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IN THE PROVINCIAL COURT OF BRITISH COLUMBIA

(BEFORE THE HONOURABLE JUDGE STONE)

Port Coquitlam, B.C.
June 30, 2003

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v.

ROBERT PICKTON

PROCEEDINGS AT PRELIMINARY INQUIRY
(EXCERPT - CROSS-EXAMINATION OF JANICE EDWARDS)

BAN ON PUBLICATION s. 539(1)(b) CCC

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4 (EXCERPT FROM PROCEEDINGS)
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6 MR. PETRIE: Page Janice Edwards, please.

7 THE COURT: Take the stand please, Ms. Edwards.

8 THE CLERK: Please take the witness stand. Remain
9 standing. Take the Bible in your right hand,
10 please.
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12 JANICE LYNN EDWARDS, a witness
13 called by the Crown, sworn.
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15 THE CLERK: Please state your full name and spell your
16 last name for the record.

17 THE WITNESS: Janice Lynn Edwards. E-D-W-A-R-D-S.

18 THE COURT: Have a seat, please.
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20 CROSS-EXAMINATION BY MR. PETERS:
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22 Q Good morning, or -- yes, still morning. How old
23 are you, ma'am?

24 A How old am I?

25 Q Yes.

26 A 38.

27 Q You're...?

28 A 38.

29 Q 38? Please keep your voice up, and I'll try to do
30 the same. Okay?

31 A Okay.

32 Q What's your date of birth?

33 A November 26th, 1964.

34 Q Okay. And in what area do you live?

35 A Abbotsford.

36 Q Where do you work?

37 A Where do I work?

38 Q Mm-hmm.

39 A I'm working for myself right now.

40 Q Okay. Where were you working in 2000 to 2001?

41 A For MSA Society.

42 Q And what -- what does that organization do?

43 A We worked with mentally and physically challenged
44 people.

45 Q Mm-hmm. And did you have a particular specialty
46 of the type of person that you worked with?

47 A No, I worked in a group home, so I worked with

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1 different individuals. I also did one-on-one care
2 sometimes too.
3 Q Okay. When did you stop working for -- is it MSA?
4 A Yeah.
5 Q When did you stop working for them?
6 A I quit last year in September.
7 Q Okay. Now, I understand that you were a friend of
8 Diane Rock's.
9 A Yes, I was.
10 Q Okay. And that this is a friendship in which she
11 would call you on a routine basis.
12 A Towards the end, yeah.
13 Q Yeah. When did you first get to know her?
14 A I met Diane when my son was probably about six
15 months old.
16 Q Okay. What year would that have been?
17 A '95, probably. I think it was 1995, I believe.
18 Q And when you say "towards the end", what year was
19 that?
20 A Towards the -- oh, it would be 2001.
21 Q Okay.
22 A Up until that, we were pretty close.
23 Q Mm-hmm. In 2001 I understand that Diane was
24 someone who took drugs.
25 A Yes, she was.
26 Q Yeah. And in 2001, was she taking -- was she
27 quite heavily into drugs?
28 A Yeah, over that summer it got pretty bad.
29 Q Particularly towards the end of the summer?
30 A Probably started in the beginning and then it got
31 much worse.
32 Q Okay. When was the last time you heard from her?
33 A The very last time I spoke to her was on the phone
34 and that would have been in October of 2001.
35 Q Can you tell us any more precisely when in October
36 that was?
37 A October the 13th.
38 Q And why can you -- why does that date stand out in
39 your mind?
40 A I'm pretty sure it was 13th. We were -- she had
41 called just before I was going over to arrange a
42 birthday party for her son.
43 Q Now, I understand that Diane Rock's addiction to
44 drugs became more extreme when she started living
45 with Vince McMurchy; is that correct?
46 A Oh, yes.
47 Q Okay. Why is that?

