN I have no idea.
- J. TEMPLETON When you were interviewed the first time and supplied the first statement, could that have been the truth as well?
- N. DEMYEN I don't know. I don't remember giving the first statement. I don't remember giving the second statement.

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- J. TEMPLETON I appreciate that. But you can appreciate that there is quite a difference in the two of them and, of course, the question has been asked as to why there is a difference in these two statements. Thinking back, you've had a fair bit of contact with the police in between the two. Now, have the police coerced you in any way into making this statement, or to saying things that you didn't believe to be true?
- N. DEMYEN I don't know.
- J. TEMPLETON Would you allow that to happen to you?
- N. DEMYEN I might have.
- J. TEMPLETON In something as serious as a murder investigation, would you allow that to happen?
- N. DEMYEN I don't think so. No.
- J. TEMPLETON And this, in fact, was a murder investigation. You, no doubt, at this time were aware of who the suspect was in this investigation.
- N. DEMYEN O.K. I'm going to say something. As far as I'm concerned, something happened. Something happened on our trip. There's too much, too many holes. And knowing myself, something happened. I saw something. I'm not pointing the finger to anybody or anything, but I thoroughly believe that. I just don't know exactly who. Do you understand what I am saying, I'm being totally honest with you guys. I don't know.
- J. TEMPLETON I know you are being honest with us and it's difficult to recall.
- J. DYCK When you say that, are you pertaining to the people in your group or something just had happened on the trip, with it being anybody?
- N. DEMYEN I'm pertaining, what I'm getting at is, that murder took place and as far as I'm concerned I was there. I just don't know what I saw, who was involved. Paper says Dave MILGAARD, that piece of paper right there. I don't know. But I know that I saw something. Cause there's too many holes in my mind that just... I'm sorry.
- J. TEMPLETON No, that's fine. Just to get back away from that for a second. Dealing with the police, all the big guys, all men, were there any lady policemen involved, police persons, I guess?

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- N. DEMYEN I don't know.
- J. TEMPLETON As you think back over and I'm sure you've thought of this over the years. Over all, your treatment by the police, do you remember anybody being abusive towards you?
- N. DEMYEN No.
- J. TEMPLETON Manipulative towards you?
- N. DEMYEN No I don't think so.
- J. TEMPLETON Was there ever any physical or verbal threats made towards you?
- N. DEMYEN I don't think so.
- J. TEMPLETON Again...
- N. DEMYEN I don't know. I'm just going by my feelings. I'm not going by detailed memory. I'm more of anything, I go by you tell me a date or you tell me something's happening and I'm going, I'm dealing with the feelings that I was having, not being there. I don't know, it's hard to explain.
- J. TEMPLETON I think with that, we'll just leave the police for now, anyway. John, did you have a question?
- J. DYCK No I'm just checking the whistling on the radio.
- J. TEMPLETON Yeah, we have a bit a squeak on the tape recorder. Following the investigation, during that period of time when you would have been back and forth to Saskatoon, or in the spring of 1969, did you have any further contact or would you have seen Dave MILGAARD in Regina or Ron WILSON in Regina?
- N. DEMYEN I don't think so. I'm not sure.
- J. TEMPLETON In early September of 1969, you were required to attend court in Saskatoon for the purposes of a preliminary enquiry into the death of Gail MILLER. And, at that time you would have given evidence. Can you recall going to court?
- N. DEMYEN No. I remember being in court, but I don't know when.
- J. TEMPLETON Do you remember the lawyers that were in court?
- N. DEMYEN No.

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- J. TEMPLETON Would you have had any meetings with the police prior to go and getting on the stand and giving evidence?
- N. DEMYEN I don't know.
- J. TEMPLETON Would you have had any meetings with the prosecutor, that being the Crown Prosecutor, in this case Mr. Bobs CALDWELL. He would have been one of the lawyers that had asked you questions.
- N. DEMYEN I don't know. I remember being with someone. I remembered my Mom and Dad being in the room with me and I was really upset and there was a man there, but I don't know who it was.
- J. TEMPLETON Was this in Saskatoon?
- N. DEMYEN This was in Saskatoon.
- J. TEMPLETON And you were upset?
- N. DEMYEN I think my Mom was there. I know my Dad was there for sure. I remember that.
- J. TEMPLETON Would you have been upset because of what you were experiencing, or was this person being mean to you?
- N. DEMYEN I don't know. My Dad could probably tell you more than...
- J. TEMPLETON I'm just going to shut the tape off for a second. The time is 2:55.

The tape is now back on, the time is 2:59. After a very short break, Nichol, I'm just going to return again here, we were discussing your attending Saskatoon to give evidence at a trial. You indicated that you, perhaps in the company of one or more parents, spoke with someone...

- N. DEMYEN Outside of the courtroom.
- J. TEMPLETON Outside of the courtroom. You end up giving evidence at the preliminary enquiry and, of course, Mr. MILGAARD is there. Can you remember seeing him sit there?
- N. DEMYEN No.
- J. TEMPLETON And you indicated earlier also that you had had no contact with him.
- N. DEMYEN I don't remember. I don't think I did, but I don't remember.

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J. TEMPLETON I'm going to read a comment to you here and, again, we have been privy to all sorts of information from this complete report and this is a quote that you, it is reported that you made this statement and I'll read it to you and it is quote "I don't know why he didn't kill me too, I was right there and saw it all, but I'm not going to say nothing" end of quote. This is a comment that you made outside of the court room and was overheard by a couple of people who wrote it down and gave it to the Crown Prosecutor. Now, that statement is quite a statement to have made.

