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1 **Henstridge:** The time now is 20:02 hours. The date is the 5th of April, 2015. My name
2 is Corporal Monty Henstridge with the RCMP Major Crime Unit and I'm at
3 the residence of Debbie Dunphy in Mount Carmel. Also in attendance is
4 Corporal Steven Burke with the RCMP Major Crime Unit. Ms. Dunphy, if
5 you could start from the beginning in terms of today and tell me what
6 happened to the best of your knowledge. ...(cell phone ringing) ...Give me
7 one second there now. Sorry about that. What can you tell me about
8 what happened today?

9 **Dunphy:** Well what I can tell you about what happened today was I know that after
10 dinner this Sergeant knocked on the door. He identified himself and told
11 me he wanted to talk to me. He was wondering where my neighbor next
12 door was. And – and like I – like I told him, we didn't know where he was
13 but we thought he might at his daughter's and I did – I – I – I did say to
14 him, you know, like what's wrong, is he dead or anything. And he said,
15 no, he said, I'm – I'm, you know, investigating. He said like I'm
16 investigating letters, a threat, against the government is what he said.
17 And asked, you know, which - and so I just – I guess I told him where –
18 where – where his, ah, his daughter lived and he might be there for dinner.
19 And I don't know, like we did talk a little bit. I – I don't remember all, you
20 know, what the conversation was but, ah, we did talk a little bit about Don
21 about like his – the cats and his house and – and how – oh yes, I know,
22 we're – we're – what lead to that. I told him that I wasn't – that we didn't
23 along so like there was no communication between us. We hadn't been,
24 ah, ah, communicating like over the past years because, ah, well I guess
25 there was things that he had done to me, things, you know, that – that had

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1 happened. And I know – I – we ended up in court and he was bonded to
2 the peace for – I can't even remember how many months now, but for
3 things that, you know, he wasn't supposed to be coming on our property
4 because he had been coming on our property and doing different things.
5 Like he was burning up my trees in my garden and, you know like, he was
6 always doing things to aggravate us. And even when he was, you know,
7 bonded to the peace he still – he still came on our property in the night
8 and he continued to aggravate. But I – we just tried to live with it..

9 **Henstridge:** Uhm.

10 **Dunphy:** ... but it – it – it just wasn't a very – how would I say – I didn't feel very
11 secure.

12 **Henstridge:** Uhm...uhm.

13 **Dunphy:** Because, you know, like he was – he would shout at me in – in my garden
14 and things like that. And I'm – well a controversy arose over the piece of
15 land in front of our house.

16 **Henstridge:** Uhm...uhm.

17 **Dunphy:** And he put all his old junkie cars out there. He wouldn't – we owned the
18 land but somehow there was a – a misinterpretation and his father had a
19 lawyer give him the land when he died and it took in that piece of land and
20 he put all his old car wrecks in front of our house which, you know, and
21 they stayed there until the – the Council made – made him remove 'em.
22 But I mean, it was – it was a sore point for me.

23 **Henstridge:** Uhm...uhm.

24 **Dunphy:** You know. Ah, anyway so we never, you know, we just didn't get along.
25 And so I didn't have anything to do with him but I ignored him. But I never
26 really felt very secure because whenever I planted anything he'd put
27 something on it. Fruit trees and so on, right.

1 **Henstridge:** Okay.

2 **Dunphy:** He would put some – all I had to do was go out and smell whatever he put
3 in the ground. I don't know. And we would go for a drive every – cause
4 we got an autistic boy, every night he wants to drive somewhere.
5 ...(phone ringing) ... And every night there'd be this smell of this stuff
6 when we come back. And I – he just ...(phone ringing) ... come in house.
7 So we just tried to ignore it. And like I wasn't noticing it lately somehow or
8 other. But like he, ah, ..

9 **Henstridge:** Uhm...uhm.

10 **Dunphy:** ... you know like, I never felt safe here. Like I ...

11 **Henstridge:** So – so ...

12 **Dunphy:** ... I really didn't. I'd have to close my curtain. Like if I was here alone and
13 I'd lock my door. Cause one night there was somebody out by my
14 bedroom window ...

15 **Henstridge:** Uhm.

16 **Dunphy:** ... and but we never, you know, like I went to look out through my window,
17 cause my – I was after having kind of an argument with my daughter. She
18 was out and I said I wish she'd hurry up and come back, you know, back
19 in. It was late. And I went to look out through the bedroom window and
20 the cat was coming up to the tree, by the tree, and – and she was bawling
21 like. I said, gosh sure that sounds like there's somebody there. And the
22 next thing somebody started throwing rocks at the cat. So just a few feet
23 from my window there was somebody. Now like I – I assumed it was him
24 because we had seen him at times, you know, on our property in the
25 nighttime. So, ah, I – I never felt very secure.