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- 1 A I'm not too sure exactly why. Vince basically is
2 the one that got Diane re-introduced into drugs
3 before they started living together.
- 4 Q When you say Vince got her re-introduced into
5 drugs, what do you mean by that?
- 6 A Diane used to have an addiction problem years ago.
- 7 Q Mm-hmm. And what happened when she got to know
8 Mr. McMurchy with regards to drugs?
- 9 A I guess they were at a party and he told her it
10 was okay to do a little bit. So I'm not exactly
11 sure what they did at the party, but I remember
12 her phoning me and said, "You know, I did drugs."
- 13 Q Okay.
- 14 A And we talked about it.
- 15 Q When was that when you had that discussion?
- 16 A Probably in 2000, just around the time -- or just
17 after my daughter was born. So probably in the
18 summer of 2000.
- 19 Q Now, Mr. McMurchy, is that someone that you came
20 to know?
- 21 A Not closely. I met him a couple times. I talked
22 with him several times on the phone --
- 23 Q Okay.
- 24 A -- in regards to Diane.
- 25 Q In terms of you --
- 26 A He was at my house once.
- 27 Q In terms of your experience with Mr. McMurchy, did
28 he have any involvement with drugs himself, that
29 you know of?
- 30 A Yeah, as -- as far as I know, he -- Diane told me
31 that he sold drugs.
- 32 Q Okay. Now, what type of drugs did Diane take?
- 33 A Crack.
- 34 Q Did she take heroin as well?
- 35 A Not as far as I know.
- 36 Q Now, Diane supported herself or supported her
37 addiction working as a sex trade worker; is that
38 correct?
- 39 A Yes, towards the end she did.
- 40 Q When you say "towards the end", you're referring
41 to --
- 42 A The last few months.
- 43 Q You're referring to the time period of what? What
44 time period --
- 45 A I would say from July until she went missing.
- 46 Q Okay. Was she working at that time at MSW (sic)?
- 47 A No.

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1 Q Did she ever work at MSW (sic)?
2 A At MSA Society?
3 Q MSA, yes.
4 A Yes, she did.
5 Q Okay. Was -- in -- during the time that she was
6 taking drugs in the summer of 2001, was she
7 working at MSA then?
8 A No. She was on a leave.
9 Q Was there any reason for that?
10 A Yeah, she -- she was finding it hard to work and
11 maintain a level of sobriety at work. Diane
12 didn't want to hurt anyone, so she took a leave of
13 absence.
14 Q How often would you see her in that summer? How
15 -- actually physically see her.
16 A Physically saw her in 2001? The summer months,
17 probably three times, and then once again around
18 August, September.
19 Q And when you saw her in the summer months and then
20 into the fall, I gather her condition was
21 deteriorating because of drugs.
22 A Yes.
23 Q Yeah. Did you also meet people whom she
24 associated with in the drug trade?
25 A No.
26 Q Okay. Did you ever have occasion to see Diane
27 Rock and Mr. McMurchy together?
28 A Yes.
29 Q How would you describe their relationship?
30 A She was afraid of him.
31 Q Why is that?
32 A He was very controlling. I really don't have
33 anything good to say about Vince. He -- he didn't
34 like me. When I would phone, he would discourage
35 me from calling her. He played a lot of mind
36 games with her. When she got together with Vince
37 and actually moved in with him, her access to her
38 friends was limited.
39 Q Okay.
40 A He was very abusive with her.
41 Q Was he -- when you say "abusive", was he
42 physically abusive?
43 A Yes.
44 Q Okay. Was he also verbally abusive?
45 A Yes.
46 Q Did he threaten her?
47 A Yes.

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1 Q Did he assault her?
2 A Yes.
3 Q Did he do so in your presence?
4 A No, not in my presence. He was --
5 Q How do you know?
6 A He was verbally abusive. Because Diane would call
7 me and tell me.
8 Q Okay. Did you ever see the effects of any
9 physical assaults?
10 A Yes.
11 Q What kind -- what kind of effects did you see?
12 A She'd be bruised. You know, she'd have bruises on
13 her arms and -- and stuff. A couple times she
14 left him and went to stay at a halfway house or a
15 women's shelter.
16 Q Did you ever hear Mr. McMurchy threaten Diane
17 Rock?
18 A Hear him? No, I heard him yell at her a few times
19 in the background, but I couldn't necessarily hear
20 what he was saying.
21 Q Okay. Did you ever hear him threaten to kill
22 Diane Rock and dump her --
23 A Yes.
24 Q -- body in a ditch in Ladner?
25 A He told me that -- he told me that -- one time
26 when he picked her up, that she would be better
27 off dead.
28 Q What exactly did he say?
29 A That -- that he -- that -- it was one time when --
30 when she had disappeared and he had had the boys,
31 and he was -- he was threatening all kinds of
32 things: to drop the boys off at Social Services
33 and stuff. But he said that he should just put
34 her in a body bag and -- and dump her body
35 somewhere; that she would be better off dead. And
36 Diane had told me before that he had threatened to
37 put her in a body bag and dump her body in Ladner
38 somewhere.
39 Q Okay.
40 A And that he'd actually driven her out and showed
41 her. I guess scare tactics, whatever. I don't
42 know.
43 Q Showed her where he was going to dump her body?
44 A Yeah.
45 Q Did he ever tell you that if he couldn't have her,
46 nobody else would?
47 A Yeah. That was -- one time I phoned him and told