N. DEMYEN Who did I say that to?

J. TEMPLETON I'm not sure who you said it to.

N. DEMYEN I don't remember saying that.

J. TEMPLETON Would that be something that you would have said?

N. DEMYEN Yeah, that would be something.

J. TEMPLETON At that time did you have a fear of Dave MILGAARD?

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- N. DEMYEN I don't know. Now that I look back, I would say, yeah, I probably did. I mean everything that's gone down, from January 31st till now, yeah. I might have made that statement, yeah.
- J. TEMPLETON Was he the type of person that you would have reason to fear?
- N. DEMYEN Yes.
- J. TEMPLETON In what respect, Nichol?
- N. DEMYEN Something happened. It wasn't nice and I don't want to talk about it right now.
- J. TEMPLETON O.K. Did Mr. MILGAARD ever make any threats to you? To you personally?
- N. DEMYEN Not that I can remember.
- J. TEMPLETON Was the type of person that would threaten people? Was he that type of a person? Or was he more easy going?
- N. DEMYEN How could I explain it? He could, yeah. I would almost say there were two sides to him. A really nice, smiley side, but you look into the eyes and they are black holes.
- J. TEMPLETON Two sides - very nice and the other side is...
- N. DEMYEN Not so nice.
- J. TEMPLETON Other than the incident that you've indicated you don't want to talk about, had you seen this side of Dave MILGAARD with other people perhaps?
- N. DEMYEN Not that I can remember.
- J. TEMPLETON But you did unfortunately, experience this yourself?
- N. DEMYEN Yeah, but I don't want to talk about it.
- J. TEMPLETON We won't. At least not at this time. When you were there for the preliminary hearing, do you remember if you had a hotel room, or did you stay in the jail again?
- N. DEMYEN I was with my Dad, but I don't know. Dad tells me that he had a trailer, I think, I can't ... I'm not sure on that. It's just my memory's not that good.
- J. TEMPLETON Would both your mother and father have gone, or...

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N. DEMYEN I think my Dad, it was just my Dad. For the preliminary hearing and I think both my Mom and Dad were with me the second time around. But I don't really... they tell me these things and I don't remember.

J. TEMPLETON We're talking about two incidents where you went to court and I refer to the first on in September of 1969, which was, in fact, a preliminary enquiry and then, of course, there was a trial with a jury and that was in January of 1970. That would be a little bigger deal, more people involved and, again, a jury present. Can you remember being in the court room and giving evidence?

N. DEMYEN I remember being in the court room at one point and being really upset.

J. TEMPLETON What would have upset you?

N. DEMYEN I don't know. Obviously something we were talking about.

J. TEMPLETON Would this have been something you were talking about when you were giving evidence or something that you talked about...

N. DEMYEN When I was on the stand.

J. TEMPLETON When you were on the stand. Do you remember how you were treated by the lawyers when they were asking questions? Your impressions of that?

N. DEMYEN No. I don't remember.

J. TEMPLETON Can you remember the judge sitting there?

N. DEMYEN No.

J. TEMPLETON Sitting up high, grey haired fellow?

N. DEMYEN No.

J. TEMPLETON Do you remember seeing Dave MILGAARD there?

N. DEMYEN No.

J. TEMPLETON Do you remember Ron WILSON being there?

N. DEMYEN No.

J. TEMPLETON You can remember being there and ...

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- N. DEMYEN Just... it's like a minute and a half span, that's all I remember. Just... and being upset. I can tell you what I was wearing.
- J. TEMPLETON What were you wearing?
- N. DEMYEN I was wearing a pink dress. I remember that like it was yesterday. In fact, my Mom made me go out and buy it.
- J. TEMPLETON And you felt that at least your father, and perhaps your mother and father were there with you.
- N. DEMYEN Yeah I think so, the second time around, yeah.
- J. TEMPLETON Can you remember any sort of a reaction from your parents about your involvement in this incident?
- N. DEMYEN My Dad and I never got along for years, but when this happened he was kind of behind me. I had that feeling. That he was actually there for a change to protect me.
- J. TEMPLETON He was very supportive, then?
- N. DEMYEN Yeah. I don't think really vocally supportive, but just being there.
- J. TEMPLETON After you gave your evidence at the trial, do you remember staying in Saskatoon? Were you there at the end of the trial?
- N. DEMYEN I don't know.
- J. TEMPLETON Can you remember the end of the trial when they would have found Mr. MILGAARD guilty?
- N. DEMYEN No.
- J. TEMPLETON Do you remember travelling back to Regina?
- N. DEMYEN No.
- J. TEMPLETON Can you recall what you may have been doing at that time? Were you working?
- N. DEMYEN No. I don't remember.
- J. TEMPLETON Were you in school?
- N. DEMYEN When was the trial?
- J. TEMPLETON January, 1970.

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- N. DEMYEN I was working. Yeah, I think I was working in the meat market then. Selling meat.
- J. TEMPLETON Then you would have had to get some time off, of course, to go to Saskatoon.
- N. DEMYEN Yeah, I think I started there in October. I don't know, I think it was October, I'm not sure. It was before the trial was anyway, I know that. My Mom got me that job.
- J. TEMPLETON And where was it?
- N. DEMYEN In a meat market, Fellingner's Meat Market. She grew up with the guy who owned it.
- J. TEMPLETON On 11th Avenue?
- N. DEMYEN Yeah.
- J. TEMPLETON It's still there.
- N. DEMYEN Is it? Still owned by Fellingner's, really.
- J. DYCK I think they may have two right now. One on 11th and there may be another one....
- J. TEMPLETON I think fairly prosperous.

Nichol, we've gone through an awful lot of stuff here and there's some things that I'd like to go back ask just a couple more questions about and then we have some other things to talk about. Would you like to keep going or would you like to take a short break?

- N. DEMYEN I'm O.K.
- J. TEMPLETON You're O.K. Can we get you anything?
- N. DEMYEN No.
- J. TEMPLETON Nichol, quite a bit earlier on in the interview we talked about being at the CADRAIN residence. Since that time, you've had the opportunity to read a statement that you supplied the police on the 24th of May, 1969. Having read that statement, has it brought back any recollection of Albert CADRAIN's home?

