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**Geneviève Eliany**

The next witness, I believe, is Dianne Spaulding. Could you state and spell your name for the record, please?

**Dianne Spaulding**

Yeah, it's Dianne Spaulding. D-I-A-N-N-E S-P-A-U-L-D-I-N-G.

**Geneviève Eliany**

Do you promise to tell the truth today?

**Dianne Spaulding**

I do.

**Geneviève Eliany**

I understand that you suffered a vaccine injury. Can you tell us what those injuries were?

**Dianne Spaulding**

I received the AstraZeneca vaccine on April 23rd, 2021. The next three days, I had just some fatigue, bone pain, and a fever. But on the fifth day, I had a bleed on my lower arm. Where the injection was, it had a lot of swelling and redness and a rash. After that, I started getting pins and needles in my hands and in my feet. And they were going up my arms and up my legs. I started getting blurry vision. I was sitting on the couch. This was around the fifth day after the vaccine. And I had this earthquake feeling in my head. That's the best I can describe it, it just felt like an earthquake in my head. That quickly followed by this intense dizziness and disassociation feeling. The best I can describe that is a drugged feeling. My head just felt drugged. Like, I was there, but I wasn't there, kind of thing, like disassociation. I started getting internal vibrations in my chest. Light and noise sensitivity. I

had to constantly turn down the volume of everything and close the blinds in the house. I couldn't take any light or noise. I started getting very fatigued. I actually spent two months in bed: I could not get out of bed. I'd go to bed and wake up and think, "Oh my gosh, I haven't slept." So I just stayed in bed. I started getting bruising all over my body, head-to-toe bruising and petechiae, which are little, small blood dots on my skin.

**Geneviève Eliany**

We have some photos, so we'll walk you through the photos [Exhibits TO-10b to TO-10h]. Just one moment.

**Dianne Spaulding**

So that was that was my arm.

**Geneviève Eliany**

And that was the injection site, correct?

**Dianne Spaulding**

That's correct.

**Geneviève Eliany**

Okay.

**Dianne Spaulding**

That was the bleed on my lower arm, where the injection was.

**Geneviève Eliany**

So this was the same arm as the injection arm?

**Dianne Spaulding**

That's correct.

**Geneviève Eliany**

Okay. These were the spots that you tried to describe a moment earlier.

**Dianne Spaulding**

Right, the petechiae.

**Geneviève Eliany**

Is this some bruising?

**Dianne Spaulding**

Yes.

**Geneviève Eliany**

And this looks like it's a—is it your arm or your leg?

**Dianne Spaulding**

It looks like my leg.

**Geneviève Eliany**

Okay.

**Dianne Spaulding**

That was my chest.

**Geneviève Eliany**

Another bruise on your chest.

**Dianne Spaulding**

They were everywhere.

**Geneviève Eliany**

Again, your arm. And this is obviously a finger. What happened to your finger?

**Dianne Spaulding**

My fingers just started peeling.

**Geneviève Eliany**

Was there pain that went with this bruising and peeling?

**Dianne Spaulding**

No, not really. No, I mean, I would just wake up in the morning and look at my body, and it would just be full of bruising.

**Geneviève Eliany**

Again, some bruising. And it looks like there's a raw patch there. Can you describe that for us?

**Dianne Spaulding**

Yeah, probably like an eczema or something, like, yeah.

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**Geneviève Eliany**

Did you ever have bruising or eczema like this before the injections?

**Dianne Spaulding**

Not the bruising. All my life I've had asthma and allergies, so I have witnessed eczema before. Definitely not the bruising. Yeah, I don't know what that was. A rash.

**Geneviève Eliany**

Okay, thank you.

Now you have an unusual story with respect to your hospital visits. Let's start with the first visit. So what was the diagnosis?

**Dianne Spaulding**

The first visit was when I had the bleed on my lower arm. Of course, I had heard on the news about the AstraZeneca cases causing VITT [vaccine-induced immune thrombotic thrombocytopenia]. So I was quite concerned about that, thinking that I may have that. I went to the ER. And the first thing they said is, "Wow, you've had quite the response to the vaccine." You know, like that's a good thing. And that was about it for that first visit.

