



Our Breaking Point: Canada's Violation of Rights in Life and Death

In recent years, awareness of missing and murdered Indigenous women and the disproportionate violence Indigenous women face in Canada has grown. What Indigenous women have been saying for over two centuries is finally being widely articulated.

However, what is far less widely understood is that the Canadian criminal justice system was founded on the premise of dispossessing and erasing Indigenous women. It continues to function from this discriminatory basis.

European systems of justice were established in the colonies of the Americas – including what is now Canada - on the myth of "discovering" the land that was declared "terra nullius," or "empty of people." The presence of Indigenous women, in particular, posed a significant problem for the colonial appropriation of Indigenous lands, which in many cases were organized along the bloodline of women. In the privatization of colonial lands, criminal justice systems emptied Indigenous women of their human status through dual processes of violent invasion and legal subjugation, such as the provisions within the Indian Act.

Today, Indigenous women continue to pose a problem for the Canadian government as they struggle to protect their lands, waters, and revitalize their communities, languages, and traditions.

They continue to resist ongoing violence perpetuated against them in appalling and disproportionate numbers and expose justice systems that not only fail to protect, but perpetuate harm.

In this context, the treatment of the criminal justice system towards Cindy Gladue is not an aberration, but the system continuing to function the way it was designed to function, the same way it functioned in other well documented cases, such as Helen Betty Osborne, Pamela George, and so many others over the years. The acceleration of recent murders should terrify all of us.



Canadians have failed to respond to commissions and hearings that time and again highlight how police ignore or respond in derogatory ways towards violence against Indigenous women and women working in sex industries. We have failed to address systemic discrimination in our court system. Such abuses culminated in the court's treatment of Cindy Gladue and the violation of her body.

This resource documents the injustices and violence faced by Cindy Gladue in her life and death in a country that dehumanized and devalued her existence. We document the way the criminal justice system undercut her ability to deny consent to violence and

death based on racist, discriminatory, and sexist characterizations. We document the injustices of the trial and the violent actions of the court in brutalising her body.

We also express the outrage that was sparked by these injustices and place this outrage in the context of long-standing cries of resistance in a country that insists on perceiving itself in humanitarian terms, but continues to violate the human rights of Indigenous peoples. We document how Canada perpetuates and excuses ongoing violence against First Nation, Metis and Inuit women.

The aim is to put this outrage, this breaking point, in the context of the many reports, inquiries, and international appeals that all point to systemic inequalities and ongoing colonial relations.

We ask readers to consider how the Canadian criminal justice system violated the rights of Cindy Gladue and so many other Indigenous women in this country. To consider, what will it take for us to listen, to hear? When will we honour the voices of Indigenous women—past and present—who have sought freedom and self-determination from a system that set out to destroy them, their families, their communities, and their children.

We ask readers to listen carefully to these cries and to move forward in solidarity with Indigenous women who are leading decolonization so we may all live in

a good way. We aim to honour women who have endured the violation of their bodies and this land and reclaim the rights, power, safety, and dignity

of Indigenous women on this land.

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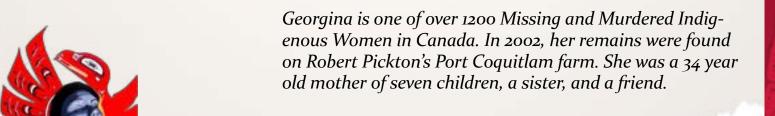
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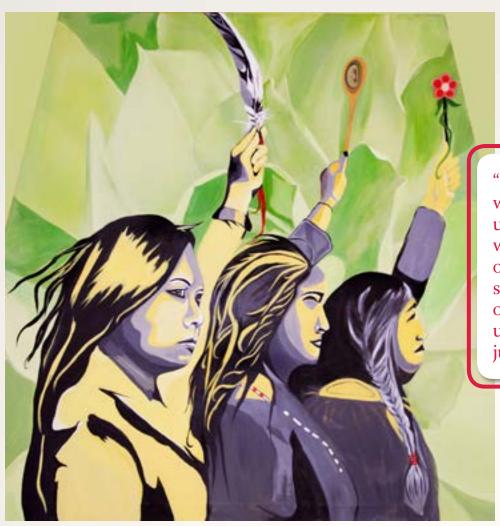
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I will fight for my people...feather in my hand. I will fight the unjust judgements... The disease upon our land. My Brothers...My Sisters We must make our stand... Together we will fight... The truth is close at hand.







"Cindy Gladue is a person worthy of justice, as all of us are. Many Indigenous women are expressing outrage that her life seems so expendable in the eyes of the law. Who will join us in continuing to seek justice for Cindy Gladue?"

Excerpts From Cindy Gladue Case Sends A Chilling Message To Indigenous Women

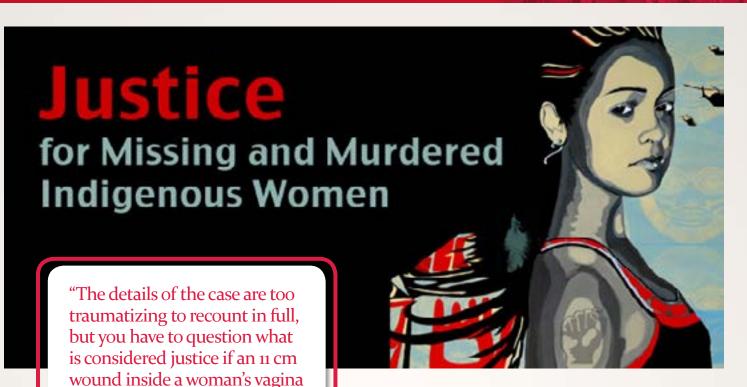
Sarah Hunt And Naomi Sayers Contributed To The Globe And Mail

"Mr. Harper has said the legal system is equipped to address the murders of native women. We have seen just how the law treats these deaths. Indigenous leaders - and by that we mean community advocates, not elected officials – continue to call Mr. Harper's message

out for what it is: a lie. There is no justice for indigenous women. Not for

Cindy Gladue. Not for the thousands of our loved ones."

"Imagine a world where all indigenous women, in life and in death, were treated with the utmost respect. Imagine a world where a woman's value was not dependent on how she makes a living."



"The logic usually goes that if someone admits to injuring another person to the point that those injuries contribute to their death, the law will respond by convicting that person of a crime – the crime of murder, or manslaugh-

ter, if intent to kill cannot be proven. Not so, it seems, for indigenous women like Cindy Gladue. Last week, a jury of nine men and two women in Edmonton found Bradley Barton not guilty of Cindy Gladue's murder, despite evidence that he had caused the wound that led to her death.

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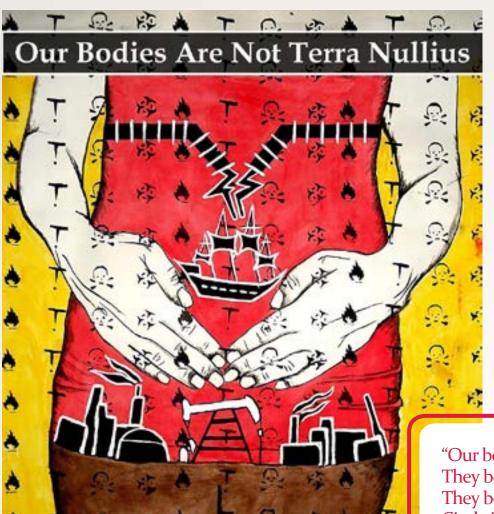
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that a crime was committed."

The details of the case are too traumatizing to recount in full, but you have to question what is considered justice if an 11 cm wound inside a woman's vagina that results in her bleeding to death is not evidence enough that a crime was committed.

The details of the trial indicate how mechanisms within the justice system can be used to normalize violence against indigenous women. The violence they experience often seems to lie beyond the arms of the law: Violence with impunity; murder without fault."





"Indigenous women, especially those who are in the sex trade. do not consent to violence. No body consents to violence

resulting in their death"

- Sarah Hunt & Naomi Sayers

Our bodies are not terra nullius

"Our bodies are not empty. They belong to us. They belong to this land. Cindy is on her way home. The ancestors will keep her warm and safe now. And her body always belonged to this land." - Naomi Sayers, kwetoday.com

"This is a message to sex workers about why would we ever come forward and report sexual assault if this is how we're going to be dealt with"

Justice for Cindy Gladue demands an appeal

Indigenous women too often faced with systemic sexism and racism



Last week, on the International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination, students in my criminology course spoke at Edmonton City Hall about racism in the criminal justice system. They turned their thoughts and prayers to the family and friends of Cindy Gladue, an indiagnous woman who lived and worked in Edmonton. Although those who knew Cindy had hoped for justice following her horrific death in June 2011, they received no solace from a system that further violated her body and allowed the man on trial for her death to walk free.