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- N. DEMYEN No.
- J. TEMPLETON When we talked about the statement, you indicated you remembered that it might have been on the corner. You also remembered that the car had been moved.
- N. DEMYEN Yeah. Somehow, it seems to me that when, I think when we got there we might have been parked in front. I remember some steps. So I'm thinking, it was a bigger house. I don't know if I'm correct in this or not, but I think we were parked in front and something, somehow makes me think that then the car was parked on the side. I don't know why.
- J. TEMPLETON I'm going to ask you a couple of pointed questions. You may or may not recall. Do you recall Mr. MILGAARD and/or Mr. WILSON changing any clothing at the CADRAIN house?
- N. DEMYEN No I don't.
- J. TEMPLETON Then you mentioned now that the car has been moved. And obviously somebody moved it. Unless it was an old car and it rolled around that corner by itself. Do you remember anybody leaving and taking that car for a drive that it would have got moved.
- N. DEMYEN Well, when I read that statement and when I said in there that Dave had moved it, somehow, that seems right. I don't really remember it but, somehow that seems right.
- J. TEMPLETON Can you recall Albert CADRAIN? Can you picture him?
- N. DEMYEN All I remember is short.
- J. TEMPLETON Anything else about him? What kind of a guy he was?
- N. DEMYEN No. I think he was heavier set, that was about it. I can't remember anything else about him.
- J. TEMPLETON It's know that Albert went to a bank and got some money prior to the four of you leaving Saskatoon. Do you know, do you remember walking to a bank with Albert?
- N. DEMYEN No.

J. TEMPLETON Do you remember going for a walk with Albert?

N. DEMYEN No.

J. TEMPLETON Was Albert in any way attracted to you?

N. DEMYEN Yeah, I think so.

J. TEMPLETON He was, O.K. Can you remember that?

N. DEMYEN Yeah.

J. TEMPLETON Something he said, or something he did?

N. DEMYEN I don't know. All I know is he was attracted to me. I don't know if I was attracted to him or not. It's just...

J. TEMPLETON When you're walking again, no recollection of a walk?

N. DEMYEN No.

J. TEMPLETON We'll leave it at that. Just to go a little bit further, quickly, you indicated after reading the statement that you can remember sitting in a restaurant and looking across at a garage perhaps, or something like that.

N. DEMYEN Yeah.

J. TEMPLETON Could you elaborate on that a little bit? Just exactly what your thoughts are.

N. DEMYEN Not really. I just remember looking out a window. That's all I can remember. I think I was by myself. I don't remember anybody being with me.

J. TEMPLETON Just to move along again, you get to Rosetown you indicate that you bought some food there. Is that right?

N. DEMYEN Yeah. I have a vague recollection of somehow bread and meat, or something or, you know I couldn't swear to it.

- J. TEMPLETON I'm just trying to keep my notes in order here. And you get back to Regina, after a few days and then, if you would just bear with me, I'd like to ask just a couple more questions about your contact with the police. Actually before we do that, get back to when you're in Saskatoon. You've arrived in Saskatoon, it's very early in the morning, it's quite cold and it's dark out. You've indicated that you were, the three of you were lost, looking for Albert CADRAIN's house. You indicate also that you recall stopping and asking directions of a young woman on the street. Or someone in the car did. And then you remember being stuck. Having given a little thought, we've talked about this for a long time now, here today, do you remember who was driving at that time?
- N. DEMYEN I would say it was Ron, O.K., but I could be wrong. O.K.
- J. TEMPLETON And again the two other guys get out of the car. Dave MILGAARD gets out. Ron WILSON gets out. You indicated you felt Mr. MILGAARD got out the right side of the car.
- N: DEMYEN That's the way I feel. It's not a strong recollection, O.K., it's just... I don't know if I was in the front, in the back, he was in the front, the back... I don't remember. But I know at one point I was by myself in the car.
- J. TEMPLETON Do you remember anything else about sitting in the car, about the alley? You've indicated the church and you remember the garbage can, things like that we've already talked about. Can you remember anything else about the alley?
- N. DEMYEN Nothing right now. I know it was dark.
- J. TEMPLETON Don't be frustrated that you're having trouble remembering. We'll move on. You went to Calgary and you indicated that when you got to Calgary, you can recall sitting alone on some steps.
- N. DEMYEN Some steps.
- J. TEMPLETON Do you remember...
- N. DEMYEN I think it was the inside of an apartment block. Cause I can't see sitting on steps in the middle of winter outside.
- J. TEMPLETON I think you also indicated that something had upset you, or you felt you were upset.

- N. DEMYEN Yeah. It's like O.K., we were going to be alone. You just need some time to, you know...
- J. TEMPLETON Do you remember if anybody came along and talked to you to get you back to the car?
- N. DEMYEN I want to say Ron. But I don't know.
- J. TEMPLETON Would Ron have sat down and talked things over with you?
- N. DEMYEN He might have.
- J. TEMPLETON Comforted you?
- N. DEMYEN Maybe. Yeah. I think Ron was ... I don't really know Ron. As, you know the way he is now. But I think at that time he was a caring person. Someone that, you know, tuned into someone's not feeling so great. Well, O.K. we'll be a friend here and find out what's going on. That's how he strikes me. I don't know if that's correct, or not. That's why I'm saying, I assume it was Ron that came to talk to me.
- J. TEMPLETON No idea what was on your mind at that time. Something obviously was bothering you.
- N. DEMYEN Yeah.
- J. TEMPLETON Do you remember any other stops you might have made in Calgary?
- N. DEMYEN Somehow a bus depot comes into effect. Don't ask me, but a bus depot stands out.
- J. TEMPLETON I'm going to mention another place to you. The Public Library?
- N. DEMYEN No. The Public Library. Why the Public Library?
- J. TEMPLETON It may have a spot that you might have stopped. You don't remember that, though?
- N. DEMYEN No.
- J. TEMPLETON And when you get back to Regina, you get dropped off and we talked earlier about Barbara BERARD, who was an acquaintance of yours, a friend of some degree, you're not sure. And we also talked about Cody CRUTCHER. And, again, I'm going to ask you would these be persons that if you had been in trouble, would they be people that they would go to?

