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**Shawn Buckley**

Okay, thank you. So we'll proceed. Our next witness is going to be Carley Walterson-Dupuis.

**Wayne Lenhardt**

Could you give us your full name, and then spell it for me, and then you'll have to give us your oath.

**Carley Walterson-Dupuis**

My name is Carley Walterson-Dupuis C-A-R-L-E-Y W-A-L-T-E-R-S-O-N hyphen D-U-P-U-I-S.

**Wayne Lenhardt**

And do you promise to tell the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth during your testimony today?

**Carley Walterson-Dupuis**

I do.

**Wayne Lenhardt**

I'll try to help condense this almost two-year saga of yours that you've gone through after your shot. When did you get the Moderna shot?

**Carley Walterson-Dupuis**

On June 28th of 2021.

**Wayne Lenhardt**

And why did you get it?

**Carley Walterson-Dupuis**

I got it because I wasn't going to be allowed into sports facilities for my kids.

**Wayne Lenhardt**

And right after you got the shot you started having symptoms.

**Carley Walterson-Dupuis**

Yeah.

**Wayne Lenhardt**

Is that correct? Can you tell us about that?

**Carley Walterson-Dupuis**

Yeah. The day of, I felt fine. It was the next day that I started experiencing some stomach problems that lasted about three weeks. From there, I had vertigo for a week, which was new to me. I've never experienced dizziness like that before. Following the vertigo was the really scary part. I experienced heart problems: heart palpitations, loss of breath. I couldn't exercise.

**Wayne Lenhardt**

And that developed over the course of the first four to five weeks after your shot. Correct?

**Carley Walterson-Dupuis**

Correct.

**Wayne Lenhardt**

One of your family members, I believe, took you into urgent care at about the five-week mark. Correct?

**Carley Walterson-Dupuis**

Correct.

**Wayne Lenhardt**

And what happened? Why did you go to urgent care and what happened?

**Carley Walterson-Dupuis**

I was sitting at my desk at home; I was working from home at the time. And I could feel my heart beating out of my chest. It was very, very uncomfortable. I was losing my breath and

felt very scared. So I was talking to my mom, who is a nurse, and she took me into urgent care that day.

**Wayne Lenhardt**

And what did they do at urgent care?

**Carley Walterson-Dupuis**

They did an EKG. I got into a room and they had me lay down in a bed. I was hooked up to heart monitors, but everything came back normal. There were no abnormalities that were found on the EKG. The doctors that I spoke to would not consider it being from the vaccine, at all.

**Wayne Lenhardt**

And they sent you home. Correct?

**Carley Walterson-Dupuis**

They sent me home because everything looked normal.

**Wayne Lenhardt**

Okay. So you went back to your family doctor at that point. Correct?

**Carley Walterson-Dupuis**

I did, yes.

**Wayne Lenhardt**

What did he say?

**Carley Walterson-Dupuis**

My family doctor also didn't want to consider this being from the vaccine. But she's known me my entire life. She actually delivered me into the world, so she knows my entire health history, and I've never had a problem before. So she got me in to see a specialist. She recommended me to a cardiologist in the city.

**Wayne Lenhardt**

And that took you a certain amount of time to make that appointment, and your symptoms continued during that time. Did they?

**Carley Walterson-Dupuis**

Correct.

**Wayne Lenhardt**

What were the symptoms?

**Carley Walterson-Dupuis**

Heart palpitations, loss of breath, and by this point, I was also experiencing chest pain, on and off.

**Wayne Lenhardt**

You had to rest during the day.

**Carley Walterson-Dupuis**

I had to rest during the day. Yeah. My workdays, I work at a desk at home all day. But I had to actually go and lay down multiple times in the day to get my heart rate back to normal.

**Wayne Lenhardt**

Okay. So finally, you got to go in to see that cardiologist. What happened there?

**Carley Walterson-Dupuis**

He was aggressive, very dismissive, and rude.

**Wayne Lenhardt**

They did a second EKG?

