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1.1 Meaghan Vass's evidence at trial of Susan Neill-Fraser - in a 'Basha Inquiry' (without jury) 29Sept2010.

Meaghan Vass was born on 14Oct1993 and early in 2016 [a court transcription error? Should we read: 2009?] she was living in Hobart. She was pretty sure that in January 2009 she was living in the Annie Kenney Womens Shelter in Montrose. She had no occupation at the time, but received a special benefit from Centrelink. She did not have a twin sister.

She did not remember if in January and February 2009 she went to the wharf area in Hobart, at Constitution Dock and she had no memory of seeing there the [*Four Winds*] yacht, a picture of which was shown to her in court. The wharf area was not an area that she would go to in late January 2009. It was highly unlikely that she was down around Constitution Dock on about the 27th or 28th of January, 2009.

Neither did she remember if in January 2009 she had gone to an area of Goodwood near Negara Crescent where there is an industrial estate and some yachts. She had no memory of going to a slip-yard in Goodwood in Negara Crescent called Cleanlift Marine and had never been there in her life.

She had never been aboard the [*Four Winds*] yacht [that had been shown to her in a photo in court].

1.2 Meaghan Vass's evidence at the trial of Susan Neill-Fraser (before the jury) 29Sept2010.

BIO

Her full name was Meaghan Elizabeth Vass and her date of birth was the 14th of October, 1993. She didn't have a twin sister. She was 16 years old [i.e. two weeks short of her 17th birthday when she gave her evidence to the 29Sept2010 trial court]. She was pretty sure that on 26Jan2009 she was living at Stainforth Court in Lenah Valley. *"It's as you're coming down the Brooker there's a big block of white – a white*

complex." A little while before [during the 'Basha Inquiry'] she had told the court that she had been living at the Annie Kenny Montrose Shelter. She couldn't really remember. She had been homeless since she was thirteen. The Shelter and Stainforth Court were not the same place. On 26Jan2009, she lived at the Annie Kenny Womens Shelter in Montrose. She had said that she had been living at Stainforth Court because she was getting confused and she had been homeless since she was thirteen, so it was very hard for her. The question which she had been asked a few [Basha Inquiry] minutes ago was not difficult. She was sorry.

POLICE

Following an arrest in relation to a stealing matter, she had had DNA taken from her by forensic or police personnel. The police had tried to interview her some time before [the trial] and she had refused to be interviewed about anything to do with that [Neill-Fraser/Bob Chappell] case. She had told the police that she wouldn't be interviewed for the reason that "*this just intimidates me, I've never had to do or go through anything like this before and that was the only reason*". She felt intimidated by it, not having dealt with something that large before. She had been shown pictures of the yacht and the same as what had gone on [in the court (the 'Basha Inquiry?')] on that day, so she'd refused to be interviewed. She had said to the police that she'd tell them nothing. It would have been easy to say to the police that she'd never been on board that yacht, but she took the view of not saying a word to those police officers.

CONSTITUTION DOCK

She did not remember if, at the end of January 2009 or at the very beginning of February 2009, she went to the Constitution Dock area. She did not remember being there. She knew where Constitution Dock was, that it was the one in town where Mure's was. She had no memory of going there at all in late January 2009, around the 27th of January. It was fair to say that she would say that she didn't go there during that period.

GOODWOOD

She did not remember going to an area in Goodwood, Negara Crescent, where there's some yachts on slips and an industrial estate there. She did not remember if she went there. It was fair to say that she would say that she didn't go there during that period and that she'd never been to the industrial premises called CleanLIFT Marine at Negara Crescent at Goodwood. She had never been there in her life and most definitely wasn't there in late January early February 2009.

FOUR WINDS

She was shown a photo [the 1st photo from P3 in the large folders that the jury had with them]. She had never been aboard the yacht [the *Four Winds*] that was shown in the photo. She was quite sure that she'd never been on that boat.

1.3 Typed statement [affirming her trial evidence] taken from Meaghan Vass by TasPol on 23Mar2012.

23Mar2012: a typed statement was taken by Tasmania Police from Vass, the homeless girl, who stated:
She had never been to Sandy Bay;
She had never been on any yacht in her life;
She never went onto the Four Winds;
She had no idea how her DNA came to be on the boat;
She did not recall having any property stolen or removed that may have had contact with the boat; and
She had not been at the waterfront at any time that she could remember.