- N. DEMYEN Yes.
- J. TEMPLETON Would you value their advice? Or seek their advice?
- N. DEMYEN I probably wouldn't be looking for advice. I would just be looking for someone to listen to me. I don't go to... when I talk and something's on my mind and I talk to someone, I'm not going for advice, I'm using them as a sounding board. That's what I'm doing. I don't expect somebody to solve my problems.
- J. TEMPLETON Someone to talk to then.
- N. DEMYEN Right.
- J. TEMPLETON Would Barbara BERARD have been one of those people?
- N. DEMYEN Yeah, I would say so, yeah.
- J. TEMPLETON She would be one those people because she was a friend or an acquaintance of your's. Cody CRUTCHER, you've indicated, was someone that you knew who was a little older. Would he also be someone that you would go and talk to about a problem?
- N. DEMYEN I might, but I highly doubt it. Mind you, that's a long time ago, you know and sometimes we do things that...
- J. TEMPLETON After you're back in Regina for a period of time, two big policemen come to the home where you're staying, this home for kids or whatever it is, a co-op house of sorts. Do you recall any more, after we've talked for awhile now, do you recall any more of those policemen coming to pick you up, Nichol?
- N. DEMYEN No. I think they were plain clothes, though. I don't think they had uniforms on.
- J. TEMPLETON Do you know if they took you in a car down to the police station, perhaps?
- N. DEMYEN I think they did ask me to. I'm not positive. I think they said, come with us, we want to talk to you. And usually when somebody says they're policemen and they say come with us, you go.

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- J. TEMPLETON At that period of time, you're 16 and a half years old, you've spent a bit of time out with friends, partying and at the park and these different things and on a bit of a trip, did you have a fear of the police?
- N. DEMYEN I don't think so. No.
- J. TEMPLETON Perhaps fear is not the right word. Were you trusting of police?
- N. DEMYEN I looked at them as being an authority figure. Yeah, I would say I would have trust in them. I wouldn't expect them to lie to me or, I still feel the same way. Look it's hard for you to understand but, lots of people don't have respect for policemen, I do. I always have. Even now, to this day, people say blah, blah, blah about the police, I say hold it, it's a job. That's their job, hey....
- J. TEMPLETON And we let you look at a statement that's dated the 11th of March, 1969 and you didn't have any recollection of supplying that to the police.
- N. DEMYEN No.
- J. TEMPLETON Again, I'm going to ask you, if the police had put those words down on paper and had you sign it, would you have signed it?
- N. DEMYEN Probably.
- J. TEMPLETON Even if you had never said it?
- N. DEMYEN No. I would have had to have said it.
- J. TEMPLETON So you wouldn't be intimidated to the point where you would be signing or agreeing to something that you never said, or wasn't truthful?
- N. DEMYEN That's right.
- J. TEMPLETON We'll just move along again, and we asked you about Saskatoon City Policemen arriving in Regina, and they had with them Albert CADRAIN. And there was some discussion with you and the police. Do you recall Saskatoon City Policemen coming down to see you?
- N. DEMYEN No.

- J. TEMPLETON Do you ever remember going out to the Regina jail, to the Correctional Centre, as it's called and meeting in a room with Mr. WILSON?
- N. DEMYEN No.
- J. TEMPLETON At that period of time you may, or may not have, discussed with WILSON and CADRAIN, or the police the circumstances of your trip to Saskatoon on the 31st of January, 1969.
- N. DEMYEN I don't remember meeting with nobody.
- J. TEMPLETON Is the tape still O.K., John?
- J. DYCK Yeah, I think its got a little bit of... maybe another minute or so.
- J. TEMPLETON We'll just go for a bit and until this tape runs out and then we'll just take a short break. If you need a coffee, or anything like that. We don't have a whole lot more to discuss with you here.
- I mentioned the name WALTERS, who was a Regina City Policeman, do you remember ever sitting and talking about your trip to Saskatoon, as such, involving David MILGAARD, with that policeman, WALTERS?
- N. DEMYEN No. The name WALTERS is familiar, but I don't know why. Obviously I have talked to him.
- J. TEMPLETON And you mentioned that you recall being taken to Saskatoon by policemen. One policeman or two policemen?
- N. DEMYEN I don't know.
- J. TEMPLETON But you can recall driving to Saskatoon?.
- N. DEMYEN And I think I was in the back seat.
- J. TEMPLETON You don't remember anything of the conversation?
- N. DEMYEN No.
- J. TEMPLETON When you got to Saskatoon, you've indicated you were kept at the jail, or at the police station in a cell?

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N. DEMYEN I remember getting to the station, itself, and I'm sure we came to an underground garage or something, the door coming up. And then I remember being in a cell, but I don't know if the door was locked or open or and I remember this woman being there. And that's it. I don't know how long I was in there or why or, you know...

J. TEMPLETON I also asked you if you recall being driven around certain areas of Saskatoon by a policeman, do you remember that?

N. DEMYEN Yeah.

J. TEMPLETON And do you remember anything coming back to you, as far as landmarks? And I mentioned before the church and a funeral home. Can you recall that?

N. DEMYEN I remember somebody saying something about funeral home. Or, I got to think about this for a minute. Me, saying no, this isn't where we were, or something along those lines.

J. TEMPLETON So the purpose of your being driven around by the police was what?

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TAPE TWO SIDE TWO BEGINS.

J. TEMPLETON This is side two of the tape. Nichol, we got cut off with the tape running out. I'm going to ask you again, the purpose of you being driven around Saskatoon in different areas by the police, was what?

N. DEMYEN I would say to find out where we were that morning.

J. TEMPLETON As you're being driven around, can you remember the policeman? Was he talking about the murder investigation? And was he talking about Dave MILGAARD?