Cindy Gladue has been described in many ways: as a mother, a sister, an auntie, and a friend. She has been named as one of more than 1,200 missing and murdered indigenous women in the country. But most him last week,

descriptions of her life emphasize that she was an indigenous woman and a sex

In a context of ongoing stigma against these dual identities, the defence argued that she died by accident, during "rough sex;" that an II-centimetre tear inside her body was caused by accident, rather than violent sexual assault leading to her death.

Such an argument is only possible in a context that normalizes violence against sex workers, and excuses and facilitates ongoing violence against indigenous women.

Cindy's blood alcohol level at her death was four times over the legal limit, but the defence argued she was a chronic drinker - further stigmatizing, further stereotyping her. She died in a hotel bathbub of massive blood loss from her wound.

The Crown accused Brad Barton of causing these fatal injuries with "considerable force." Barton claimed the injury was inadvertently caused during a consensual sex act. The jury of nine men and two women acquitted



Women protest exclusion from the Roundtable on Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls in February.

It is well-known that indigenous women face heightened levels of violence in Canada. Informed by colonial images of indigenous women as "sexually available" and "less civilized," violent offenders continue to specifically target indigenous women. Indigenous sex workers, in particular, are disproportionately represented among individtials who experience violent victimination.

Yet their experiences are met with systemic sexism and racism from the police and the criminal justice system. As research shows, when reporting violent assaults, indigenous sex workers are told, "Oh, well, you chose this life ... it's your own fault."

Women who choose to work in sex industries do not choose violence; women forced to work in sex industries do not choose violence. Indigenous women do not choose violence. Cindy Gladue did not choose

But the justice system responded to her assault with its own measure of violence. deserve an appeal. Sex work-In an act of complete and unprecedented dehumanization, her sexual organs - human.remains - were brought into the court, covered in a paper towel. The court referred to this portion of her body as a "specimen." A portion of a woman's body, a sacred, life-giving, indigenous woman's body was paraded through the Canadian criminal court system. The very system that dispossessed indigenous women from their land and that continues to criminalize their lives at staggering and everincreasing rates.

It was this horrific display that provided the context for defence expert and forensic pathologist Janice Ophoven to provide sufficlent testimony that led to Burton's acquittal. She testified that Cindy Gladue died from a blunt tear, rather than a sharp-cut. It was at this moment where the Crown failed to prove the charge of firstdegree marder. And, rather than face other potential charges such as manslaughter or criminal negligence, Barton walked free.

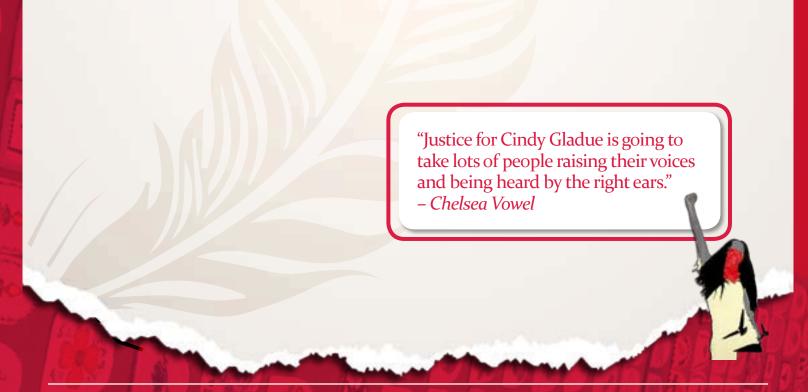
Where is the collective outrage?

The Gladoe family deserves an appeal. Indigenous women and women in sex industries

ers do not consent to blunt trauma and 11-centimetre tears and death. Cindy Gladue did not consent to violence. Stigma and rape culture says that sex workers sell. their bodies and their consent. They do not. As Naomi Sayers, an indigenous sex work activist says, "Our bodies are not 'terra mallias.' Our bodies are not empty. They belong to us."

It is long past time that we support indigenous women and address systemic racism. That we listen when indigenous women say they have little trust in police and the criminal justice system. In the words of Chelsea Vowel, an indigenous activist and educator, "Justice for Cindy Gladue is going to take lots of people raising their volces and being heard by the right ears."

As a starting point, join indistripout women in solidarity at Edmonton Law Courts at noon April 2 and demand justice for Clindy Gladue. As my students at the City Hall event proclaimed, what must it take for justice to occur? Julie Kaye is assistant professor of sociology and director of Community Engaged Research at the King's University in Edmonton.



Violence of the Court

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'This will be upsetting,' judge tells jurors

Prosecutors show graphic autopsy during first-degree murder trial

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RYAN CORMIER Edmonrou Journal

In a rare legal move, peosecutors brought a deceased Cindy Gladue. woman's vagina into a mur-

Inside the courtroom, acting chief medical examiner the preserved body part ing, but necessary for peoper during his testimony at the examination. murder trial of Brad Barton. The 46-year-old is charged he said. "I've only done it it out." the June 22, 2011, death of is disfiguring and I believe

Dowling told court Gladue 11-centimetre "perforating, case."

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rubber gloves and moved the body part around on the prolector for lumrs to examine the wound.

"This will be upsetting," Justice Robert Geaesser told court heard Gladue died covthe nine men and two women ered in blood in his Yellow-"It is a procedure I hate," on the jury. "We will tough head Inn hotel buthroom.

> fatal wound was caused by Godfrey said Gladue was a a sharp object like a knife or piece of beolen glass. He lacked the scraping along the

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be needed, Dowling said.

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In her opening statement, Dowling testified Gladue's Crown prosecutor Carole sex-trade worker who had a use his shower. "working relationship" with said the cut was "clean" and Barton a day or two before reconsists# she died.

dispatcher a woman he biesly knew was in his tub.

"I went to bed, I woke up Gladue's body showed no this morning, she was in the other signs of struggle or shower. There was blood all over the place," the Missis-When Barton's trial opened, sauga, Ont., trucker said on the tape. "I poked her and she didn't move."

He told the operator he'd been drinking in the hotel bar before the woman arrived at his room asking to

The trial continues. edmontonjovenal.com



Murder jury not told of violent pornography

Editor's Note: This story contains graphic content.

RYAN CORMIER Edmonton Journal

The jury that recently acquitted an Ontario man of killing a woman in an Edmonton hotel were not told the accused was alleged to have a history of viewing pornography that depicted the torture of women.

On March 18, a jury acquitted Brad Barton of firstdegree murder in the death of sex worker Cindy Gladue after she died of blood loss in a Yellowhead Inn bathtub in June 2011. An 11-centimetre wound inside Gladue's vagina caused her death.

At trial, Barton, 46, testified the injury was inadvertently caused during consensual sex when he inserted prosecution's theory was that Barton purposely caused the wound with a sharp object or used enough force with his hand to go beyond Gladue's consent.

Court heard conflicting testimony from experts about whether the wound was a blunt tear or a sharp

The jury did not hear that a laptop computer found with Barton's belongings showed an Internet history that included violent pornography.

"We know, at this point, the inference should be that he accessed websites involving ... insertion of foreign objects into the vagina," Crown

Verdict demands an appeal. A17

four fingers into Gladue. The prosecutor Carole Godfrey said at Barton's preliminary hearing in 2012. "And on at least one occasion, the issue of torture of women."

> Provincial court Judge Ferne LeReverend called the websites "disturbing pornography" that included "extreme penetration and torture."

> In a report, an Edmonton police forensics investigator wrote that the websites "inmany cases depict women being tortured."

> That evidence was never introduced at Barton's trial because prosecutors and Barton's defence lawyer agreed it should not be admissible. Evidence from Barton's preliminary hearing was under a publication ban until his trial ended, when the Journal obtained a transcript.

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"Her mother sat through that trial and listened to the evidence and it was really disturbing ... a person needs to stay balanced and its hard to do that when everything about your child or your family member is being told in a very negative, degrading way" - Lynda Budreau-Smaganis, Cree Metis Elder

Defence argues laptop evidence 'completely prejudicial'

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His lawyer, Dino Bottos, said Wednesday the laptop computer evidence was "completely prejudicial and had no probative value."

