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COMMISSION OF INQUIRY INTO THE CIRCUMSTANCES  
SURROUNDING THE DEATH OF PHOENIX SINCLAIR

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**Commission Disclosure 0953**

**Notes to File**

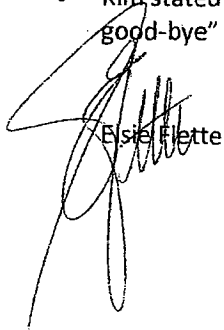
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Phone call between Kim Edwards and Elsie Flette  
April 5/06

**Re: Phoenix Sinclair**

- Kim stated that she was the legal foster mom in August and Sept / 2002; worker was Stan Williams
- When Phoenix's mom came to take her – bio dad had brought her to Kim's – bio mom had no involvement with her in first three years of her life
- Took her from Kim's home in April 2003
- All lost contact; 'they were looking for her'
- Kim phone CFS to speak to Stan Williams
- Earlier – taken from Kim's home – she called Stan Williams and within five days of her phone call she had Phoenix back
- She was in a foster home on a reserve in this time
- By Jan/03 she was back with Kim
- Kim tried to find Phoenix but no one knew where she was
- Uncle on the mom's side – Mickey Kematch – was looking for her
- No one could find her
- No one called the police – Kim did not call the police
- Mickey said they were looking for her at Fisher River
- Mickey's girlfriend's mother is a producer at CBC
- Steve did not ask any questions because he was involved with a 13 year old girl that he got pregnant – Steve is 24/25 years old and he is in hiding
- Steve's sister – Jenny – Kim spoke to her after Samantha was charged at the court house
- Kim did not know the family well
- No one in the family has spoken up
- Phoenix did not have a horrible existence – she had a family that loved her at Kim's – she was a happy child when she was with them
- She had her for 3 years and no one checked on her
- When Steve had her, she was no well looked after
- CFS came out in response to a call from someone about a party
- After [REDACTED] died, Steve's family took Phoenix for a while
- Samantha and Steve were separated at this time
- Police needed to escort Samantha at [REDACTED]'s funeral
- Kim did what she could to look after her
- Stan Williams told her that her case was one that was going to be transferred July 2002/early Sept 2002
- Kim said that [REDACTED] case was 'fizzled out'
- No home visits from the first worker involved
- Second worker was Stan Williams
- "white establishment" is bending over backwards
- Phoenix was on Fisher River reserve
- Christine Melnick has been very co-operative with her
- Spoke with Frank Whitehead at AMC

- She has to live with the fact that she did not try hard enough to find her
- Samantha and Steve do not need the help and the sympathy
- Kim want the native agencies to recognize that she (Phoenix) was her (Kim's) child; short of putting her to her breast, she was her flesh and blood
- Wants to leave her fight with dignity and respect for the children who are going to die
- Human compassion is what she wants to get out there
- Native children because of devolution are at the highest risk – because of the transfer
- All kids are at risk
- Kim stated that person to person, 'most of my friends are native' – they all said she would have a fight on her hands getting anything from the native authorities
- Her conversation with me did not put her at ease – just left more questions
- Kim stated that native people don't care about Phoenix
- Kim stated "not once did you say I'm sorry and I feel for your grieving – the conversation is over, good-bye" and hung up



Esie Flette