N. DEMYEN I don't remember.

J. TEMPLETON I think we'll take a very short break now. The time is 3:24 P. M. Tape Off.

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The tape is back on. The time is 3:36 P.M. Everybody back. We were talking about, I believe Nichol, we were talking about the policeman driving around talking to you about a murder investigation and you related your thoughts on that. I'm going to ask you, once again, do you remember meeting and the fellow's name I'm going to give you now is Mr. ROBERTS, who is a policeman. And this was the gentleman at the Sheraton Cavalier.

- N. DEMYEN I don't remember meeting him.
- J. TEMPLETON This is also the same incident where you would have been in a room with this man and perhaps Mr. Ron WILSON at that time.
- N. DEMYEN I remember Ron and I being in a room.
- J. TEMPLETON And, again, this is the same time when you would have been shown different articles of clothing.
- N. DEMYEN I don't remember.
- J. TEMPLETON You don't remember any of that?
- N. DEMYEN I remember talking, something about a lie detector and I wanted... I wanted to have the lie detector and they wouldn't let me. That's all I remember. And I couldn't understand why. Why not me. Cause I think Ron had it done.
- J. TEMPLETON What makes you think that?
- N. DEMYEN I don't know. Because I remember, I think I remember saying well, how come you guys and how come not me? Why can't I?
- J. TEMPLETON We talked to you about two different statements, again. The 11th of March, 1969 and the 24th of May, 1969, and as you read them both and I think you'll agree that the statements are different.
- N. DEMYEN Different names, different ...
- J. TEMPLETON One is quite a bit more detailed than the other and tells quite a different story. Can you explain why that may be?
- N. DEMYEN I don't know.
- J. TEMPLETON Would it be a situation where the first time you're contacted by the police, would you, because of your friendship to others involved in your trip to Saskatoon, would you have attempted to protect them?

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- N. DEMYEN I might have. I don't know.
- J. TEMPLETON The statements that you gave the police, would they be truthful? Any statement you gave the police.
- N. DEMYEN I don't see why not.
- J. TEMPLETON Your overall dealings with the police, and, in particular the Saskatoon City Police and it's also apparent that you had some contact with other police forces, how were you treated by the police? Do you have any recollection of that?
- N. DEMYEN Not really. I don't think I... I have the feeling I wasn't treated badly. This has come up a lot of times in different... talking to different people. Was I treated badly? I don't think I was.
- J. TEMPLETON After the investigation is done and there is a charge laid against Mr. MILGAARD and in preparation for the preliminary hearing and the trial, where you would have given evidence, did you have contact with the police? Did they brief you on what you should say? Did they...
- N. DEMYEN I don't know. I don't remember.
- J. TEMPLETON Sometimes there's a meeting just prior to attending court, where they explain to you what's going to happen. Do you remember anything like that?
- N. DEMYEN When you said explain to what's going to happen, or what's going to take place, yeah, some kind of recollection, but I don't know with who. That little statement somehow rings in my head.
- J. TEMPLETON So they gave you some sort of indication of what the process was going to be, I take it.
- N. DEMYEN Yeah, I think so.
- J. TEMPLETON Did anybody ever tell you what to say?
- N. DEMYEN I don't think so.
- J. TEMPLETON Nichol, this has gone on 24 years since the time of Gail MILLER's death and you, no doubt, have been interviewed at different times by other people. I'm going to ask you what contact you've had over the years and if you remember when contacted. I'm going to start with yourself, have you ever been contacted directly by Mrs. MILGAARD?
- N. DEMYEN Yes.

J. TEMPLETON Could you explain that to us?

N. DEMYEN It was unannounced. It was uninvited.

J. TEMPLETON When?

N. DEMYEN In 19... I have to think about this. I think it was 1980, I'm trying to remember if it was still winter, or if it was spring.

J. TEMPLETON What was the contents of that contact with her?

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- N. DEMYEN I was living in an apartment by myself. I had left my husband. I was living in Regina. Working in Regina. And I was living in a so-called "security" building, where you had to buzz up to get the front door. It was a great big complex, it was on, I don't know, the second or third floor, or whatever. And anyway, this one night I was at home and there was a knock on the door and I'm going a knock on the door, what's going on here. This is a security building, right, nobody knows where I live because I've lived like that for years. Open up the door and I look at this woman and there's this guy with her, I can't remember what the guy looked like or anything but, I looked at this woman and I thought to myself, gee she looks familiar. She says "hi, Nicky". She said "I'm Joyce MILGAARD, David's mother" and I went "excuse me". She says "I just want to talk to you". I said "no". I said "I have nothing to say to you." Oh no, no, no, we have to talk, we have to talk. And I said "no" and I slammed the door in her face.
- J. TEMPLETON Did you have any other contact with her?
- N. DEMYEN No.
- J. TEMPLETON Has she ever phoned you?
- N. DEMYEN Yes I have. Sorry. I lied. After that I retained a lawyer through a friend of mine. This guy was going to help me out. Anyway, I can't remember how, or what took place, but anyway there was a meeting between her lawyer, my lawyer, myself and her.
- J. TEMPLETON Who was your lawyer?
- N. DEMYEN Tony MERCHANT. This meeting was set up and blah, blah, blah, we had this meeting and in that meeting, she had asked me if I would consent to hypnosis and truth serum and I had said "yes". So anyway, in the meantime, my lawyer, I said, "O.K. before I do this, I want to find out exactly what's going to take place and what could be the repercussions of everything." So anyway, he phoned up, it was this Dr. MESSER was supposed to do it in Saskatoon. So anyway, he phoned him up and was talking to him and Larry LESLIE was the lawyer that I had been seeing.
- J. TEMPLETON You mentioned Tony MERCHANT.