Bottos said investigators only learned of the laptop

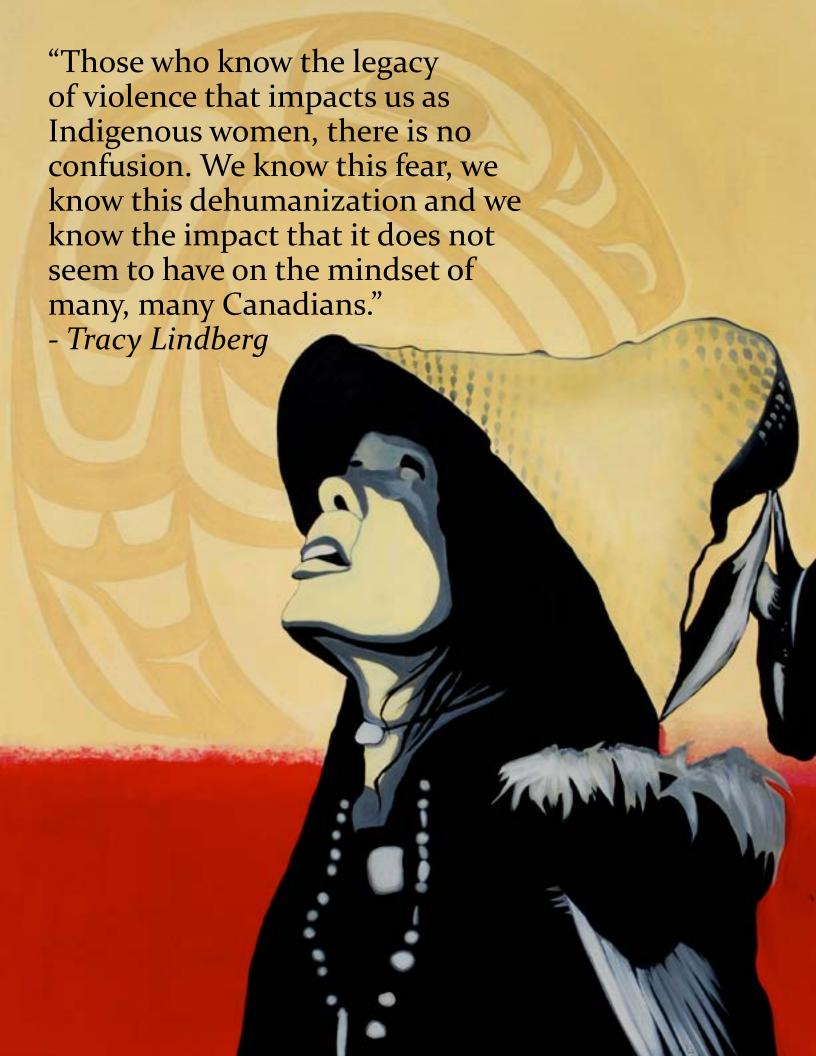
from Barton in an "unlawful interrogation" and had no reasonable grounds to believe it contained evidence of significant value.

In search warrant documents, investigators state that Barton told them about his duffel bag containing the laptop.

Investigators seized the bag, discovered the laptop and filed a search warrant to examine the contents for "Internet sites visited or pages saved and searches completed or attempted."

"Judges may exclude evidence that was presented during the preliminary inquiry, or Crown prosecutors may have determined that the evidence is not properly admissible at trial," said Sean Ward, a lawyer for the Journal. "In those cases, the evidence is never seen by the jury."

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Hundreds protest Gladue-case verdict ESTABLISHED 1903

Crown appeals acquittal that sparked outrage

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ALEXANDRA ZABJEK Edmonton Journal

Outrage and concern rippled across the country Thursday as hundreds gathered to protest an Edincuton court case that has become a flashpoint for anger about violence against indigenous women in Canada.

Cindy Gladue died in an Edmonton hotel room four years ago. The man charged with murder in her death was acquitted last month, a decision that prompted immediate condemnation and calls for an appeal in the case.

Few of the hundreds gathered in Edmordon knew Gadue personally. But her case resonated.

"There are so many indigenous women and girls that have gone missing ... l think this incident just really set a spark to set the fire ablaze that we really do need to do something," said Fewn Lamouche, who helped organize the demonstration and stood with Gladue's mother and three daughters at the rally.

"We, as a community, need to stand up and ask for some kind of justice for these women."

Donna Mcleod, centre, mother of Cindy Gladue, is surrounded by supporters at a protest Thursday in Edmonton calling for justice after an Or was recently found not guilty of murder in Gladue's death. The Crown has feed an appeal of the acquittal of Bradley Barton. / A2 The demonstration came—case online and calling Gla-motel for two nights. On the

on the same day the Alberta due's death "appalling." Crown Prosecutor's Office ancounced it had filed an appeal on the acquittal of Bradley Barton. The Crown has also taken the unusual move of defending its work on the

Gladue - a 36-year-old mother who grewup in Calling Lake - died in a bathtub in the Yellowhead inn in 2011. Barton had hired her for sex and the pair went to the

metre wound to her vagina that Barton testified was caused by his hand during rough sex.

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Outrage over verdict seen in protests across the country

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The jurors who sat through the month-long trial heard conflicting testimony from expert witnesses brought in by both the Crown and defence. They heard lengthy legal arguments about the evidence needed to hand down a first-degree murder conviction. The jury also had to contend with issues of sexual consent, including the possible use of force that went beyond Gladue's initial consent and her high blood alcohol content at the time of her death.

Many in the crowd hadn't read every detail of the trial. Still, much about the case raised questions and concerns. Similar demonstrations took place in other Canadian cities, including Toronto, Calgary, and Vancouver.

"It triggers much larger structural issues and they're absolutely, directly related ... It triggers issues of justice in general, the justice system in general, representation of aboriginal people in the system," said Krista McFayden of the Aboriginal Commission on Human Rights and Justice.

"We have another abor-

iginal woman who was a victim and there was no solution or closure for the family or the community. We're here to support the family, the community, and women who are vulnerable in this city."

Barton's lawyer Dino Bottos said while he respects the protesters, they did not attend the trial. If they had, he said, they likely would have agreed with the jury. "What they've done is they've taken this case and tried to hold it up as an example of how aboriginal women or aboriginal people are mistreated by the criminal justice system," Bottos said.

"The jury in this case spent a day-and-a-half deliberating. And it's unfair to them to suggest that their verdict was misguided or based on race."

Lamouche didn't know Gladue, but she saw injustice in her case. She started organizing online to support Gladue's family weeks ago and was shocked to see hundreds of people gather on Thursday. When she told the crowd that Crown prosecutors had filed to appeal Barton's acquittal, the crowd erupted in cheers. With files from The Canadian Press

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Crowd stands up for Cindy Protesters hold signs outside City Hall during a Justice for Cindy rally on Thursday. law enforcement and mem

TREVOR ROSS Edmonton Sun

The spunds of drums and chants filled the air as a large group of irate protesters took to the streets of downtown Edmonton Thursday aftermoon demanding justice in the brutal killing of a local sec-

trade worker. Hundreds of people gathered outside the Edmonton courthouse, including First Nations chiefs from across the province, to speak out against the killing of Cindy Gladue, 36, who was found dead at the Yellowhead Inn in Edmonton on June 23, 2011, in a bathoub covered in blood.

On March 18, following a monthloug trial, a jury of nine men and two women found Ontario truck driver, Brad Barton, 45, not guilty of first-

degree murder, as well as not sity of manslaughter, in the killing of Gladue

"I don't see how the jurous can go to bed at night after they saw all the graphic pic-nires — it's beyond me, said Vivian Risby, arant of Gladue. They're letting a killer walk.

It was shocking and appalling to get that kind of verdict," added Cold Lake First Nation's Chief, Bernice Martial. "Today, I stand up for Cindy and all the others who have died in horrendous

Similar protests demanding justice for Gladue took place in cities across Caracia, including Calgary, Letisbridge, 54. Paul, Ottawa, Toronto, Regina, Saskatoon and St.

"It shows that we stand

our voices. It's about time we started hearing our voices the woman's voice and the people's voice - of what is happening with the court system here in Alberta and across Canada, said Martial.

'We want justice'

"We want equal rights. We want justice to be done, not injustice done towards our

Just hours before the protest began, news broke that the Crown is appealing Barton's acquittal.

This is great news," said Martial, who admitted she just found out about the appeal minutes before she joined the

An ECMP report released May 16, 2014, identified 1,017

times greater than the general

female population. Mikisew Cree First Nation chief Steve Courtoreille, is demanding the Canadian gov ernment formally look into the growing number of murdered and missing indigenous women in Canada.

This seems to be a nonissue with the Government of Canada, Guaranteed, if the current government had its own way they would never make this an issue. They wouldn't want to deal with it because they're scared. they're scared of the truth. said Courtoreille, who went on to liken Canada's relationship with First Nations people to that of the recent tensions in the United States between

bers of the African-American

"Enough is enough. We can't keep doing this. What is happening across the books. with the black people rioting. that's the last thing we want to do but if we keep being oppressed and not having a voice then you're going to bring the worst out in people.

It's not what we want, we want nothing but fairness and quality in this country.

The protest wrapped up at the steps of City Hall and Churchill Square with a path ering of drammers and sing

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Verdict 'screams we're not valued'

Court finds Ontario trucker not guilty of murdering First Nations sex worker in 2011, sparking protests and calls for appeal

KATHEYN BLAZE CARLSON

The acquittal of a man in the A death of a native woman in Edmonton is provoking rallies and calls for an appeal in a case activists say raises questions about the way the criminal justice system treats indigenous

Bridley Easton, an Ontario tracker, was found not guilty of first-degree murder last week in the you death of Cindy Gladue, a pt-year-old sex worker who bled to death at the Yellowhead linn in Edmonton from an ti-centimetre wound on her vaginal wall. Ms. Gladuc's preserved vagina was beought into court as ovidence— the first time a portion of a body was presented at trial in Canada.