26 **Henstridge:** So you told the Officer all of this?

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1 **Dunphy:** Ah, well we were talking about stuff like that today. And like he was
2 asking like did he have a gun. And well like we said well we didn't know if
3 he had a gun or not but we, you know, like I don't know. Ah, see he – I
4 know he was really su – he had such a short fuse. Like I don't know. We
5 were saying, my god, he's gonna go off his head. Yeah, I know now
6 there's gonna be some words come out of him. We just knew he was
7 goin' to lose it. But you know, I – I – I never figured it was going to be, you
8 know, like that.

9 **Henstridge:** And this has been going on for how long?

10 **Dunphy:** What do you mean this with him?

11 **Henstridge:** Yeah.

12 **Dunphy:** Well that happened – I – I don't know now. I can't remember when mister
13 died. But like he did so silly things. Like I know one day he came over
14 and he stuck a post down on my lawn. And like I would try to ignore him
15 as, you know, cause – and he put a post down there and he big orange
16 glove on it and put up the middle finger.

17 **Henstridge:** Uhm.

18 **Dunphy:** You know, that – sick.

19 **Henstridge:** So do you have any idea why it was ye? It sounds to me from you're
20 saying that he sort of targeted you as being the ...

21 **Dunphy:** Well he targeted me. I think – I don't know. It all went back to, I think, he
22 was always little, you know, like aggravated his parents and everything.
23 But I think after – after his father died – after his father died I know that,
24 ah, ...*(background noise)* ... - Ralpie come on now – after his father died
25 I remember one day my friend and I we brought home soil and I was
26 putting it out in the front, and – out here on that piece of land. And he – he
27 was hauling stuff over and putting it out there. I said what are you doing?

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1 He said this is mine now. And I – I – you know, and but he – and I said
2 well how can it be yours. He said, oh it's mine. And – and it was because
3 it was put in the will. ...*(background noise)* ... Ralphie, please go upstairs.
4 Anyway I don't know. Like it was a whole lot of stuff ...

5 **Henstridge:** Uhm...uhm.

6 **Dunphy:** ... like that.

7 **Henstridge:** Uhm...uhm. Ah, gettin' back to today now, ah, would it be – would be
8 better – would it be easier if you came out and spoke to us in the car or
9 how do you?

10 **Dunphy:** His – we'll just ignore him.

11 **Henstridge:** Okay.

12 **Dunphy:** I think.

13 **Henstridge:** Alright.

14 **Dunphy:** ...*(background noise)* ... He's alright Dick, just leave him alone. Yeah.

15 **Henstridge:** So with regard to today.

16 **Dunphy:** With regard to today well, you know ...

17 **Henstridge:** So the officer was here before.

18 **Dunphy:** The officer was here and we told him where Meghan lived and, you know,
19 we knew he was ...*(background noise)* ...going in investigating but we –
20 we – knowing that – knowing that he – he was so, you know, have such a
21 temper and stuff, we said oh my gosh I know now it'll be – there's gonna
22 be a confrontation. But we didn't know that it would be ...shhhh,
23 ...*(unintel)*... it would be violence, you know.

24 **Henstridge:** Uhm.

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1 **Dunphy:** So anyway that was it. That was really all – we went down the road and
2 we saw the van there with the lights and I said, my gosh. Then my
3 daughter called and said what's happening. She said I heard it on the
4 radio and that was what it was.

5 **Henstridge:** So you – after the Officer left – what – what time was the Officer here? Do
6 you remember?

7 **Dunphy:** I don't know cause I was cleaning the dishes. I think it might have been
8 ...*(background noise)* ... I think it might have been after two. Shhhh.
9 Maybe – maybe I should – I don't know. Cause is that gonna interfere
10 with your recording.

11 **Henstridge:** I don't think so. I think we'll be okay for now.

12 **Dunphy:** Okay.

13 **Henstridge:** Ah, so once he left did – you didn't know anything about anything that
14 happened in the house until your daughter phoned.

15 **Dunphy:** I have – we got no idea of what happened in the house. Nothing.

16 **Henstridge:** You didn't hear anything. You didn't ...

17 **Dunphy:** No ...

18 **Henstridge:** ... hear any shots.

19 **Dunphy:** ... because I had my dryer on ...

20 **Henstridge:** Okay.

21 **Dunphy:** ... and the dryer was squeaking. Cause we didn't even know that he was
22 home or anything ...

23 **Henstridge:** Okay.

1 **Dunphy:** ... you know. No, we – we didn't hear anything. We didn't know anything
2 after that. We just – we just figured well the Officer left that was all.

3 **Henstridge:** Okay. Steve.

4 **Dunphy:** Am I allowed to ask you a question?