- N. DEMYEN Tony MERCHANT was her lawyer. Larry LESLIE was mine. And so anyway, he had contacted this Dr. MESSER and asked a few questions and got back to me and I didn't like the answers, so I refused. I wouldn't do it.
- J. TEMPLETON Any other contact with her?
- N. DEMYEN No.
- J. TEMPLETON Have you ever received any letters from her?
- N. DEMYEN No, but apparently, I think David had sent a letter to my lawyer, who had read it, because he had said to me he had gotten this letter and he read it and he said Nichol, I don't think you should read it. And I said "O.K., fine". So he said what do you want me to do with it and I said "I don't care what you do with it. You can save it, you can throw it out, you can do whatever". And that's the only one I know about.
- J. TEMPLETON Have you had any other contact with David MILGAARD over the years.
- N. DEMYEN No.
- J. TEMPLETON How about private investigators? Have you ever been approached by the private investigators?
- N. DEMYEN I haven't been, but my parents have.
- J. TEMPLETON Can you tell us about that?
- N. DEMYEN Phone calls. Apparently, one of them was from a church group from the States. I can't remember the guy's name, if I heard it, I'd know it. And this guy contacted my parents a fair amount of time and was abusive on the phone to my mother.
- J. TEMPLETON Abusive in what way?
- N. DEMYEN As in hollering and cursing and just not being nice.
- J. TEMPLETON When was that?

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N. DEMYEN This was in, I have to think about this. Now this was about three years ago, right around this time. There was some, another guy from another private investigator firm based out of Saskatoon, that was looking for me that I found out through my contacts in the RCMP here. I don't know if they ever contacted my Mom. My Mom could tell you more about how much they've gone through and stuff. It's just it hasn't been nice.

J. TEMPLETON Have you had any contact or been approached by Mr. MILGAARD's lawyers?

N. DEMYEN No.

J. TEMPLETON I understand that you had an interview with Mr. Eugene WILLIAMS and Sgt. TIDSBURY of the RCMP?

N. DEMYEN Yeah.

J. TEMPLETON And you recall that?

N. DEMYEN Yeah.

J. TEMPLETON The interview at that time and the things that you told Mr. WILLIAMS and Sgt. TIDSBURY, would they have been the truth at that time?

N. DEMYEN Yeah.

J. TEMPLETON Have you or your family been contacted by media or writers?

N. DEMYEN Yes I have. Lots, lots and lots.

J. TEMPLETON Has this caused you any problems over the years, or any concerns, rather?

N. DEMYEN I kept telling them I have nothing to say and they keep calling back.

J. TEMPLETON If you mind me asking, what would they ... what were they asking you?

N. DEMYEN They wanted to talk to me and I would cut them off before they would even... just listen, this is my life. I don't want to talk to anybody about this. Please do not call my house again.

J. TEMPLETON So they were never given the opportunity to ask any specific questions?

N. DEMYEN None. Absolutely none.

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- J. TEMPLETON Have you talked to any other police officers? RCMP or anyone else? O.K. I mentioned Sgt. TIDSBURY and, of course, Cst. DYCK and myself today, have you spoken with anyone else about this matter?
- N. DEMYEN How do you mean?
- J. TEMPLETON At any length, as far as an interview like we're doing today?
- N. DEMYEN No. Not that I recall.
- J. TEMPLETON Since the time of the trial, which would have been completed in 1970, have you had any further contact with the Saskatoon Police Department?
- N. DEMYEN No. Once, in I think it was in 1980, the beginning of 1980, a detective from Saskatoon, I can't remember the name, came to my work and said that Mrs. MILGAARD was stirring up things and he was just making me aware of something was going to be happening. That was it.
- J. TEMPLETON This was 1980. So you were in Regina at that time?
- N. DEMYEN Yeah.
- J. TEMPLETON And where were you working?
- N. DEMYEN Bartleby's
- J. TEMPLETON Did they policeman tell you not to speak with Mrs. MILGAARD?
- N. DEMYEN No. He was just making me aware. He gave, if I remember correctly, he gave me the option, he said you can if you want, you know what I mean, whatever you want to do, but I'm just here to tell you that questions are being asked and blah, blah, blah.
- J. TEMPLETON You recall specifically this to be a representative of the Saskatoon City Police Department? Can you remember his name?
- N. DEMYEN I want to say KARST. O.K., but I could be wrong.
- J. TEMPLETON Can you describe this man to me?
- N. DEMYEN Tall. That's all I can remember.
- J. TEMPLETON Black hair, grey hair....
- N. DEMYEN I think grey.
- J. TEMPLETON Heavy?

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N. DEMYEN Yeah, broad.

J. TEMPLETON Was he dressed in a uniform or a suit?

N. DEMYEN No uniform. Plain clothes.

J. TEMPLETON Plain clothes. Did you have anymore than the one
occasion to speak with this man?

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N. DEMYEN No. No more. Actually I think he phoned my Mom and Dad, too and told them that this was going to happen.

J. TEMPLETON Nichol, you're aware that prior to your appearance at the Supreme Court in 1992, in relation to this matter, you had occasion to be hypnotized, the first time by Dr. PULOS and do you recall that?