1.4 Colin McLaren's 5/2/2019 A2A account of his first contact with Vass, on 16/1/2017.

She was with others, partying on the yacht [not the Four Winds]. She couldn't remember, but had to think about it, It was Paul and Sam and her. There was a fight on the other yacht - the old guy's yacht, next to Paul's. She can't swim, and didn't: they [had] got a dinghy. On board [the Four Winds] there was a fight. She saw it, but 'fucked off'. Took off, in the dinghy. She didn't know what happened to Paul and Sam, they went back to Paul's yacht and she took off. [It maybe that Paul & Sam took her to the beach then returned to Paul's yacht.]

1.5 Meaghan Vass: 1st STATUTORY DECLARATION [Witnessed 28/4/2017].

Vass's statement was to the effect:

that she made the statement of her own free will, understanding that it would be used for the purpose of an indemnity application on [her] behalf. She further understood that there was no guarantee as to the success of that application. Its contents constituted the evidence which she would be prepared to give in the event that she was called as a witness in any further proceedings in relation to that matter. Her name was Meaghan Vass [/her date of birth 14Oct1993] and she was 23 years old. In 2010 she was told her DNA was found on the *Four Winds* yacht off Sandy Bay [Hobart\]. She was on the *Four Winds* yacht on the of Australia Day 2009 [/on the night of Sunday?, 26Jan2009*] She was there with people she wouldn't name. [She was scared\]. She didn't want to give away any details except that she was on the yacht. Ms [The Lady Sue\] Neill-Fraser was not on the yacht. She had never met her, didn't know her, just knew she was in prison. [And she had thoughts about her everyday from the previous eight years. Nobody understood her grief.\] She didn't want to say anymore or why she was on the yacht [she wanted to be left alone\].

[/ = from my notes of a video of McLaren drafting a statement which was played in court in court Wed22Aug2018?]

[\ = from excerpts read to the court by Mr Percy 30Oct2017]

*My 'Zochling Error'? Australia Day 2009 was on the long-weekend Mon26Jan2009. My notes show McLaren as having dictated the word 'Sunday'. Perhaps I misheard his words in the video played to the court.

1.6 Meaghan Vass: 2nd STATUTORY DECLARATION [17/10/2017].

On 17Oct2017 in Hobart, Meaghan Vass, in the presence of Angela Atkins and Reginald Atkins and witnessed by DG [Damien George?] declared that she had read a statement shown to her by Damien. She wished to declare that it was false and that she'd never been on the boat. [The words '*Collin offered money that I never received*' appeared to have been squeezed in (by her) after she had signed it. To my knowledge, this statement was not tendered to the Court/nor taken in by it. See: photo in 2.6]

1.7 Meaghan Vass's evidence at application hearing RE: Leave for SN-F to make a 2nd Appeal. 30Oct2017.

Summary of Meaghan Vass's evidence given to the 'Sue Neill-Fraser application for Leave to make a second appeal [A2A]

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WHEREABOUTS 26JAN2009

BIO: Meaghan Elizabeth Vass was 24 years old and of no fixed address. She was homeless in 2009 and was still homeless in 2017 and might go to one shelter and then to another, which was the case in 2009.. She didn't remember anything about 2009 or where she was living on Australia Day 2009. She knew that the case was about a man going missing off a boat that was harboured near Sandy Bay on Australia Day 2009.

She couldn't remember where she had stayed on the night of 26Jan2009. She could have possibly been living at *Annie Kenney House* in Montrose or at *Mara House* in New Town, and she couldn't remember if she'd stayed there on the night of 26Jan2009.

She'd always lived in Hobart. She would have - she had been - to Sandy Bay plenty of times, but not on Australia Day 2009. She did know Sam Devine but was not with him that night. She did not see him very often in 2009. He was then roundabout 15 years of age and had been living in the northern suburbs, though [in 2017] she wasn't sure where he would have been living since 2009.

She had never participated in any robberies or stealing [anywhere, including on boats]. She had never been on yachts, knew nothing about them and didn't know how to sink one. She didn't know Stephen Gleeson, Paul Rowe or Adam Yaxley. Back in 2009 she never mixed with older men.

A photo of Vass was put onto her Facebook on 12Jan2015. It was taken at around that time. She couldn't say exactly when it was taken, nor could she say what year. Quite possibly it could have been taken well before 2015, she couldn't remember.

TRIAL

She vaguely remembered giving evidence [2010] at a trial in relation to that [Australia Day 2009] matter. She hadn't given a statement to police prior to that. She did not remember if she gave evidence as to where she was living at the time of that matter. Yet she then agreed that she had previously given evidence at the Supreme Court [Neill-Fraser trial] about where she had been on on Australia Day 2009 and agreed that she had denied [at the trial] ever being at Sandy Bay that night. She denied [A2A 2017] having ever been on the *Four Winds*. She knew what was supposed to have happened on it. [At the 2010 trial] it was the first time that she had been asked to recall [then some eighteen months later] where she was in 2009. In between [that] time she would probably have stayed at lots of places and since 2010, she had stayed at lots and lots of different places, basically in the northern suburbs [of Hobart], so Newtown, Moonah, Glenorchy and Claremont. She had lived down in Sandy Bay, but couldn't remember the time frame. It was probably after she went to [the trial] court.