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- 1 him to stop giving her money, because I figured if
2 we could cut off her funding for drugs, then --
3 then that would help. And he said that was his
4 way of controlling her, basically, and that if he
5 couldn't have her, no one else would.
- 6 Q As a result of this conduct, did you ever call the
7 police?
- 8 A No.
- 9 Q Why is that?
- 10 A I don't know.
- 11 Q Did you ever encourage Diane to do so?
- 12 A Yes, many times.
- 13 Q Do you know if she ever did?
- 14 A I'm not sure. I know that she went a couple times
15 to a women's shelter.
- 16 Q In the end of August 2001, how would you describe
17 Diane Rock's relationship with Vince McMurtry
18 (sic) at that -- McMurthy at that point?
- 19 A At that point it pretty much tapered off.
- 20 Q Okay.
- 21 A She hadn't seen him in a while.
- 22 Q And, to the best of your knowledge, who instigated
23 this separation?
- 24 A Separation between Diane and Vince?
- 25 Q Mm-hmm.
- 26 A Diane.
- 27 Q Okay.
- 28 A She was afraid of him.
- 29 Q How did -- if you know, how did Mr. McMurthy react
30 to that?
- 31 A I'm not sure.
- 32 Q Do you believe that Mr. McMurthy may have some
33 role in Diane's disappearance?
- 34 A I -- I'm not sure.
- 35 Q Okay. After Diane moved out of Mr. McMurthy's
36 house, where did she go?
- 37 A I'm not sure.
- 38 Q Do you know what part of the city she was living
39 in?
- 40 A When she went missing, I looked for her in the
41 east end. I know she stayed at the Biltmore Hotel
42 for a while.
- 43 Q Okay. Did you consider that to be a safe
44 environment for her?
- 45 A No.
- 46 Q Why is that?
- 47 A Well, because she was living on the street. She

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1 was away from her friends and family. I begged
2 her to come and stay with me, but she -- she
3 couldn't give up the drugs.
4 Q Okay. And by the fall of 2001, what had happened
5 to Diane Rock's children?
6 A They were living with Lynn.
7 Q Okay. Did she have any access to them at all?
8 A Yeah.
9 Q Okay.
10 A Yeah.
11 Q Could they live with her?
12 A No.
13 Q Why is that?
14 A She wasn't capable of taking care of them.
15 Q How did she react to the -- the fact that her
16 children weren't -- couldn't live with her?
17 A It was very hard on her.
18 Q Okay. Is that something you and she discussed?
19 A Yes.
20 Q Did you ever discuss -- did she ever discuss with
21 you the possibility of suicide?
22 A Diane?
23 Q Yes.
24 A No.
25 Q Now, I understand there were two occasions that
26 you went to Port Coquitlam to pick Diane up; is
27 that correct?
28 A Yes.
29 Q The -- there was one occasion in August of 2001;
30 right?
31 A Mm-hmm.
32 Q And another in May or June of 2000; is that right?
33 A Mm-hmm.
34 MR. PETRIE: Sorry, those are both yes?
35 THE WITNESS: Yes, sorry.
36 MR. PETERS: Thank you.
37 Q Now, was this during the time that Diane was
38 working as a sex trade worker?
39 A 2000 she wasn't prostituting yet, no.
40 Q Okay. So the occasion when you picked her up in
41 the year 2000, that had no connection with her
42 working as a sex trade worker?
43 A No.
44 Q Okay. Now, in terms -- you can't be precise --
45 I'm talking about the year 2000. Do you recall
46 the month? I suggested May or June, but is that
47 correct?