The Crown contended an intox-icated Ms. Gladue was unable to consent to sexual activity and that the wound wan caused by a sharp object or by Hr. Barton's excessive threating with his hand. The defence argued Mr. Earton accidentally caused Ms. Gladue's death during consensual manual stimulation.

A letter-writing campaign on social media is urging the Cown to appeal. An online petition has gamered bundreds of signatures. And rallies have been organized for Edmonton, Ottawa, St. Paul, Alta., and Ohsweken, Ont.

Organizers say the trial might have game differently had Ms. Gladue been white and the accused native. They say the case should be part of a national conversation on the treatment of indigenous women in a country where at least 1,181 female aborig inals were killed or went mining between 1980 and 2012.

"A lot of the women that are murdered and missing, that's all people see them as - an Indian, or a prostitute - but these wors-en are human," said Edmonton rally organizer fawn Lamouche, a Metis woman who said she prayed with Ms. Cladur's tearful family outside the courthouse earlier this month. This not-gullry veeder screams that we're not valued and we're not safe."



Cindy Gladue's mother Donna McLeod, second left, comforts Gladue's daughters Brandy, 15 and Cheyanne, now 14, right as protestors demonstrate against the acquittal of Bradley Barton. (Amber Bracken for The Globe and Mail)

In a statement to The Clobe and Mail on Thursday, the chief Crown prosecutor for Edmonton, Michelle Doyle, said the office has 30 days to file an appeal and that "all aspects of this case are heing reviewed in order to assess the next steps." She called Ms. Gladue's death "shocking and appalling" and noted "many people are commenting on this case, seeking answers and expressing

Mr. Barton's lawyer, Dino Bottos, said the evidence was "clear-ly doubtful" that a sharp object caused the wound and said his client had no motive to hurt Ms. Gladue. Mr. Barton did not respond to a request for commer

through his lawyer.

"I can understand why [protesters] are upset - they feel it's yet another example of the system showing disregard for the lives and safety of aboriginal people."

Mr. Bottos said. "I fully understand and empathiae with that. But you cannot convict a person simply because you have sym-pathy for the victim."

Ms. Lamouche said she was also upset by the revelation on Thurs-day that a laptop found with Mr. Barron's belongings was not admitted as evidence. The laptop had a search history of what the judge described as pornography depicting sorture. Mr. Bottos said the Crown and the defence

agreed the computer should not be entered as evidence because it was unlawfully obtained. He also said he argued against

the Crown's request to use Ms. Cladue's tissue, which was concealed behind an opaque screen and shown to jurors - nine men and two women - on an overhead projector. However, the judge said the tissue was "real evidence on the key issue in the trial" and would provide more insight than photographs.

According to court documents, the doctor who conducted Ms. Gladue's autopsy has been a foruntic pathologist for 29 years and has conducted about 6,000 autopaies. He told the court this

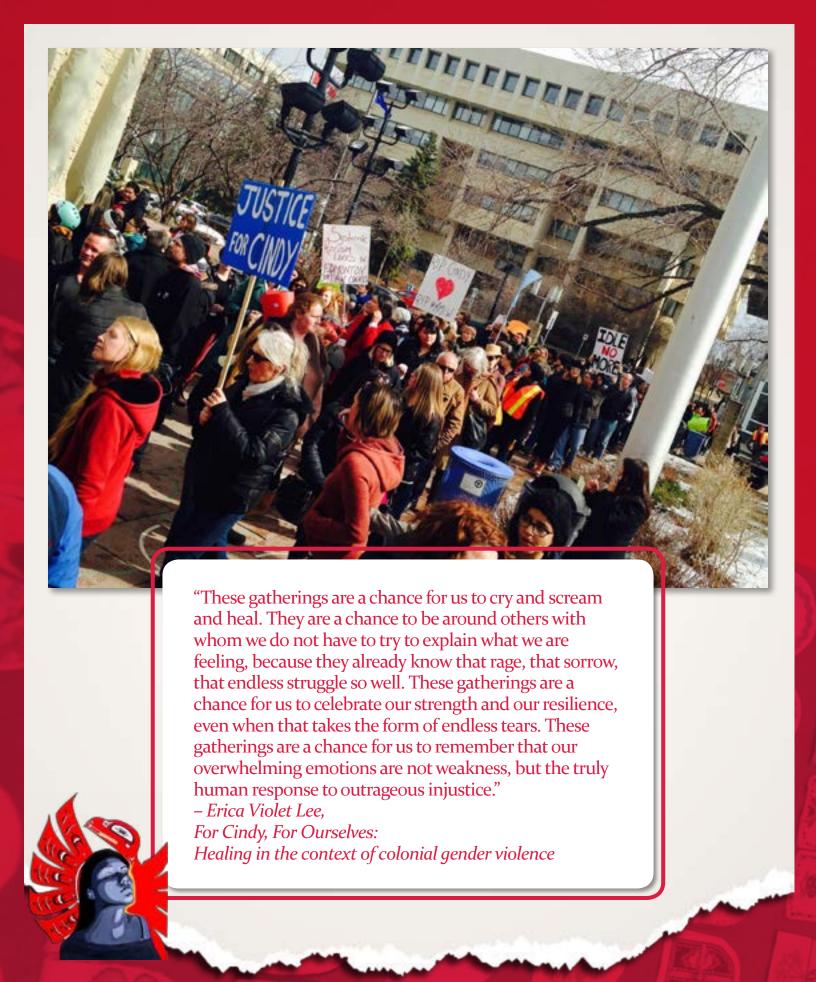
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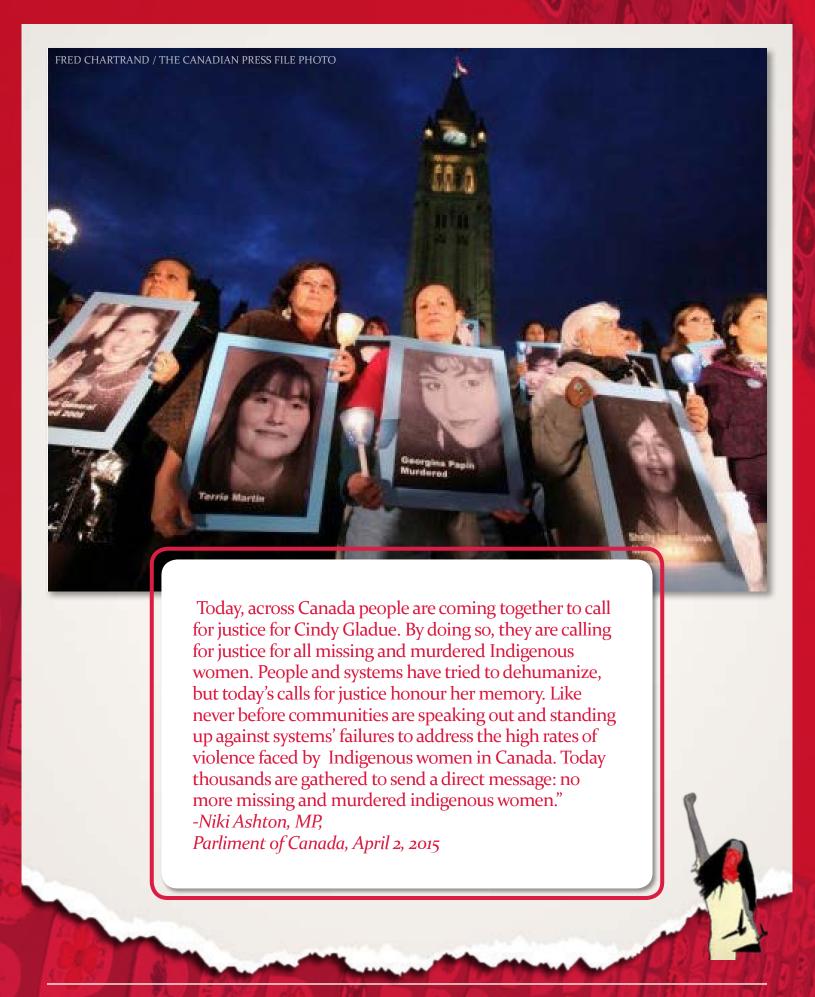
The Crown's expert later testi-fied a sharp object caused the vaginal wound, while a defence expert told the court if was blunt-force trauma.