O'KEEFE / MCLAREN / GEORGE

Before/while leaving the [A2A] court for a five-minute break, she said to a policeman at the back of the courtroom: "*Damien, I can't do this anymore*" (or words to that effect) [The police officer referred to is probably Damien George]. In relation to that 'matter' [her being linked to the *Four Winds* or her 'I was on the boat' statement] she had been dealing with the policeman she had called Damien. She spoke to him 'only briefly' during the break.

'The rest' [of the STAT DEC - 28APR2017 statement that she was being questioned about at the A2A] was not true. To make her go along with the statement, Karen Keefe had threatened to put her 'in the boot of a car' if she didn't. She signed the statement because she was too scared, the statement wasn't true, she was made to sign it out of fear.

She hadn't discussed the evidence she'd give [in the A2A court] with police, hadn't discussed it with Damien. She remembered meeting Colin McLaren at the Best Western Hotel on the 18th of March [2017]. He believed everything Karen said and the two of them got together and made the statement up and made her sign it out of fear that she was going to be put in the [car] boot. She told him she didn't know those people and as far as she was concerned the occasion never existed. She had met McLaren so that she could tell him what she knew about the events of that night which was that she couldn't recollect those people and as far as she was concerned the occasion never happened. She agreed that

she'd told McLaren that for years it had haunted her, because she was doing the same thing at 15 as she was doing now, she couldn't give anything different to what she gave then, she didn't know. Keefe was an associate of Sharkie's (a friend of Vass's).

When she had spoken to McLaren, in the heat of the moment she had said that she had thought about 'the lady in jail for all [those] years' [Mr Percy's words], but she [Vass] wouldn't have thought about her every [actual] day. Vass had thought about "*how fucking horrible it would be for her [Neill-Fraser]*" but couldn't do anything about it. As far as she was concerned, it didn't happen. Put to her by Percy, McLaren had asked her [at the Best Western?] what she actually thought of [Neill-Fraser's imprisonment] and she agreed ("*exactly!*") that she had said: "*How fucking horrible it would be. I'd go and unlock the cell door for her today if I could, but I can't. Please, can I please. Can we just go?*"

Prior to 2017, she did not know Karen Keefe who had got out of prison early that year. Vass was introduced to Keefe, not by Mr McKenzie, but by a friend of his. Keefe was friends with Ronald Mackenzie, who a member of the Devils Henchmen. Vass had not known him prior to that year [2017]. He had befriended her and was friends with Keefe, though not so much anymore [Oct2017]. At the first meeting, Keefe did not straightaway raise the Sue Neill-Fraser case. Keefe came and saw her at some stage. Vass was homeless at the time and had no money. Keefe told Vass that she'd been in jail with Neill-Fraser, that they had become friends [there], that she was doing it to help SN-F, and that that was why she wanted Vass to say that she was on the boat. Keefe had written out the statement (that was in front of Vass in the A2A court) and had made her sign it. Prior to that Keefe had told her she'd have to say that she'd been on the boat. She had told Keefe numerous times that she'd not been on the boat.

Keefe introduced her to Colin McLaren who said he was a private detective working on the case. He said that there would be money if she said she'd been on the boat. At that time, she didn't tell him she'd been on the boat. At one stage they wanted to take her down to the hotel on the waterfront to talk to them and she refused to go. On another occasion they took her to the Mercure Hotel. Ronald McKenzie drove her in. Vass thought Keefe had known McKenzie for quite a few years. McLaren was there, a person by the name of Eve Ash was there. They had cameras. They wanted to know whether she'd been on the boat. She hadn't said anything.

Vass was pretty sure that Keefe had told McKenzie that she would put Vass into the boot of a car if she didn't sign it. She believed - had only found out recently - that Keefe had been offered money. She had not been paid any money in relation to the matter. She had never been promised any money at all. She had found out fairly recently [A2A: 2017] that there was a reward for anyone who told the truth about SN-F's case. She had only once recently seen a billboard around Hobart which advertised a reward of \$40,000. The reference to money, made by Colin McLaren in May [2017], was in relation to the reward.