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1 A I think it was around -- probably closer to my
2 daughter's birthday, because I know she was
3 supposed to come to the birthday and she didn't.
4 So it was probably closer to March or April, and I
5 think it was pretty close to my daughter's
6 birthday.
7 Q And you can't be precise as to where you -- you
8 picked Diane up, can you?
9 A Around -- it was -- the first time I don't really
10 remember. The second time I picked her up at a
11 gas station.
12 Q Okay. I'm going to ask you about that, but I'm
13 just dealing with the first time. Okay?
14 A Okay.
15 Q You can't remember where you picked her up?
16 A Not really, no.
17 Q Okay. And she wasn't with anyone when you picked
18 her up, was she --
19 A No, she --
20 Q -- the first time?
21 A No.
22 Q And on this -- this time in the year 2000, when
23 you picked her up she said she'd been to a farm?
24 A Mm-hmm.
25 Q She didn't describe what type of farm --
26 MR. PETRIE: Indicating "yes" again.
27 MR. PETERS: Mr. Petrie is quite correct. It would
28 help us all if you said "yes" or "no" or whatever
29 you want to say.
30 THE WITNESS: I'm sorry.
31 MR. PETERS: Okay?
32 THE WITNESS: I'm sorry.
33 MR. PETERS:
34 Q Diane didn't describe what type of farm she'd been
35 to, did she?
36 A No, sir.
37 Q No. Nor did she say where it was.
38 A No, sir.
39 Q And she didn't mention anything about the Pickton
40 farm in Port Coquitlam, did she?
41 A No, sir.
42 Q When you saw her the first time that you picked
43 her up in Port Coquitlam, she was -- she looked
44 like she'd been roughed up and bruised?
45 A Mm-hmm. Yes, sir.
46 Q Okay. Was that before she started spending time
47 with Mr. McMurchy?

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- 1 A No, they were dating then.
2 Q Okay. Diane didn't describe to you how she'd
3 gotten those bruises, did she?
4 A Not at that time, no.
5 Q No. Nor who she'd been involved with in Port
6 Coquitlam.
7 A No.
8 Q In fact, she didn't provide you with any details
9 at all, did she?
10 A No, just that she'd been out at a -- at a party at
11 a farm.
12 Q And she didn't mention any names?
13 THE COURT: Sorry, I didn't hear the last answer.
14 THE WITNESS: That she had been out at a party on a
15 farm. And no, she didn't mention any names.
16 MR. PETERS:
17 Q And she didn't mention Mr. Pickton, did she?
18 A No, sir.
19 Q Now, the second time you picked Diane up in Port
20 Coquitlam, that was at a gas station; is that
21 right?
22 A Yes, sir.
23 Q But you don't know what type.
24 A Pardon?
25 Q You don't know what type of gas station it was, do
26 you?
27 A I know where the gas station is. I can drive
28 there.
29 Q What type of gas station was it?
30 A I can't remember at the moment.
31 Q Where is it?
32 A It's just on the this side of the bridge. It's
33 right across the street from this little mall. I
34 can drive you there if you want. I know how to
35 get there.
36 Q Well, can you tell us what street it's on?
37 A Lougheed -- it's right on the highway.
38 Q And when you -- you mentioned a bridge. Which
39 bridge was that?
40 A I have no idea what the name of the bridge is.
41 I'm not from out here.
42 Q Okay.
43 A I live in Abbotsford and pretty much stay there.
44 Q Mm-hmm. Can you be any more precise as to where
45 on the Lougheed Highway in Port Coquitlam it was?
46 A No, I can't.
47 Q No. Diane was being dropped off by someone