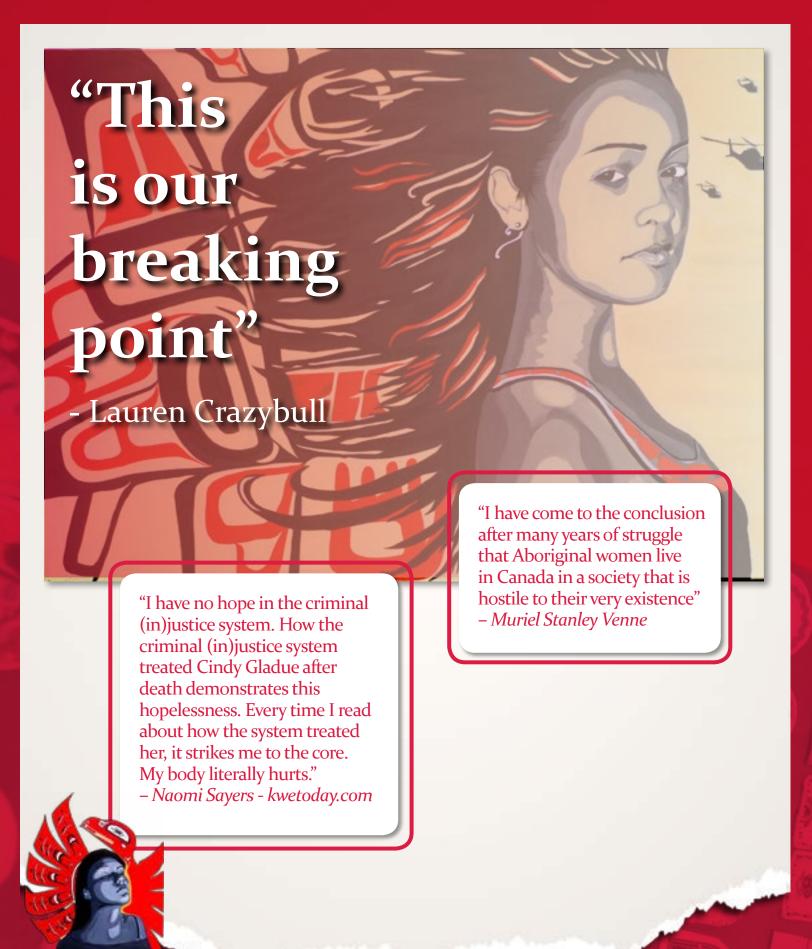
Jennifer Mt. Pleasant, a Six Nations woman who is co-orga nizing the Ohsweken rally set for Sunday, said the display of Ms.
Gladuc's tissue neight be justifia-ble through a "Western lens," but it was an affront to indigenous culture. "When you die, you're supposed to be buried," she said. 'lt's a gross injustice and indigni-











The Appeal

Ongoing Systemic Violence and Discrimination

GROUNDS OF APPEAL

THE LEARNED TRIAL JUDGE ERRED IN LAW IN HIS INSTRUCTIONS TO THE JURY WITH RESPECT TO MANSLAUGHTER.

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SUCH FURTHER AND OTHER GROUNDS AS COUNSEL MAY ADVISE.

"There needs to be a 360° analysis of what happens in Canadian courtrooms and the Canadian justice system"

- Katherine Hensel

"Courts have never been kind or considerate of Indigenous women. The trust that should be a cornerstone of this relationship has been mostly absent and often violent" - Institute for the Advancement

of Aboriginal Women



Northern Journey, April Mercredi

As Indigenous women, we are forced to live with the knowledge that we are not safe in this country.

- Ariel Smith

Excerpt from: "What I Do Know: The Colonial Evisceration of Cindy Gladue"





Cindy's Story

She was born in Athabasca, Alberta on July 23, 1974. She was the first-born child to her mother, Donna and father, Lawrence. When Cindy was 5 years old her parents were blessed with her brother Kevin. As many children are at that age, Cindy was not impressed with this. She wasn't the baby anymore and was "jello." None the less she grew to love her little brother. Two more siblings came along, her brother Jeff and sister Marilyn. They all lived in Calling Lake, Alberta and enjoyed their life there.

Cindy was happy when she found out they were moving to Edmonton. She would be closer to her grandma, who she loved dearly. Cindy's grandma called her Shandy. When Cindy was 16 she lost her grandma, which was hard for her. They were close, Cindy was a "grandmas girl."

On June 23rd, 1996 Cindy gave birth to her first daughter, Brianne. Then in 1999 on the 14th day of June she had another girl who she named Brandy. Her youngest daughter, Cheyanne, was born in 2001 on April 6th. Cindy loved her daughters more than anything, they came first in her life. Her daughters loved her more than anything as well.

Cindy loved to cook, draw, listen to music, Facebook with her friends. She was a lot like you and I. She loved life, she had a family, dreams, emotions. She was kind, caring and funny. She was a beautiful woman inside and out and she was loved deeply.



Cindy Gladue (left-centre) with her three daughters. (Facebook)

From Cindy's **Daughters**

"Me & my sisters were close to my mom, we told her everything, she was like our best friend. She was such a helpful person, she would cook sometimes & she loved baking. She always cooked grandma breakfast. My mom was really good at drawing & she liked writing too. It's hard for me & my sisters growing up with out our mom her, we all miss her so much." - Brandy

"She liked to cook and I remember I used to sit on her lap and watch cooking shows with her. She liked to help people as much as she could" - Cheyanne

"I love you mom! Rest in paradise. I'm thankful to be in this world and it's all because of you." - Brianne

"My mom was such a beautiful woman. She was a funny, loving, caring person! She was always a fun and outgoing woman. She loved to sing me and my sister songs before bed. I miss that so much! I could talk to my mother about anything and she loved to listen to my stories. *My mother also loved to watch cooking shows* and learn new things. She was an awesome

cook, if only she could have taught me her amazing skills. My mother was so kind she would always offer to help you do something even if she was tired. She taught me a lot and I wish she was with me through my hardest times being a teenager. I'm never going to forget how hard it was to lose the person I loved the most! It really breaks my heart that I'm never going to see her or hear her voice again. My mother had an amazing heart. I miss her so much, it hurts so bad. I loved when she was around. I miss her hugs and kisses each day. When I found out I went through a terrible stage and felt depressed. These past years have been horrible. What hurts the most is it was a day before my birthday. It was so hard without my mom being with me and my sisters growing up. I don't get how someone could

take you away from us and hurt you so bad. You never deserved anything like this. I never imagined life without you. It has been so rough. I wish you could meet my beautiful son, my wonderful boyfriend and his family they are amazing. I love you mom! Rest in paradise.

I'm thankful to be in this world and it's all because of you."

- Brianne

A Human Rights Crisis: Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women

The following lists the names of missing and murdered Indigenous women and girls in Canada as of March 1, 2015. It was compiled by Maryanne Pearce, a federal public servant who created a database on missing and murdered women as part of her LL.D. thesis for the University of Ottawa's law school, and appears here with her permission. Pearce's list was developed by cross-referencing newspaper articles, police websites and reports, court documents and other public sources. Her 2013 dissertation is called "An Awkward Silence: Missing and Murdered Vulnerable Women and the Canadian Justice System." Pearce's work was recognized in the 2014 RCMP's report on missing and murdered Indigenous women.

The remaining names (roughly 200) that make up the RCMP's number 1187 missing and murdered Indigenous women are difficult to locate without police Canadian Police Information Center (CPIC) information.

Pearce's list includes only cases of missing or murdered Indigenous women that police are investigating as suspicious. Cases deemed non-foul play have been removed.

1.	Yvonne Abigosis		1984	BC	20.	Adrienne Amikons	14	1997	ON
2.	Sereena Abotsway	29	2001	BC	21.	Martha Ammaq	23	1988	NU
3.	Sally Abou		1992	BC	22.	Shelley Anderson	30	2005	SK
4.	Sharon Abraham		2000	BC	23.	Leah Anderson	15	2013	MB
5.	Christine Ackabee	43	2006	AB	24.	Samantha Anderson	23	2012	MB
6.	Chelsey Acorn	14	2005	BC	25.	Shelley Anderson	51	2009	ON
7.	Rachel Adams	23	2004	BC	26.	Joni Andre	22	2004	NWT
8.	Jackie Adams	30	1996	ON	27.	Patricia Andrew		1985	BC
9.	Hilda Agawa	63	2009	ON	28.	Abigail Andrews	28	2010	BC
10.	Bernadette Ahenakew	22	1989	AB	29.	Edith Angalik	25	2014	NU
11.	Laura Ahenakew	22	1990	SK	30.	Ida Angotigirk	41	2013	QC
12.	Inusiq Akavak	39	2000	NU	31.	Lisa Anstey	21	1997	ON
13.	Nina Akbarian	3	1996	ON	32.	Cassandra Antone	20	1997	BC
14.	Debrah Akhiatak		1996	NU	33.	Molly Apsassin	58	1994	BC
15.	Teresa Aklunark	64	2009	NU	34.	Wendy Arnault	23	2003	SK
16.	Shannon Alexander	17	2008	QC	35.	Lorraine Arrance	40	2003	BC
17.	Annette Allan		2001	BC	36.	Sharon Arrance			BC
18.	Elaine Alook	35	2004	AB	37.	Elena Assam-Thunderbird	17	2002	ON
19.	Maria Amarualik	57	2010	NU	38.	Elisapi Assapa	31	2003	QC