N. DEMYEN Um mm..

J. TEMPLETON What can you tell us about that? What do you remember?

N. DEMYEN I didn't like the guy.

J. TEMPLETON You didn't like the doctor?

N. DEMYEN No.

J. TEMPLETON Can you remember being hypnotized?

N. DEMYEN I don't think I was.

J. TEMPLETON That was done through the organization of Mr. Eugene WILLIAMS.

N. DEMYEN Yes.

J. TEMPLETON And you had previously spoke with Mr. WILLIAMS.

N. DEMYEN Yes.

J. TEMPLETON You spoke to him before being hypnotized, or after?

N. DEMYEN What do you mean?

J. TEMPLETON You spoke with Mr. WILLIAMS....

N. DEMYEN The interview?

J. TEMPLETON Yes.

N. DEMYEN The interview was before this Dr. PULOS and...

J. TEMPLETON Have you ever seen or did you ever wish to see the results of your hypnotic session with Dr. PULOS?

N. DEMYEN I've seen the video tape.

J. TEMPLETON And what did you think of that?

N. DEMYEN It was disturbing a little bit, at one point. Yeah.

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- J. TEMPLETON Anything else?
- N. DEMYEN No.
- J. TEMPLETON You were also, I understand, hypnotized by Dr. ORNE, from Philadelphia?
- N. DEMYEN Yeah.
- J. TEMPLETON Can you tell us about that?
- N. DEMYEN It's hard to explain.
- J. TEMPLETON First of all, did you like that doctor?
- N. DEMYEN He was a nice man. Yeah. Yeah, he wasn't, too me Dr. PULOS was like, he wanted to be a star. You know, I mean he's going to get to the bottom of things and he's going to be a celebrity. Right and this other doctor was just a nice man. He was just going to what they asked him to do and, you know, if something came out of it, fine. If, nothing did, fine.
- J. TEMPLETON Do you feel that you were hypnotized at that time?
- N. DEMYEN I... I don't believe in hypnotism, O.K. Something happened with him. The time span was just too much. Do you know what I mean, that I was after the whole session was over, I went oh, O.K., we've been here for what 15 minutes, half an hour, and it turned out like it was two hours or it was like a long, a fair amount of time and I'm going, excuse me.
- J. DYCK ...go back to compared to the session with Dr. PULOS, the session with Dr. ORNE was different significantly different?
- N. DEMYEN Yes, very much so.
- J. TEMPLETON Do you feel that things you would have told Dr. ORNE would have been more that was brought out from your memory. Is that what you're saying?
- N. DEMYEN I would say so, yeah. If I was to say, if you took the two situations and said out of the two, where do you feel... do you feel you were hypnotized at one and I would say yes. I would say it was Dr. ORNE. Cause there's something there that I can't explain. The time span was just...
- J. TEMPLETON You mentioned that you were aware, or you have seen the results of your hypnotic session, or your meeting with Dr. PULOS. And there was certain

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things that you talked about there when you were with the doctor. Those thoughts... are those thoughts that you have at different times. You referred to, I believe, to different people that you at different times experience flash backs.

- N. DEMYEN O.K.
- J. TEMPLETON Is that what you were experiencing when you were with Dr. PULOS?
- N. DEMYEN Yes.
- J. TEMPLETON And what causes...
- N. DEMYEN There's a memory there. O.K. There's something there that ... I don't know. I can't explain it.
- J. TEMPLETON We'll just leave that for now. We'll move along fairly quickly. We're almost done, Nichol. In 1992 you attended the Supreme Court hearings in Ottawa, and, of course, you recall that?
- N. DEMYEN Right.
- J. TEMPLETON When you were there and you did, in fact, give evidence. Is that not right?
- N. DEMYEN Right.
- J. TEMPLETON Your thoughts, as you attended the Supreme Court of Canada concerning this application by Mr. MILGAARD. What were your thoughts?
- N. DEMYEN What were my thoughts about the whole thing?
- J. TEMPLETON Yes.
- N. DEMYEN My thought was, it's been 23 years and, I guess he should be out. Those were my thoughts. Nothing more than that. I was to the point. O.K. I've done all I can, this is the way it is guys and you do with what you want. You know, this is your information now, and you decide. You know...
- J. TEMPLETON I'm going to ask you a bit of a personal question. What were your thoughts as you gave evidence and looked across and saw Mr. MILGAARD sitting there?
- N. DEMYEN Nothing in particular. No, I just, O.K. we're in a courtroom, you know what I mean. More relaxed than we would be, how can I say? They tried to make me... O.K. this isn't a court room, this is a hearing. O.K., to me there's a difference. The atmosphere is more relaxed and more, you know..

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- J. TEMPLETON Did you have occasion to talk to Mr. MILGAARD when you were in Ottawa at those hearings?
- N. DEMYEN No.
- J. TEMPLETON Did you have occasion to talk to Mr. WILSON or Mr. CADRAIN?
- N. DEMYEN No.
- J. TEMPLETON Before, during or after the Supreme Court?
- N. DEMYEN No.
- J. TEMPLETON Did any of these people, including Mr. MILGAARD, make any attempt to get in contact with you?
- N. DEMYEN No. Nobody... when I was in Ottawa for the Supreme Court hearing there, I was in a room under somebody else's name, which I wanted. I didn't want my face flashed all over the media. I... sorry. I did my utmost to get away from that.
- J. TEMPLETON Were you represented by counsel at the Supreme Court?
- N. DEMYEN No.
- J. TEMPLETON Did you talk to any lawyers prior to attending?
- N. DEMYEN I phoned Larry LESLIE because he had, when I was... one conversation I was having with Eugene WILLIAMS, he had asked about contact and I had said I knew about this letter, so I had phoned up Larry and said, Larry do you still have this letter. And said Nichol, God that file is so old, I don't know if I can find it. Or if he had kept it, or not and I think he phoned me back and said that he... I don't know, I can't remember if he had or if he hadn't. It just wasn't...
- J. TEMPLETON Did he offer you any advice about....
- N. DEMYEN Oh yes, he did have it.
- J. TEMPLETON He had the letter?
- N. DEMYEN How did this go? Yes, he had something that was couriered from his office to my house and when I received it I didn't open it cause I didn't want to read it. And I took it, unopened, to Eugene WILLIAMS and gave it to him.