1 driving a white truck; is that right?
2 A Yes, sir.
3 Q You didn't get the licence number of that truck,
4 did you?
5 A No, sir.
6 Q And you can't tell us what make it was, can you?
7 A No, sir.
8 Q There was someone driving the truck; is that
9 right?
10 A Yes, sir.
11 Q But you don't know who?
12 A No. I was more concerned with Diane. I didn't
13 really pay attention to the vehicle. I didn't
14 think there was a reason to.
15 Q No, you can't describe who was driving at all, can
16 you?
17 A No, sir.
18 Q Now, this -- Diane had arranged to meet you at a
19 particular gas station; is that correct?
20 A Yeah.
21 Q And did it appear to you that this person driving
22 the white truck was -- was dropping her off?
23 A Mm-hmm, yeah.
24 Q So --
25 A I was there already and they came after.
26 Q So this was part of an arrangement that you had
27 made with Diane.
28 A Mm-hmm.
29 Q That --
30 A Yes.
31 Q That this person driving, whoever it was, was
32 obviously participating in.
33 A I guess so. Diane phoned and she was very
34 distraught and asked if I would come and get her.
35 Q Okay. Now, at this time she was working as a sex
36 trade worker?
37 A Yes.
38 Q And she was taking drugs.
39 A Yes.
40 Q Now, you can't describe -- sorry, I've already
41 asked you that. In terms of what Diane told you
42 when she got in the car, I understand that she
43 told you that she'd been to a party with some
44 friends at a barn, she ended up getting locked in
45 a room.
46 A Some -- she got -- excuse me, she got locked in a
47 room where? At a bar?

1 Q No, at a -- in a barn. Or she was at a party at a
2 barn and ended up getting locked in a room
3 somewhere.
4 A She was at a party at a barn? No. She was at a
5 party at a farm and she got locked in a room
6 somewhere, yes.
7 Q Okay. A room with all of the windows blacked out?
8 A She said they were blackened out, yeah. It was
9 very dark.
10 Q She was raped by several guys?
11 A Yes, that's what she told me.
12 Q And held for two or three days?
13 A Yeah, she wasn't sure how long she was there for.
14 Q You can't be sure, in terms of what she told you,
15 whether it was two or three days or two or three
16 hours, can you?
17 A No.
18 Q And in terms of who had participated in this rape,
19 Diane didn't provide you with any names?
20 A No.
21 Q But it had been -- are you okay?
22 A No.
23 Q Do you want to take a break?
24 A Yes.
25 MR. PETERS: Okay. Your Honour, could we take a --
26 THE COURT: Well, just give her some water and compose
27 her, because if we break then we'll have to go
28 through it again and I think it's easier just to
29 -- have a drink of water and just try and compose
30 yourself. Ms. Edwards, have a sip of water. That
31 may help.
32 THE WITNESS: I'm okay.
33 THE COURT: The reason I'm not standing down, Ms.
34 Edwards, is that it's probably easy to -- easier
35 just to continue rather than have you come back
36 and have to go through it again.
37 THE WITNESS: Yeah.
38 THE COURT: Are you okay now?
39 THE WITNESS: Okay.
40 MR. PETERS: If you want to stop at any time, will you
41 tell us?
42 THE WITNESS: Yeah.
43 MR. PETERS: Okay.
44 Q I just want to go back to this -- your picking --
45 okay? I just want to go back to your picking
46 Diane up at a gas station. Can you tell us where
47 that gas station was in relation to the

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1 courthouse?
2 A No. This is the first time I've ever been out
3 here.
4 Q Okay. Did you drive here today?
5 A No.
6 Q When she got in the car, did -- this -- this
7 information with regards to being held and raped,
8 is that something she told you when she got in the
9 car?
10 A Yeah.
11 Q Okay. What do you remember she said?
12 A She said that she had made a really big mistake;
13 that she'd gone to a party out at this farm where
14 the girls got free drugs, and --
15 THE COURT: The girls got free drinks?
16 THE WITNESS: Drugs.
17 THE COURT: Free drugs?
18 THE WITNESS: Free drugs, yeah.
19 THE COURT: Thank you.
20 THE WITNESS: And she'd been there for a while, I
21 guess, and then all of a sudden she ended up in
22 this room and that's where she had been raped. I
23 had wanted to take her to the hospital but she
24 didn't want to go to the hospital. So I took her
25 home with me and we cleaned her up and got her
26 some clean clothes and -- but she wouldn't stay.
27 MR. PETERS:
28 Q Did she tell you anything else about how many
29 people had been involved in this rape?
30 A She said it was a lot of different guys. She said
31 she was pretty high too, so she wasn't exactly
32 sure how long she was there.
33 Q But it was more than one person, was your
34 understanding.
35 A From my understanding, yes, it was.
36 Q Now, the truck this person was driving -- or
37 sorry, was it a truck or -- or was it a van --
38 A Yes.
39 Q -- or what was it?
40 A It was a truck.
41 Q What type of truck?
42 A I don't know. It was a white truck.
43 Q Was it a pickup truck, flat deck truck?
44 A Pickup truck.
45 Q Now, did Diane ever say anything to you about the
46 person who had dropped her off?
47 A No.