39.	Susan Assin		1974	ON	87.	Jeaniel Berreault	22	2010	BC
40.	Venecia Audy	3	2006	MB	88.	Bertrand		2010	
41.	Cynthia Audy	27	2004	MB	89.	Danita Bigeagle	22	2007	SK
42.	Laverna Avigan			BC	90.	Kyra Bighetty	0	2007	MB
43.	Allison Ayalik	7	1998	NU	91.	Skye Bighetty	8	2013	MB
44.	Michelle Ayalik	13	1998	NU	92.	Christine Billy			BC
45.	Linda Backfat	40	2006	AB	93.	Shawna Bird	16	2001	AB
46.	Shelly Bacsu	16	1983	AB	94.	Angel Bird	23	2010	AB
47.	Cynthia Badarm	37	2014	AB	95.	Farro Bird	19	2005	SK
48.	Desiree Badger	15	2014	AB	96.	Mary Ann Birmingham	16	1986	NU
49.	Marilyn Badger	52	2006	AB	97.	Vickie Black		1993	ВС
50.	Celine Bahsler		1993	SK	98.	Cheryl Black	46	2004	AB
51.	Chystal Baker	35	2002	BC	99.	Alice Black	31	2008	NWT
52.	Karen Baker		1986	BC	100.	Margaret Blackbird	21	1951	SK
53.	Louise Baker	22	2010	MB	101.	· ·		1991	AB
54.	Sylvia Ballantyne	40	2003	AB	102.		18	2012	MB
55.	Alice Ballantyne	46	2005	SK		Lizzie Blacksmith	15	1973	QC
56.	Jean Ballantyne	63	2010	SK	104.		23	1986	SK
57.	Jenilee Ballantyne	22	2013	MB	105.		41	2004	BC
58.	Emily Ballantyne	24	1991	MB	106.			1962	BC
59.	Heather Ballantyne	40	2013	SK	107.			1990	BC
60.	Marie Banks	18	1983	MB	108.		36	2014	QC
61.	Lora Banman	23	1999	BC	109.		17	2009	MB
62.	Gloria Baptiste	23	1///	BC	110.	•	16	2009	NB
63.	Jordena Baptiste	22	2003	AB	111.		10	1992	ON
64.	Dawns Baptiste	31	2015	AB	112.		69	2012	MB
65.	Marlene Barbeau	47	2007	QC	113.		0)	2004	SK
66.	Amanda Bartlett	17	1996	MB	114.		26	1986	ON
67.	Immaculate Basil	26	2013	BC	115.		36	1988	ON
68.	Janet Basil	33	2013	BC	116.	Misty Boudreau	13	1991	BC
69.	Chrystal Beairsto	23	2003	PEI	117.		28	2004	MB
70.	Lisa Bear	20	2003	BC	118.	Denise Bourdeau	39	2006	ON
71.	Richelle Bear	23	2013	SK		Rebecca Boutilier	20	1993	AB
72.	Lori Bearbull	37	2013	MB		Jessica Boysis	20	2014	AB
73.	Geraldine Beardy	29	2009	MB	121.		50	2002	MB
74.	Annette Beardy-Spence	2)	2013	MB		Deena Braem	17	1999	BC
75.	Victoria Beatty		1954	ON		Pauline Brazeau	16	1976	AB
76.	Nadine Beaulieu	1	1996	MB		Bella Brian	15	1973	QC
77.	Rose Mary Beaver	32	1994	AB	125.	Tanya Brooks	38	2009	NS
78.	Dillon Belanger	4	2010	MB		Delores Brower	30	2004	AB
79.	Samantha Belcourt	12	2010	AB		Marlissa Brown	15	2007	BC
80.	Patricia Belcourt	18	2004	AB		Melanie Brown	31	2007	BC
81.	Ginger Bellerose	26	2001	AB	120.		39	2004	BC
82.	Deanna Bellerose	20	2001	AB		Lara Brown	26	1998	AB
83.	Leanne Benwell	27	2002	AB		Cecil Brown	20	1998	ON
84.					131.		16	1984	BC
	Edna Bernard	28	2002	AB		Annette Bruce	16	1771	ЪС
85. 86	Jane Bernard	72	1966	ON NC				1000	NWT
86.	Noa Bernard	72	2007	NS	134.	Leona Brule		1989	IN VV I

135.	Jacqueline Bruno	18	2010	AB	183.	Marcia Charette		1987	AB
136.	Fonessa Bruyere	17	2007	MB	184.	Mathilda Charles			BC
137.	Jodi Bryant	21	2010	SK	185.	Jacquelinen Charles	31	2004	SK
138.	Stephanie Buboire	30	2004	MB	186.		1	2002	BC
139.	Vanessa Buckner	27	1987	ВС	187.		17	2011	ВС
140.	Marlene Buffalo-Hudson	23		ВС	188.	Donna Charlie	22	1990	ВС
141.	Carol Buggins	48	2012	NWT	189.	Roxanne Charlie	26	2009	ВС
142.		21	1990	ВС		Mary Ann Charlie			ВС
	Maggie Burke		2004	AB		Louise Chartrand	17	1981	BC
	Monica Burns	28	2015	SK	192.		-,	1981	BC
145.		52	1973	SK		Donna Chartrand		1998	BC
146.		16	2007	AB		Tara Chartrand	30	2012	SK
	N.C.	13	2005	AB		Judy Chescue	22	1988	AB
148.		13	2003	BC		Jeanette Chief	48	2007	SK
149.	Sandy Calahasen		1993	Y.K.		Heather Chinnock	10	2001	BC
150.	Belinda Cameron	46	2005	BC		Lana Chipesia	23	2011	BC
151.	Robin Cameron	29	2006	SK	199.	*.	22	2005	BC
151.	Constance Cameron	20	1984	MB	200.		24	2005	BC
	Evaline Cameron	19	1995	ON	200.		27	2003	BC
		38	2002	BC	201.		39	1993	NB
	Roxanne Campbell Joan Campbell	36	2002	SK		Bethany Clement	15	2002	BC
	Bernadette Campo	30	2003	BC	203.		45	2002	BC
	Loretta Capot-Blanc	31	1997	BC	204.		43	2000	BC
	Michela Cardinal	12	2001	BC		Justine Cochrane	15	2011	AB
		12	2001	BC BC	206.		13	2003	MB
159.		21	1002		207.	Leigh Cochrane Sharla Collier	20	2003	AB
160.		21	1983	AB		Linda Condo	20		
	Jessica Cardinal	24	1997	AB			E A	1988	QC
	Juanita Cardinal	27	2006	AB	210.	Carolyn Connolly	54	2008	ON
	Joyce Cardinal	35	1993	AB	211.	Amanda Cook	14	1996	MB
	Jeanette Cardinal	40	2011	AB		Hazel Coombs	0	2001	AB
	Valerie Cardinal	40	2004	AB		Audrey Cooper	35	2006	MB
	Monica Cardinal	46	1993	AB		Mary Corbiere	76	2010	AB
	Marie Cardinal	42	1953	NWT		Charmaine Corrigal	32	2014	NWT
	Dawn Carisse	43	2001	ON		Elise Cote	48	2012	SK
	Angel Carlick	19	2007	YK		Ada Court	13	1981	BC
	Marie Carlson-Hill	31	2012	AB		Alicia Courtoreille-Brignall		2007	BC
	Loran Carpenter		2012	BC		Pauline Crane	15	2015	MB
	Monica Carpenter	16	2013	MB		Jaylene Crane	19	2006	MB
	Leone Carpenter		1989	ON		Jacqueline Crazybull	44	2007	AB
	Patricia Carpenter	14	1993	ON		Yvonne Crazybull		1991	AB
	Terri Carson	15	1981	BC		Creighton		1960	AB
	Kim Casimer	21	1989	BC		Dawn Crey	43	2000	BC
	Kristen Catcheway	2	1993	MB	225.				AB
	Jennifer Catcheway	18	2008	MB		Laura Cross		2001	NS
	Chantelle Cathcart	23	2011	SK	227.		19	2013	MB
	Charlene Catholique	15	1990	NWT		Daisy Curley	33	2008	NU
	Annie Cedar			BC		Tanya Curry		1999	BC
182.	Melilssa Chaboyer	35	2005	MB	230.	Beverly Custer	34	2014	MB