**Geneviève Eliany**

At what point were you diagnosed with anxiety?

**Dianne Spaulding**

That would have been my third visit. I had more symptoms after that. I ended up having a hand tremor, a leg tremor, and a head tremor. And these head tremors were like Parkinson's. I couldn't control the tremors in my head. So yeah, that's when I went back to the hospital again. That was the third visit, I believe. They diagnosed me with anxiety. And they referred me for a psych consult. That ultimately led me to see a psychiatrist and place me on anti-depressants.

**Geneviève Eliany**

The psychiatrist also referred you elsewhere. What kind of paperwork did she provide you with and what kind of referrals did she make for you?

**Dianne Spaulding**

So she wrote me a letter of exemption against the second vaccine and to be able to use the amenities at our condo, such as the pool and the gym, because she felt that would be good for me to do that. I had a referral to a neurologist, a hematologist, a rheumatologist. And the rheumatologist basically just asked me why I'm there. He didn't understand why I was sent there. The hematologist was actually a phone call, it wasn't an in-person visit. And he asked me, maybe I'm "just clumsy?" The neurologist, actually, he acknowledged my vaccine injury. He actually said, "I have seen some cases come through that are presenting with an essential tremor, and that's what you have."

**Geneviève Eliany**

So you saw all those specialists in summer 2021, correct?

**Dianne Spaulding**

That's correct.

**Geneviève Eliany**

Okay. And ultimately, you submitted an adverse event form.

**Dianne Spaulding**

Yes, I did.

**Geneviève Eliany**

Did you receive any responses to that?

**Dianne Spaulding**

I was told to go and get the second vaccine.

**Geneviève Eliany**

Despite the exemption that you received from the psychiatrist, was it?

**Dianne Spaulding**

That's correct. Toronto Public Health told me to—suggested that I—get the second vaccine.

**Geneviève Eliany**

Now what happened in January 2023? And this is what makes your story quite different. You received a call from Mount Sinai Hospital?

**Dianne Spaulding**

I did. I had complained to the human resources at Mount Sinai Hospital for the treatment that I had received for the anxiety diagnosis that ultimately put me on antidepressants. And I had to wean myself off them. So yeah, they actually called me—that was in the fall—so I actually got a call in January from them with an apology saying, "We apologize for the way that you were treated and the way we handled the situation." You know, given the anxiety diagnosis.

**Geneviève Eliany**

And I understand they also told you that they had a board meeting about you? Is that right?

**Dianne Spaulding**

That's what he said, yeah.

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**Geneviève Eliany**

Did you get a sense of whether there were many cases discussed? Or he just mentioned that you were part of this or you were discussed in this board meeting?

**Dianne Spaulding**

No, he didn't mention anything about other people, just me.

**Geneviève Eliany**

Despite the apology, were you successful in getting helpful conventional care?

**Dianne Spaulding**

Not from them. I lost my family physician over this because when she received the report from the hospital saying I had anxiety, she yelled at me and said, "Dianne, you have anxiety," and she hung up. So I lost my family physician over that.

I mean, I went home, and I basically went online and researched for myself. I found a lot of Facebook support groups with thousands and thousands just like me with the same, similar symptoms. That's where I found the FLCCC. And I found a local doctor here in Toronto that prescribed me ivermectin. And that's when I finally—I finally turned a corner. I was able to get out of bed. My tremors went away. My internal vibrations went away. Yeah, so that was about the only successful care that I received.

**Geneviève Eliany**

I understand the bruising and the bleeding remains a problem, right?

**Dianne Spaulding**

That's correct. The bruising, the blood dots—they seem to come out after a busy day, like if I'm being active at all. And the disassociation in my head, the fogginess, the brain fog—it just never went away. It's still there.

**Geneviève Eliany**

Thank you, we'll see if the commissioners have any questions for you.

**Dianne Spaulding**

I would just like to end my testimony with a quote. Dr. Zelenko, he said that he wanted the epitome of truthful messaging, that he wanted the truth like a mantra propagated. That's why I'm here today. To be seen, to be heard, to be believed. You know, the gaslighting, it has to stop. It's been really difficult. Thank you.

**Geneviève Eliany**

Thank you on behalf of the National Citizens Inquiry.

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