- 1 Q Did she ever say that that person was someone who
2 had participated in this rape?
- 3 A No.
- 4 Q Is there anything else you can remember that she
5 told you about the -- the rape?
- 6 A No, she was just very afraid. She wouldn't go to
7 the hospital and she wouldn't go to the police.
8 She said she couldn't, and I asked her why and she
9 just -- she -- we cried a lot.
- 10 Q Did she tell you who these men were who had done
11 this?
- 12 A No.
- 13 Q Did she mention any names?
- 14 A No.
- 15 Q She didn't mention Mr. Pickton's name, did she?
- 16 A She didn't mention any names.
- 17 Q No. Now, in terms of where she'd been, this party
18 at this farm, she didn't say where exactly it was,
19 did she?
- 20 A No.
- 21 Q Nor what type of farm it was.
- 22 A No.
- 23 Q Did Diane describe to you the circumstances of her
24 getting away from this place, how it was that
25 she'd been let go?
- 26 A They just let her go.
- 27 Q Okay. And in terms of the location where this --
28 this rape had occurred, this was in the room with
29 the blacked-out windows? Is that your
30 understanding?
- 31 A That's my understanding.
- 32 Q And it was -- am I correct it was a basement of a
33 house?
- 34 A As far as I understand, yes.
- 35 Q So Diane didn't mention to you a trailer, did she?
- 36 A No.
- 37 Q Or a motorhome?
- 38 A No.
- 39 Q Now, in terms of what Diane told you, you didn't
40 write it down, did you?
- 41 A Did I write it down?
- 42 Q Yes.
- 43 A No.
- 44 Q At some point in time in around March of 2002 you
45 spoke to the police about this matter; correct?
- 46 A Yes.
- 47 Q And at that point in time, was that the first time

1 that you told anyone about this?

2 A No.

3 Q Had you told -- who else did you tell?

4 A We had talked about it. Diane wasn't always
5 truthful. Lynn and I had talked about it shortly,
6 I'm sure, after it happened, the first time she
7 had problems, you know. And a couple of us who
8 were close to her discussed it.

9 Q So this was something that you and Diane discussed
10 subsequently, in addition to discussing it on the
11 day you picked her up; is that right?

12 A Afterwards?

13 Q Yeah.

14 A Yeah.

15 Q Okay. How many times did you talk about it?

16 A After it happened, probably -- maybe two or three
17 times.

18 Q And did she ever provide you with any more detail
19 than what you've told us about already?

20 A No, she wouldn't go into detail about it. She
21 just -- I wanted her to go to the police and
22 report it, and she -- she just was deathly afraid.
23 She said, "I can't. I don't know what will
24 happen. I can't."

25 Q Now, when you picked Diane up on this second
26 occasion and she told you that she'd been raped --
27 Yeah.

28 Q -- had she been taking drugs?

29 A She was fairly straight when I picked her up, but
30 I would assume so. She said that she had been
31 fairly high earlier, so -- she was pretty shaky,
32 so I'd say she'd been without for a while.

33 Q And is it true that when Diane's been taking
34 drugs, she's not always accurate in her
35 recollecting of events? Have you ever noticed
36 that?

37 A I don't know.

38 Q She would sometimes make stuff up, wouldn't she?

39 A Sometimes.

40 Q Sometimes she would lie.

41 A Sometimes.

42 Q And, as you said, when you picked her up she was
43 pretty shaky. She was obviously feeling the
44 effects of what had been done to her.