5 **Henstridge:** Sure.

6 **Dunphy:** Did he have a gun?

7 **Henstridge:** You can ask us any questions. It's just we can't answer 'em all. We have
8 to make sure that we kind of maintain the integrity of the investigation
9 until...

10 **Dunphy:** Okay.

11 **Henstridge:** ... until the end.

12 **Dunphy:** Yeah.

13 **Henstridge:** Okay.

14 **Dunphy:** Yeah.

15 **Henstridge:** Ah ...

16 **Dunphy:** But you know like I always felt uneasy about him. I just ...

17 **Henstridge:** Before we started you said you felt bad for the Officer. What is it – why is
18 it you feel bad for the Officer?

19 **Dunphy:** Because I feel bad for the Officer because I feel that – I'm assuming that
20 he shot Don. I don't know if he shot himself or – or the Officer shot him.
21 But if he shot him I just feel that, you know, like oh my god, even if it was
22 in self defense I still wouldn't want to be after shooting somebody or ...

23 **Henstridge:** Okay.

1 **Dunphy:** ... causing their death. You know, that's all.

2 **Henstridge:** So you really don't know what happened ...(unintel) ...

3 **Dunphy:** No, really – I really have no idea what happened anymore than – than he
4 told us he was – he was investigating threats that were made in letters.

5 **Henstridge:** Okay.

6 **Henstridge:** But I – I can also tell you this that one time he wrote a letter. Now one
7 time – it was something – he got me to write a letter for him to – I – you
8 know, and I can't even – it's a long while ago, we were on good terms and
9 that then there was none of this. He got me to type up a letter on my
10 computer. But I didn't like the way – the way it was worded ...

11 **Henstridge:** Uhm.

12 **Dunphy:** ... what he had on it. And I don't even know but it was something that he
13 was looking for now. I don't know it was – what – what it was about now.
14 But anyway I removed the threat. I told him I wasn't going to do it.

15 **Henstridge:** Uhm.

16 **Dunphy:** I said I'm not gonna do that because, you know, that is a threat and you
17 can't do that.

18 **Henstridge:** Uhm...uhm.

19 **Dunphy:** And I said and I'm not going to have it on my computer to type it from you.
20 So it was removed from his letter so ...

21 **Henstridge:** How long ago was that?

22 **Dunphy:** Oh that's years ago now. A long while. I can't even remember – I can't
23 even remember now what it was about. But you know, it's ...(unintel) ... I
24 wouldn't have done it at all, you know.

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1 **Henstridge:** Steve, do you have anything else? If we do have more questions later,
2 cause sometimes as the investigation progresses we have other things
3 that

4 **Dunphy:** ...(sighs) ...

5 **Henstridge:** ... would you be okay with speaking to us again.

6 **Dunphy:** I – I can – that’s all – you can come to me. Like I – I said, I can only, you
7 know, I can only tell you how I feel and – and how it was for me living
8 here...

9 **Henstridge:** Yeah.

10 **Dunphy:** ... knowing that he was doing all these things to me.

11 **Henstridge:** Yeah.

12 **Dunphy:** And I felt like I was alone. Because when we went to court that time, and
13 he – he said he was gonna beat the head of me because – I’ll tell you now
14 why this happened. His daughter – I got his daughter is – you know like,
15 Meghan was here and I said, Meghan, I said we really need to talk about
16 your Dad. I said, I – I feel that your Dad really needs some counselling, I
17 think he should be seeing a physiatrist. Now I mean I – I have felt that he
18 really was mentally ill.

19 **Henstridge:** Uhm...uhm.

20 **Dunphy:** And I – when I said that to Meghan she started to cry. She said well he’s
21 my Dad. I said I know honey but I think – I really think that, you know, that
22 he needs help for the things that’s doing is not, you know, like is not
23 normal.

24 **Henstridge:** Yeah.

25 **Dunphy:** And anyway so she ran over to him. The next thing he came over and of
26 course I got frightened to death when he was coming and he – he – I

1 know what he said. He said like something that my children were outside,
2 he was gonna beat the head of me if I ever said anything like that again.
3 So anyway we did – when – when he started to come over they called the
4 police and they have to be handy because I thought he was gonna come
5 after me and I was really scared of him.