231.	Jennifer Cusworth	19	1993	BC	279.	Jane Doe 055	34-62		AB
232.	Sonya Cywink	31	1994	ON	280.	Jane Doe 062	4	2009	AB
233.	Corrine Dagnault			BC	281.	Jane Doe 064	16	2010	ON
234.	Colleen Daignault	13	1981	BC	282.	Jane Doe 065	16	2013	BC
235.	Catherine Daignault	40	1989	BC	283.	Jane Doe 072	35-50		MB
236.	Antoinette Daniels	26	2004	SK	284.	Jane Doe 074	23	2013	NU
237.	Terrie Dauphinais	24	2002	AB	285.	Jane Doe 075	15	2013	QC
238.	Crysta David	20	1992	BC	286.	Jane Doe 080		2014	AB
239.	Carol Davie			BC	287.	Jane Doe 085		2014	NU
240.	Carol Davis	29	1987	BC	288.	Jane Doe 091	1	2014	MB
241.	Maryann Davis	25	2005	ON	289.	Elizabeth Dorion	44	1999	MB
242.	Deanna Daw		2000	ON	290.	Suzanne Dube	22	1998	NS
243.	Rose Decoteau	43	2005	AB	291.	Cheryl Duck	15	1987	MB
244.	Aliyah Degrasse	2	2011	NU	292.	Nancy Dumas	75	1987	MB
245.	Alexandra Degrasse	7	2011	NU	293.	Velma Duncan	18	1972	BC
	Carol Deiter	32		BC	294.	Gloria Duneult			BC
247.	Shelly Dene	26	2013	AB	295.	Jackaleen Dyck	23	1980	MB
248.	Lana Derrick	19	1995	ВС		Marguerite Dyson	51	1996	NFLD
249.	Charmaine Desa	20	1990	AB		Jean Eagle	28	1968	QC
250.	Beverley Desjarlais			BC	298.	Roseanne Eaglestick	23	2014	MB
	Judy Desjarlais	29	1997	AB	299.	Nora Eaglestick		1977	MB
252.	Janice Desjarlais	35	2010	AB	300.	Glennis Edwards	48	2006	BC
253.	Naomi Desjarlais	21	1987	SK	301.	Mupaloo Eegeesiak	0	1993	NU
254.	Cassandra Desjarlais	24	2013	SK	302.	Roberta Elders		2001	BC
	Marie Desjarlais		1986	SK	303.	Chrystal Elk	37	2011	MB
	Yvonne Desjarlais	63	2012	NWT	304.	Adrienne Ermine	37	2010	SK
257.	Patsy Desmarais	4	2004	MB	305.	Mary Evans-Harlick	24	2002	NFLD
258.	Karla Desrosiers	45	2007	ON	306.	Karen Ewanciw	11	1975	AB
259.	Shelley Devoe	44	2006	BC	307.	Darelle Exner	14	1996	SK
260.	Sarah deVries	29	1998	BC	308.	Barbara Eyapaise	24	2002	AB
261.	Stacey Diabo	18	2003	ON	309.	Oolayou Eyesiak	51	1986	NU
262.	Judy Dick	14	1975	ВС		Patricia Favel	18	1984	SK
	Mary Dick	40	2002	BC	311.	Roberta Ferguson	19	1988	BC
264.	Judy Dickie	38	2004	AB	312.	Jerry Ferguson			BC
265.	Diane Dobson	36	1995	ON	313.	Chantel Ferguson			
266.	April Dobson	40	2005	ON		Vikki Ferrando	30	1999	BC
267.	Jane Doe 005	20-24		BC	315.	Brenda Fidler		1986	BC
268.	Jane Doe 010	24-25		AB	316.	Sandra Flamond			BC
269.	Jane Doe 015		1987	ON	317.	Roxanne Fleming	18	1982	BC
270.	Person Doe 016	0	1987	SK	318.	Amanda Flett			BC
271.	Jane Doe 019	70	1991	NFLD	319.	Mildred Flett	51	2010	MB
272.	Jane Doe 020	50-65		BC	320.	Leticia Fleury	25	2011	SK
273.	Jane Doe 022	33		BC	321.	Georgette Flint		1988	AB
	Jane Doe 033	35-40		SK	322.	Elaine Flowers	21	1981	SK
	Jane Doe 046	35-50		ON	323.	Elaine Flowers	20	1985	NFLD
276.	Jane Doe 048	30-50		ON	324.	Tina Fontaine	15	2014	MB
277.	Jane Doe 050	30-60		AB	325.	Sheila Fontaine	42	2011	MB
	Jane Doe 052	22	2006	SK	326.	Summer Fowler	16	2012	BC

327.	Sharon Fox	43	2010	AB	375.	Frances Grant	33	1989	BC
328.	Scentri Fox	3	1995	SK	376.	Alexis Grant	1	2005	AB
329.	Rena Fox	38	2003	ON	377.	Linda Green	18	1975	MB
330.	Lisa Francis	41	2009	BC	378.	Andrea Grey		1999	AB
331.	Cassandra Francis	21		AB	379.	Amber Guiboche	20	2010	MB
332.	Lorilee Francis		2007	AB	380.	Sylvia Guiboche	20	2003	MB
	Loretta Frank	19	1989	Y.K.		Rene Gunning		2005	AB
	Maryse Fréchette	17	2007	QC		Rebecca Guno	23	1983	ВС
	Leanne Freeman	23	2011	ON		Michele Gurney	29	1998	BC
	Helen Frost	17	1970	ВС		Tracy Guthrie	39	2006	ВС
	Roswitha Fuchsbichler	15	1980-2			Margaret Guylee		1965	ON
	Jennifer Furminger	28	1999	BC		Janice Hackh		1979	ВС
	Kimberley Gallup	20	1990	BC		Michelle Hadwen	37	2009	AB
	Jewel Gambler	28	1992	SK		Chantelle Halcro	25	2012	MB
	Arabella Garson	34	2007	MB		Elizabeth Halkett	19	2003	SK
	Martha Garvin	<i>J</i> 1	2007	IVID		Savannah Hall	3	2001	BC
	Sylvia Gaudet	52	2005	ON		Heather Hamill	31	2003	BC
344.		14	1990	QC		Dianna Hamm	43	1991	MB
	Lisa Gavin	21	1988	BC		Nicolle Hands	32	2003	MB
	Martha Gavin	21	1700	BC		Ruby Hardy	32	1998	BC
	Melanie Geddes	24	2005	SK		Doreen Hardy	18	1966	ON
	Corona Genaille	0	2007	SK		Maureen Harper	54	2011	MB
349.		45	2004	MB		Esther Harper	55	2008	MB
350.		21	2004	ON		Vera Harry	33	1986	BC
	Christa George	27	2003	BC		Veronica Harry		1700	BC
	Norma George	30	1992	BC		Violet Heathen		2009	SK
	Brenda George	30	1772	BC		Candace Henderson		1999	MB
	Helena George			BC		Levina Henry	19	1967	BC
	Marina George			BC		Janet Henry	37	1997	BC
	Mary George		2005	BC		Wendy Henry	20	2007	MB
	Pamela George	28	1995	SK		Violet Herman	40	2007	BC
	Graffie George	20	1967	Y.K.		Éliane Hervieux	36	2002	QC
	Alisha Germaine		1994	BC		Joyce Hewitt	22	1997	AB
	Joanne Ghostkeeper	24	1994	AB		Joanne Hoeppner	28	2008	MB
	Helen Gillings	19	1995	ON		Susan Holens	15	1989	MB
	Michelle Ginnish	22	2004	NB		Angela Holm	16	2009	MB
		36	2011	AB		Deborah Holmes	46	2009	PEI
	Cindy Gladue	30	1981	AB			22	2001	ON
	Nancy Gladue	1.5				Pamela Holopainen	22	1996	BC
	Angelica Godin	15	2012	MB		Tanya Holyk			
	June Goforth	4	2012	SK		Anette Holywhiteman		2008	AB
	Kelly Goforth	21	2013	SK		Rita Holy-White-Man	10	1989	BC
	Mary Goodfellow	67	1993	SK		Jeanette Hootsie	19	2005	SK
	Freda Goodrunning	35	2014	AB	417.	Tracy Hope	24	2011	BC MP
370.		31	2005	AB		April Hornbrook	24	2011	MB
371.		1.0	1997	BC		Victoria Hornbrook	24	1993	MB
372.	Clara Gordon	16	1958	ON		Jennifer Horne	20	2007	NS CV
373.		31	1987	AB		Priscilla Horse	15	1997	SK
3/4.	Marie Goudreau	17	1976	AB	422.	Cherisse Houle	17	2009	MB