45 A Yes.

46 Q Yeah. And that also might have affected her
47 ability to remember what happened, mightn't it?

1 A I'd never seen Diane so --
2 THE COURT: She really can't answer that.
3 THE WITNESS: -- so bruised or beat up --
4 THE COURT: Excuse me.
5 THE WITNESS: -- ever.
6 THE COURT: Excuse me. That really is getting a little
7 far.
8 MR. PETERS:
9 Q Can I just go back to the -- where you picked
10 Diane up. Do you recall any landmarks around the
11 area, any particular stores or --
12 A There's -- there's like this little mall right
13 across the street from it, from the gas station.
14 Q Do you know what kind of mall?
15 A No, I'd never been in it.
16 Q Was it a --
17 A It's just like a little shopping centre or
18 something.
19 Q There's a strip mall where you can pull into it
20 and park.
21 A Yeah, I think so.
22 Q Okay. You don't recall any of the stores that
23 were there?
24 A No, I really didn't pay attention. I -- I'm sure
25 at the time I wrote down the address of the gas
26 station and just went there. It wasn't a matter
27 of -- you know.
28 Q And you didn't keep that note as to the address.
29 A No. Actually, I'm quite surprised I didn't,
30 because I --
31 THE COURT: Do you think it's possible, if a police
32 officer or somebody took you along the Loughheed
33 Highway, that maybe you could point it out to
34 them?
35 THE WITNESS: I've already done that.
36 THE COURT: You've done that. And so if they asked
37 that person, they could tell --
38 THE WITNESS: Yes.
39 THE COURT: -- counsel who (sic) it is.
40 THE WITNESS: Yes.
41 THE COURT: So maybe we could approach it that way?
42 MR. PETERS: Mm-hmm. Thank you.
43 THE COURT: Thank you.
44 MR. PETERS:
45 Q When did you do that with the police, go to where
46 you had picked up Diane?
47 A Last year.


- 1 Q Okay. And could you be fairly precise, then, as
2 to -- when you drove it as to where you'd gone?
- 3 A Yes, sir.
- 4 Q And in terms of your memory of what you saw last
5 year, what do you remember?
- 6 A It's right across the street from this little
7 mall.
- 8 Q That's it?
- 9 A And it's -- it's a little gas station. It's a
10 small --
- 11 Q Okay.
- 12 A -- corner gas station. It's been there for quite
13 a while.
- 14 Q Who is the police officer you went with?
- 15 A Constable Lavallee.
- 16 Q Constable...?
- 17 A Lavallee, I think you say her name.
- 18 Q Yes. And was she taking notes during this, during
19 this time you drove around and --
- 20 A That we drove around?
- 21 Q Yes.
- 22 A I think once we got there she did. I don't
23 recall.
- 24 Q Okay. Do you know where the Pitt River Bridge is?
- 25 A Not really.
- 26 Q Now, when you saw Diane - and this is the second
27 time - did she appear to be -- apart from being
28 very upset, did she appear injured to you? Could
29 you see injuries?
- 30 A I believe -- yes. I thought I'd answered that
31 already, but yeah.
- 32 Q What injuries did you see? Just so that you're
33 clear, I'd asked you about the first time and her
34 being bruised, but now I'm asking about the second
35 time.
- 36 A She had a fat lip.
- 37 Q Mm-hmm.
- 38 A She -- her arms were very bruised, her legs were
39 bruised. It looked like she had some sort of
40 restraints or burns or whatever around her wrists.
41 She had a lot of marks on her arms. She was
42 wearing a short-sleeve dress, so yeah, she was --
43 she was a mess. Like I said, in all the time that
44 I've known her I've never seen her look like that.
- 45 Q Okay. When you say "marks", were these bruises,
46 or cuts, or both?
- 47 A Hand marks. They looked like -- like if I would

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1 grab you and squeeze your arms really hard, I
2 would leave fingerprints or marks, and that's what
3 that looked like to me at that time.
4 Q And her clothes, what were the condition of her
5 clothes?
6 A She was dirty.
7 Q Dirty?
8 A They were dirty, yes.
9 Q Okay. Can you describe in any more detail what
10 kind of dirt? Was it like dirt on the ground, or
11 grease, or what was it?
12 A Her dress was -- was torn in the back, and she
13 just -- she was a mess, literally. Her hair
14 didn't look like it had been combed in a day or
15 two and she looked pretty bad.
16 Q What colour was her dress?
17 A Pardon?
18 Q What colour was her dress?
19 A Blue.
20 Q What kind of dress was it?
21 A Just a summer dress.
22 MR. PETERS: Okay. Thank you very much, ma'am.
23 THE COURT: Anything arising from that? Thanks, Ms.
24 Edwards.
25 MR. PETRIE: No, I don't think so. Thank you.
26 THE COURT: You're free to go. Thank you.
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28 (WITNESS ASIDE)
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