6 **Henstridge:** So that's what precipitated the peace bond. Is that right/

7 **Dunphy:** That's what precipitated – so it ended up in court. Now even though, you
8 know, like the didn't deal with any of this stuff that was happening like
9 garden and so on but a whole lot of stuff came out of it. He had this big
10 case built up against me. You wouldn't believe it. Like he had a video
11 made and all this came out in court. I – I was the one was persecuted. I
12 don't know if you call it persecuted or prosecuted or whatever. But one
13 day he came down and he put a whole pile of junk down our – down the
14 road in front of our house, on the side of the road. Tires, and I don't know
15 what else put there or where he got and when my husband came home
16 from work, ah, he just stopped and he just flung every bit of it out in the
17 pond. And when we got in court that was all videotaped and put up there.
18 And like, you know, the judge said, ah, is that what happened. I said, yes,
19 your honor, it was what happened but I said he put all this stuff there. I
20 said when my husband came home he was mad. I said he just took it and
21 flung it out in the pond, that's all you know.

22 **Henstridge:** Uhm.

23 **Dunphy:** But he – he set it up.

24 **Henstridge:** Uhm.

25 **Dunphy:** And – and videotaped it and then brought it court and said look that's what
26 – look at what they did.

27 **Henstridge:** Uhm...uhm.

1 **Dunphy:** You know. So the judge stopped there. He said this is enough. He said
2 you did that. He said you did that. Well – so anyway he – he said, okay.
3 ...(background noise) ... well – he asked if I would settle for a peace bond
4 because he said well, you know, it's gonna be hard to prove that he said
5 he was gonna beat the head of you but.

6 **Henstridge:** Yeah.

7 **Dunphy:** Anyway that's – that happened.

8 **Henstridge:** Okay. Alright.

9 **Dunphy:** I hate that stuff.

10 **Henstridge:** I appreciate you talking to us. And I know this, you know, has to be
11 difficult for a family anyway. There's a lot of stuff coming back ...

12 **Dunphy:** Yeah, it is difficult. It's not a very nice thing. You know like, I mean, I – in
13 my own family I have six brothers and three – and two – two sisters and I
14 mean we – we get along really well. But I mean, there is just four sons –
15 four of those boys and – and, ah, and he never got on with – got along
16 with either – he turned 'em all out. There wasn't one of them and that was
17 sad. He had no friends. There wasn't – there was one guy, I think, use to
18 come there a scatter time, Colin Dinn. That's all use to come there. And I
19 mean, you know, it – and that – when you see things like that you have to
20 say there's something not right.

21 **Henstridge:** Yeah.

22 **Dunphy:** When nobody goes there.

23 **Henstridge:** Okay.

24 **Dunphy:** You know. And – I don't know. I don't know. I – like sometimes I use to
25 think well maybe the brother should have done something, you know. You
26 know, gone try to talk to him or get more help for him or something. But...

- 1 **Henstridge:** Uhm.
- 2 **Dunphy:** ...I don't know.
- 3 **Henstridge:** Okay.
- 4 **Dunphy:** Well – but like I felt like I – I wouldn't go handy to him because I was afraid
5 of him. You know, like I often wished I could do something. You know,
6 like I mean, cause that's not normal. It's not normal to live a life where
7 you're – you're by yourself all the time and.
- 8 **Henstridge:** Uhm...uhm. So did his daughter come by very often?
- 9 **Dunphy:** Ah, his daughter – his daughter, no, didn't come by that often, no.
- 10 **Henstridge:** Okay.
- 11 **Dunphy:** Now she was – he was at her house the day for dinner but I think he was
12 too difficult to – for her to, you know ...
- 13 **Henstridge:** Did you say he was at her house for dinner today?
- 14 **Dunphy:** He was at her house for dinner today so somebody told me ...
- 15 **Henstridge:** Okay.
- 16 **Dunphy:** That he was at her house, that he had left her house around two o'clock
17 and was coming home.
- 18 **Henstridge:** Alright.
- 19 **Dunphy:** So.
- 20 **Henstridge:** Alright, well I don't have any more questions, ma'am. Do you have
21 anything else that you'd like to share at this – at this time?
- 22 **Dunphy:** That's – that's all.

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1 **Henstridge:** Okay.

2 **Dunphy:** That's all. It's just terrible.

3 **Henstridge:** Okay, the time now is twenty minutes after eight o'clock and I'm gonna
4 conclude the statement here.

5 **Dunphy:** And you know that's she had. Like I – I – I'm – my sadness is not really
6 for him now because he's dead and it probably was a bit for him before he
7 died because I did feel sad for him even though I was afraid of him.

8 **Henstridge:** Uhm... uhm.

9 **Dunphy:** I still felt sad that he was like that. And for Meghan, like he – his – his wife
10 died when – when the little – when she was only a couple of years old.
11 And you know like, I feel sad for her because that's all she had.

12 **Henstridge:** Uhm.

13 **Dunphy:** And I mean he wasn't – I don't know he just wasn't a really rational
14 person.

15 **Henstridge:** Okay.

16 **Dunphy:** You know. I don't know.

17 **Henstridge:** Alright, I'm gonna conclude the statement here.

18 **Dunphy:** Oh my.

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