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- J. TEMPLETON At any time, going right back to 1969, and also with subsequent to that, to interviews with Mr. WILLIAMS and the Supreme Court testimony, were you ever, at any time, coached, or influenced, or told what to say concerning this matter?
- N. DEMYEN No., Not at all.
- J. TEMPLETON Would I be fair to say that any evidence, any statements you made, you made of your own free will?
- N. DEMYEN Yes, I did.
- J. TEMPLETON At any time, did you meet and plan with Ron WILSON to, well we'll use the words "give David MILGAARD to the police" because it appeared that they wanted him for this murder?
- N. DEMYEN No.
- J. TEMPLETON You're laughing and you're shaking your head no.
- N. DEMYEN Cause I've heard that before. I've heard that statement before.
- J. TEMPLETON And how would you describe that statement?
- N. DEMYEN I can't see us doing that. I mean, that's a big thing, that's murder, that's not like stealing. I mean stealing, you slap the guy on the hand and, you know what I mean, that ... no. That doesn't compute. That doesn't make sense.
- J. TEMPLETON So that never happened?
- N. DEMYEN No.
- J. TEMPLETON During the time of being 16 and a half years old, being involved with the Regina City Police, members of the RCMP, Saskatoon City Police, you had numerous interviews with these people. Were you scared during your contact with the police?
- N. DEMYEN I don't think so. I was, maybe apprehensive and more, O.K. what do you guys... what do you want here... what are you talking about, like I listen before I speak.

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- J. TEMPLETON Would you have been scared into giving them a story?
- N. DEMYEN No I don't think so. No.
- J. TEMPLETON We talked very briefly about flashbacks. You've indicated at different times that you've experienced flashbacks.
- N. DEMYEN Yes.
- J. TEMPLETON And you also indicated, I believe to Cst. DYCK that when you're under a lot of stress, you experience a flashback. Could you tell us what this flashback is? What it's like? What you see?
- N. DEMYEN I've told this so many times. Do I have to go over this again? It's recorded.
- J. TEMPLETON I understand that you discussed it with Mr. WILLIAMS. I have access to that....
- N. DEMYEN Also in the Supreme Court.
- J. TEMPLETON Yes. Would you rather not discuss that?
- N. DEMYEN I'd rather not go over it again. Please. It's all down there.
- J. TEMPLETON Again, certainly not to upset you, but you mentioned a while ago, during our talk here, that there was, we were discussing Mr. MILGAARD, and you said there was something not nice that you didn't want to talk about.
- N. DEMYEN I still won't talk about it. Sorry. It's personally to do with me. O.K. I just ... no.
- J. DYCK Are there any other issues, or any incidents relating to this investigation, you feel we should know that hasn't been spoken about before?
- N. DEMYEN No. I don't think so. Other than, you know, we discussed before, different people contacting me and they're writing books, they're writing articles. They want to do this. They want to do that. It's like, go away.
- J. DYCK Is there anything that has not been mentioned before, relating to this investigation you do not wish to discuss, apart that?
- N. DEMYEN No. I have told someone about this. This is on record somewhere, O.K. I just...

J. DYCK Apart from that?

N. DEMYEN No.

J. TEMPLETON We appreciate that, Nichol, and we are aware that it has been recorded and we'll honour your request here. A couple of just small things. Did you ever, at any time, once you were in Saskatoon and points after. Did you ever observe any blood on David MILGAARD's clothing?

N. DEMYEN I don't remember.

J. TEMPLETON Did you ever, at any time, that you think back, or you flash back and I'm going to ask you about that just very briefly. Do you ever remember a girl being in the car when you're stuck in the back lane?

N. DEMYEN I don't think so. No.

J. TEMPLETON O.K. I don't mean to pry into your private thoughts, you didn't want to discuss the flashbacks. Can you, without getting into it in any depth, does that statement mean anything to you? A girl in the car? A girl in WILSON's car when you're stuck in the back lane?

N. DEMYEN This is disturbing to me.

J. TEMPLETON In what respect Nichol?

N. DEMYEN I don't know. Just... There's been a thought, the odd time where I felt there was another female in the car. I don't want to ...

J. TEMPLETON We don't want to upset you. It's something that hasn't been discussed before with anybody else, and those are your own thoughts, but it may very well be important in getting to the bottom of this whole incident, as we discussed at the start. You know, we'd like to go through it and we'll get all the answers and put it to rest as best we can. So I've asked that question, now and you've had thought..

N. DEMYEN No one's, yeah and no one's ever asked me that before. That I remember.

J. TEMPLETON Do you remember? Or you've had that thought?

N. DEMYEN I just have a feeling, once in awhile that somebody else was there at one point. I don't know... O.K. just..

J. TEMPLETON Now I hope I haven't...

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N. DEMYEN This hasn't been after I've talked to anybody or anything. Just, every once in a while I mull things over in my mind. I try not to. There's just... I don't know.

J. DYCK Have you found since all this has been happening over the years that you have recalled certain things that weren't asked of you before?

N. DEMYEN Not really, no. Not other than this one thing. No.

J. DYCK I'm just going to show you this diagram again, Nichol, and if you just want to take a look at it. Is there anything you could add to that?

N. DEMYEN I don't think so. Other than there was, I think there was a light just right over here somewhere.

J. TEMPLETON Nichol, I'm going to give you a pen here and just draw that in. And also, after you do that, if I could just get you to sign your name at the bottom and indicate that's, in fact, a drawing that you gave us today. We have your signature on tape, now... you were on top of the microphone. I'm just going to stop the tape for a minute so I can review my notes before we conclude here because I believe we're just about done. Tape off at 4:05 p.m.

Tape is back on. The time is 4:09 p.m. After reviewing the notes, Nichol, I believe that we've covered everything we wanted to talk to you about and we appreciate your cooperation here today. I have just one more question. And of a personal nature. And what are your feelings, your deep feelings over the years about the death of Gail MILLER?

N. DEMYEN I feel sad. I feel bad for her parents. She was young. It was unnecessary, you know. There's just too much of that going on.

J. TEMPLETON Is there anything else that you'd like to add. Any statement that you'd like to make at this time to conclude this interview today?

N. DEMYEN Not really.

J. TEMPLETON I appreciate your cooperation and your frankness. I have no further questions, John do you have any questions for Nichol?

J. DYCK No I don't.

J. TEMPLETON We'll terminate this interview. The time is 4:10 p.m. May 17, 1993, Kelowna B.C. Thank you very much Nichol.

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