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**Geneviève Eliany**

Could you turn your video on please, Jen? Thank you. Could you state and spell your name for the record, please?

**Jan Francey**

It's Jan Francey. And spell my last name? F-R-A-N-C-E-Y.

**Geneviève Eliany**

And spell your first name please.

**Jan Francey**

Oh, Jan. J-A-N.

**Geneviève Eliany**

I know it seems simple. Do you promise to tell the truth today?

**Jan Francey**

Yes, I do.

**Geneviève Eliany**

I understand that you were also vaccine-injured. But let's start with why you were reluctant to receive the vaccination in the first place.

**Jan Francey**

Yeah, when I was 18 months old, I was hospitalized with severe encephalitis, and they didn't have a cause for it. They said it must have been mosquitoes. This was in January in Canada. And I mean, it was severe enough that my prognosis was very bad. And that was if I lived. And so I've avoided— I've gotten my tetanus shots but I haven't gotten things like flu shots because I just don't want to mess with those things. So I didn't want to get that because of that.

**Geneviève Eliany**

Okay. And ultimately, what made you change your mind?

**Jan Francey**

The vaccine passport. Winter was coming, I live in a shoebox. The thought of an entire winter sitting inside was— I was afraid I wouldn't make it through the winter. I live alone.

**Geneviève Eliany**

When you say you live in a shoe box—

**Jan Francey**

I don't have any family here.

**Geneviève Eliany**

Sorry, I didn't mean to interrupt you. I didn't hear what you said.

**Jan Francey**

The apartment is very small: it's one room; there's no balcony; it's maybe 200 square feet.

**Geneviève Eliany**

So what happened after the first injection?

**Jan Francey**

After the first one, I woke up and I didn't feel well. I felt nauseous. I was throwing up. I kept throwing up. But I also had, like, a sensation in my hands that wasn't right. It was like they were vibrating but they were also kind of numb. But there's also pins and needles. And that just continued and the throwing up continued. And then it came time to get the second one, which I had to get because I still wasn't a person in Ontario.

After the second one, everything got really bad. When I woke up the day after the second one— Uh oh.

**Geneviève Eliany**

We can still see you.

**Jan Francey**

Okay. When I woke up the day after the second one, all my joints were stiff. Everything hurt. The numbness and the vibration had gotten worse. And then, over the course of a couple weeks, the vibration could continue all night but they were everywhere. I could feel it in my gut. Everything was vibrating. I could not sleep. I felt like I was moving all the time. And then, yeah, things just kept worsening.

I developed Raynaud's. But I also couldn't feel my hands. I couldn't detect heat. I could pull things out of the oven without an oven mitt. You don't think about it because you don't feel any heat. You've done it already when you realize you've done it. I couldn't feel my feet or my face either. That went on for months. I couldn't feel the shower.

And then as time went on, I started getting a lot of symptoms in my head: my eyes, my vision went bad, my hearing. I couldn't tolerate anything. I couldn't tolerate light. I couldn't tolerate sound. I couldn't tolerate vibration. People talking, that was just way too much. I couldn't handle people talking. And then my neck started to get stiff. And I started to feel like my sinuses were being pushed down. I just felt like my head was going to explode. The pain was so brutal.

**Geneviève Eliany**

What happened when you tried to get help at the hospital?

**Jan Francey**

I went to the hospital in June last year, or July—July 4th. I was plastered in hives and giant lumps. We don't even know what I reacted to. And I had tried telephone appointments, which is what I usually relied on. And I'd gotten Rupall and that didn't do anything. So we tried to go to the hospital. Well, I'm mask-exempt due to PTSD. It was a trauma from a violent crime.

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So I get in there and I have to deal with the security guard, who's not too bad. But he's pretty persistent, he wants to put something on my head. Then I get into triage and I have to show him my letter for my mask exemption. And then my partner, who's with me, has to show him proof of vaccination. And then we finally get through there and get sent to the next waiting room, when a nurse decides that she's going to attack. And I was humiliated in front of the entire waiting room. She would not stop. And I ended up leaving. My partner wanted me to stay because I was an absolute mess. The hives and lumps were everywhere. I was on fire. But it's just too much. How am I going to trust somebody who just screamed at me and humiliated me? Where's the care in that?

**Geneviève Eliany**

So ultimately, you did have an appointment with an immunologist. And what happened at that stage?

**Jan Francey**

That was after the hives, which I ended up on prednisone for through a telephone appointment. So they had set me up with them to figure out what was going on. So I started explaining what was happening to him. And I said, I get these—when it happens, like, I get

this vibration in my neck. He didn't think that it had anything to do with that. He didn't know why or what I reacted to or what was going on. And he suggested that I needed to see a rheumatologist and a neurologist.

**Geneviève Eliany**

Were any of them able to help you?

**Jan Francey**

This was a telephone appointment with the immunologist and nothing ever happened after that. I don't know how you get yourself a telephone appointment, I mean, with a specialist. This appointment with the immunologist was set up by one of the other telephone doctors.

**Geneviève Eliany**

But did the immunologist not refer you to both a rheumatologist and a neurologist?

**Jan Francey**

I never got a call. No, nothing.

**Geneviève Eliany**

Okay, so you never received a follow-up, but that was his recommendation, right?

**Jan Francey**

Yeah.

**Geneviève Eliany**

Okay. How did this interfere with your ability to work?

**Jan Francey**

I was not working when it happened. So it didn't interfere.

**Geneviève Eliany**

Okay. Are you able to—

**Jan Francey**

But I couldn't work. There is no way that I could work now. I can't even stand up for 10 minutes without my heart— I have cardiac problems as well now. And I take a walk and my heart goes up to 140. So it's not a good feeling.

**Geneviève Eliany**

Did you have any success with the adverse events reporting system?

**Jan Francey**

Well, I got my first telephone appointment. Because I had my last shot November 11, 2021. And then in December, I called for an appointment. I had to wait till the 15th of January. And that doctor was terrified. As soon as I mentioned the vaccine, she started to stutter. I said, "I want to be exempted from more of this. I can't take any more of this." Because I was scared because they kept talking about more and more boosters. And I didn't want to not be a person, but I don't want to die either. So I asked her for an exemption. And she said, "No, no, no. No exemptions. The College said." Well, then I asked about reporting my injuries. She said, "There's no point in doing that because they just throw them away."

And she was right because I tried to self-report. Fast-forward eight months and Toronto Public Health just basically turned it into nothing. Sent the first doctor I talked to on the phone a letter saying, "You can decide if she's having another shot." And they also said that they don't write exemptions.

So then I wrote to the College of Physicians and basically demanded one and asked them who they thought they were. And I never heard back from them.

**Geneviève Eliany**

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

No questions. Thank you so much for your testimony, on behalf of the National Citizens Inquiry.

**Shawn Buckley**

So that concludes the witnesses for today, and so we will adjourn the National Citizens Inquiry and reconvene in Winnipeg.

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