423.	Cheryl Humchitt		1993	BC	471.	Shelley Joseph	40	2004	ON
424.	Sheila Hunt			BC	472.	S.K.	1	2010	AB
425.	Monica Ignas	15	1974	BC	473.	Donna Kabatay	17-19		ON
426.	Theresa Innes	36	2005	AB	474.	Kelsey Kahpeechoose	13-19	2013	SK
427.	Leanne Irkootee	22	2004	NU	475.	Tabitha Kalluk		2002	NU
428.	Sherry Irving		1997	BC	476.	Lori Kasprick	14	1961	AB
429.	Florence Isaac			BC	477.	Ernestine Kasyon	26	1989	SK
430.	Miranda Isaac			BC	478.	Donna Kasyon		2002	SK
431.	Roxanne Isadore	23	2007	AB	479.	Dorothy Kay		1952	AB
432.	Monica Jack	12	1978	BC	480.	Donna Kayson	20	2002	SK
433.	Doreen Jack	26	1989	ВС	481.	Mary Keadjuk	24	1990	NWT
434.	Helena Jack	71	2004	ВС	482.	Mary Rose Keajuk			NWT
435.	Laverne Jack			ВС	483.	Barbara Keam	30	1981	AB
436.	Bonnie Jack	37	2006	AB	484.	Evelyn Kebalo	55	1977	MB
437.	Jane Jack	22	1995	ON	485.	Tamra Keepness	5	2004	SK
438.	Barbara Jack	14	1972	YK	486.	Charity Keesic	19	2001	ON
439.	Sally Jackson			ВС	487.	Dawn Keewatin	17	1982	SK
440.	Lynn Jackson	34	2004	AB	488.	Debbie Kennedy			BC
	Helen Jacobs	73	2006	ON		Minnie Kenoajuak		1996	QC
442.	Yvonne Jacobson	37	2001	AB	490.	Charlene Kerr	29	1990	ВС
443.	Jessica James		2005	ВС	491.	Louise Killiktee	31	2010	NU
444.	Cynthia Jamieson		2002	ON	492.	Aynsley Kinch	35	2007	MB
	Annette Janvier	36	2001	AB	493.		22	1997	AB
446.	Jennifer Janz	16	1991	AB	494.	e			ON
447.	Kimberly Jararuse	20	2010	NFLD	495.	Tanya Kirchen	18	2005	MB
448.	Honey Jerry	0	2007	AB	496.	Ruby Kirkpatrick	24	1998	BC
449.	Mary Jimmie		1987	BC	497.	Donna Kiss	25	1986	BC
450.	Irene Jimmy		1996	SK	498.	Emiline Kitchener	34	2012	SK
451.	Cheryl Joe	26	1992	BC	499.	Virginia Kitty	46	2008	ON
452.	Donna Joe	22-32		NB	500.	Katrina Kiyoshk	17	2005	ON
453.	Virginia Johannsen	55	1994	AB	501.	Krystle Knott	16	2005	AB
454.	Kayla John	13	2004	BC	502.	Kayla Koks	22	2012	BC
	Samantha Johnings	1	1992	ON	503.	Maricia Koostachin		2005	MB
456.	Martina Johnnie		1994	BC	504.	Sandy Korba	22	2001	BC
457.	Mary Johns		1982	BC	505.	Judy Kozma	14	1981	BC
458.	Pauline Johnson	30	1985	BC	506.	Mary Kreiser	49	1987	AB
459.	Mary Johnson		1980	BC	507.	Donna Kusugak		2003	NU
460.	Sandra Johnson	18	1992	ON	508.	Bea Kwaronihawi Barnes	17	2010	QC
461.	Cheryl Johnson		2001	NS	509.	Shana Labatte	30	2004	BC
462.	Tiffany Johnston	21	2010	MB	510.	Therese Labbe	47	1989	ON
463.	Courtney Johnstone	26	2014	AB	511.	Leanne Laboucan	22	2007	AB
464.	Tyeshia Jones	18	2011	BC	512.	Francesca Laboucan	23	2003	
465.	Lorna Jones				513.	Shirley Laboucan		2003	AB
466.	Nikita Joseph	24	2012	ВС	514.	Mary Laboucan		2012	NWT
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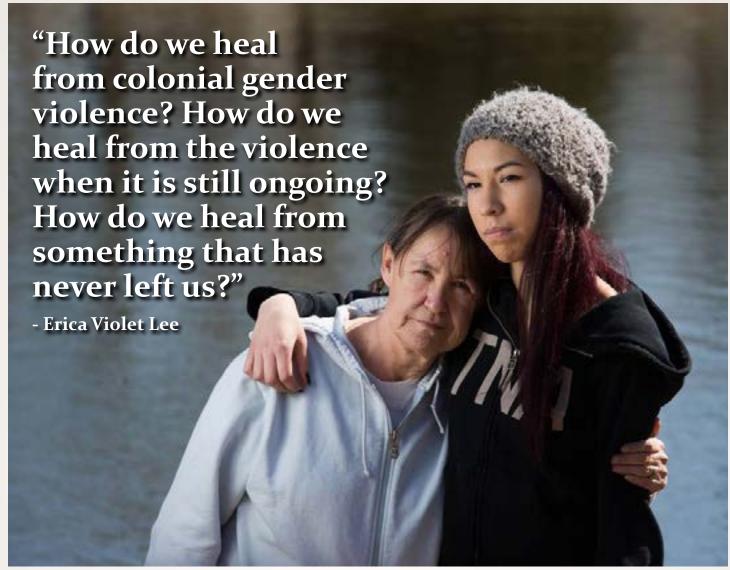
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Cindy Gladue's mother, Donna McLeod, and daughter, Brandy Sierra Gladue, 15, in Edmonton. (Amber Bracken for The Globe and Mail)

"The very system that dispossessed indigenous people from their lands is continuing to create harms in varying forms of violence... Many people are asking 'how can we reconcile with a state that continues to perform violently against us? How can we reconcile with an abuser?"





"Cases are all we have in the legal system ... and on a case by case basis the Supreme court of Canada, numerous public inquires and commissions of inquiry have already found that the system discriminates against Indigenous people" - Katherine Hensel

"Canada is certainly a good place for most people, but not for the Aboriginal and Indigenous women in this country"

- Muriel Stanley Venne

Sarah Hunt, nationsrising.org, posted in Voices Rising on February 14th, 2014



800 names.

600 names.

Thousands of names of missing and murdered women.

Each time the number of Indigenous girls and women whose lives have been cut short due to violence is debated in the news, I sigh. I sigh a deep breath of resentment that we

are still caught up in a numbers game in which one lost life should be more than enough to incite outrage. I sigh a breath of grief, the depths of which I can never quite grasp.

I, like many Indigenous women, are engaged in a constant process of mourning the loss of our loved ones, while supporting our friends who have also lost loved ones and remembering our ancestors' lost loved ones as well. While we grieve, we take action to prevent our children and grandchildren from having to live in constant mourning for their own loved ones.

This mourning is in each breath, carrying me like a current into tomorrow.

Grieving old and new losses takes a great deal of energy, which is compounded by the mental, physical and emotional work of engaging with state systems that continue to dehumanize us. What we have lost goes much deeper than the individual family members whose lives we mourn. Our grief is intergenerational; this is not a new phenomenon, but one as old as colonialism itself. One by one, colonial logics turn our loved ones into statistics. I see the usefulness in gathering names and cases to demonstrate the enormity of this injustice, to account for each life as part of a larger pattern of violence. Yet, as the numbers climb higher with each new death, will they ever be enough to compel the changes that will transform this

> culture of violence? Having focused on issues of violence for many years, I am feeling damned tired of all these numbers. So I focus on the terms by which we recognize one another, one person at a time.

> This is why it is so vital that we come together ... to walk with one another in collective remembrance.

For many of us, it is not the number 800 or 600 or 2000 that

brings us together, but the name of one woman we still think about every day. A woman whose face we still think we see in a crowd, before remembering that she is gone. A mother whose tender hands we still dream of. Or for some, it is two aunties, or three, or more...and each one still lights up our heart with fond memories. Bringing us out of our solitary grief, gathering together ... in memory of missing and murdered girls and women allows us to

"The depths of our remembrance resonate across this land, invigorating a deep love for our relations and calling for a better tomorrow."

renew ourselves and to give our loved ones the honor they deserve. Walking side by side, we form relationships built on respect and shared values, which work against the normalized violence we still face.

The ongoing, persistent nature of this interpersonal violence is deeply connected to the violence of law itself. Colonialism has involved the imposition of a system in which "justice" is defined in terms that depersonalize the crimes against us. Walking together in collective mourning is itself about healing the dehumanization of law's violence. Engaging in truly meaningful acts of connection and ceremony allow us to see one another in our wholeness – decolonial actions if ever there were ones, in a society founded on our erasure.

Where the Canadian legal system creates divisions and distance between us, Indigenous law can nurture intimacy and strengthen our relationships.

We remember our aunties, mothers and daughters, one by one, whose lives were taken too soon. Whether we cite the number of Indigenous girls and women who have died in our city, our region, across this country or across Turtle Island, we know the numbers are far greater than we can fathom. And we know that even one violent death is one too many.

Together, we form a network that is not in reference to a violent legal order, but in reference to our older relationships with the land, with the supernatural world, and with one another. We form a network of people walking in honor not only of the individual people we have lost to these interwoven violences, but also in honor of our ancestors who first fought against the onslaught of policies rooted in our dehumanization.

The depths of our remembrance resonate across this land, invigorating a deep love for our relations and calling for a beter tomorrow.