**Carley Walterson-Dupuis**

He did a second EKG. Everything looked normal still. But he was aggressive and continued to push me to go and get another shot.

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Which I refused.

**Wayne Lenhardt**

Okay. So then you went back to your family doctor, correct?

**Carley Walterson-Dupuis**

Yes.

**Wayne Lenhardt**

We're at about the ten-week mark from the time you got your shot. And you're still having problems, correct?

**Carley Walterson-Dupuis**

Correct.

**Wayne Lenhardt**

So your family doctor then did what?

**Carley Walterson-Dupuis**

She recommended me to an allergist just to make sure that this wasn't an allergy-related symptom, which I figured it wasn't. So I spoke to an allergist on the phone. I never saw him in person. He ruled out any of my symptoms being allergy related. He said he had a friend that's a cardiologist in the city, and he recommended me to see him.

**Wayne Lenhardt**

Okay. So you actually went to a second cardiologist at that point, didn't you?

**Carley Walterson-Dupuis**

Correct.

**Wayne Lenhardt**

And what happened then?

**Carley Walterson-Dupuis**

He was very kind. He made me feel validated. He verbalized to me that this is definitely from the vaccine. He also said that there are numerous other people going through this. It was nice to feel not alone.

**Wayne Lenhardt**

Is he the one that told you might have an [autonomic] nervous system disorder?

**Carley Walterson-Dupuis**

Correct. He is the one that diagnosed me with that.

**Wayne Lenhardt**

Did he prescribe anything for you?

**Carley Walterson-Dupuis**

I was prescribed beta blockers at that time.

**Wayne Lenhardt**

We're now at about the thirteen-week point after your shot. You went back to your family doctor at that point, and I'm trying to decipher my notes here. Was there another cardiologist that you went to at this point?

**Carley Walterson-Dupuis**

That was the only cardiologist. But at that appointment with my doctor, she brought up my medical files, and he wrote— The cardiologist wrote in my medical files that it was from COVID.

**Wayne Lenhardt**

Okay. So you started to feel somewhat better at this point, is that correct?

**Carley Walterson-Dupuis**

Yes, things were on and off. It wasn't as persistent as it was in the beginning where it was every day. I would experience on and off symptoms, so I'd have some good days, some bad.

**Wayne Lenhardt**

Around March of 2022, you started to go to a homeopathic doctor.

**Carley Walterson-Dupuis**

That's correct.

**Wayne Lenhardt**

And he prescribed vitamins and a food regimen and that type of thing, correct?

**Carley Walterson-Dupuis**

Yeah, I looked into alternative methods of healing as the healthcare system was failing me at that point, and I wasn't willing to live the way I was living.

**Wayne Lenhardt**

And you still have some symptoms today, although things have improved to some extent.

**Carley Walterson-Dupuis**

Yes. A lot of symptoms have improved. I would say my heart is back to normal at this time; although, we don't know what long-term effects could be. My only ongoing symptom is everyday dizziness. If I turn my head a certain way, I'm dizzy. So it's just something I've had to live with now.

**Wayne Lenhardt**

How was your health prior to getting the Moderna shot?

**Carley Walterson-Dupuis**

A hundred per cent.

**Wayne Lenhardt**

Did you have any ailments of any kind?

**Carley Walterson-Dupuis**

Never.

**Wayne Lenhardt**

Okay. At the present time, again, you still have dizziness during the day. Correct?

**Carley Walterson-Dupuis**

Yes.

**Wayne Lenhardt**

Is there anything else that I may have missed in your health saga here for those,

**Carley Walterson-Dupuis**

That sums up it.

**Wayne Lenhardt**

a year and 10 months, I think it is.

**Carley Walterson-Dupuis**

Yeah.

**Wayne Lenhardt**

Okay. I think I'm going to turn you over to the commissioners. Are there any questions that you have for this witness?

**Carley Walterson-Dupuis**

Thank you.

**Wayne Lenhardt**

Okay. Thank you very much for your testimony. Appreciate you coming.

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