STAT DEC - 28APR2017

[A statutory declaration, of Meaghan Vass and witnessed on 28th April 2017 was 'taken in' by Justice Brett's A2A court]. Vass remembered signing a stat. dec. on that date, but that to her recollection it was not in front of a Justice of the Peace called Mitchell. She didn't know anything about a Justice of the Peace called Ms or Mrs Mitchell, but she [such a person] was not present when she signed it, it was just Jeff Thompson, Ronald McKenzie and herself. Rosie O'Donnell [in whose house this took place] was not in the room when it was signed.

She agreed that in the document in front of her [in the A2A court] it said that she was making that statement of her own free will on the understanding that it might be used for the purpose of an indemnity application made on her behalf. She understood it to mean that she wouldn't get prosecuted over what she had told the court in 2010.

[On the first page the document began with: *"I'm making this statement on my own free will on the understanding this statement will be used for the purpose of an indemnity application made on behalf."*] [Mr Coates (DPP) told Justice Brett that he undertook not to prosecute her for anything in relation to what she had said.(see 2.7 for further detail). It was her first apparent formal admission that she was on the *Four Winds* on the night of 26Jan2009 and that she had witnessed Bob Chappell's murder - gfs.]

She agreed that she made the statement on that basis and that her statement [continued]: *"The contents of this statement constitutes the evidence which I would be prepared to give in the event that I'm called as a witness in any further proceedings in relation to this matter."*

Challenged by Mr Percy to agree that the statement did say the above, she told the court: *"It doesn't mean it's fucking true"*.

She had been telling the truth [at the A2A] to the best of her ability. In signing the statement, she had not told the truth, having signed it after being threatened to be put in the boot of a car [if she didn't].

Vass had signed the statement at Rosie O'Donnell's, who was a friend of Ronald [McKenzie]. She, Rosie and Jeff Thompson were there. Thompson was already there when she arrived. He had the statutory declaration already typed up. She had not seen it before that day. Vass was pretty sure that Keefe had told McKenzie that she would put Vass into the boot of a car if she didn't sign it. Where the statement said: *"I'm making this statement of my own free will and on the understanding this statement will be used for the purposes of indemnity application being made on my behalf, and "I was on the Four Winds yacht on the night of Australia Day"* these were already typed in and she was told to sign it.

She had never told anyone she'd been on the boat. She had not told anyone she'd been on the boat when Mr Chappell was killed.

Rather than being asked to read the statement, she was just asked to sign it. At the time no one explained to her what an indemnity application

was or that it [the stat. dec.?] couldn't be used in any criminal proceedings against her. She didn't know anything about a Justice of the Peace called Ms or Mrs Mitchell, but she [such a person] was not present when she signed it, it was just Jeff Thompson, Ronald McKenzie and herself. Rosie O'Donnell was not in the room when it was signed.

WHEREABOUTS 26JAN2009

She had not previously told someone that she did remember where she was on Australia Day 2009. She had been asked questions [at trial] as to where she had been living at that time and had probably said that she might have been living at Annie Kenney in Montrose. She accepted [A2A] that she was then in fact living at *Mara House*, in Newtown. She did not accept that she was absent on that night, saying that she hadn't been shown records. She couldn't remember if she'd sought leave to stay out at a person called *Sam*'s house that night. In those days she was quite possibly keeping company with someone called Sam ... Sam Devine. She then accepted that she didn't come home to *Mara House* on the night of the 26th Jan because she wanted to stay out at Sam's place that night.

She had been told that her DNA was found on the *Four Winds* yacht. She [at the A2A] denied the truth of her statement [STAT DEC - 28APR2017] which had said that she had been on the yacht. She had not ever told people that she'd never been to Sandy Bay. Of course she had been there before but she couldn't remember what had happened on Australia Day.

She had not previously told police that she'd never been near the waterfront that she remembered. She had not told them that she'd never been to Sandy Bay, the yacht club or anywhere near the marina. She did not tell them that in an interview in 2012. She had never said that she was never at Sandy Bay. [This conflicts with her 23Mar2012 statement to police ... see: 1.3 and 2.3] Living in Hobart, of course she would have been there. She had not ever told police that she'd never been to Sandy Bay ever.

She couldn't remember if she had seen a yellow sedan on the foreshore that night. She was never on that boat, was never on the *Four Winds* yacht on Australia Day. She could not give the court any explanation as to how her DNA had been found on that yacht.

She knew a place called *Mara House* in New Town and said she was possibly living there at the time, she thought so. She couldn't remember if she stayed there on the night of the 26th of January 2009. She hadn't been shown the records from that establishment for that night. She could not remember anything that had happened around Australia Day 2009

1.8 Meaghan Vass: signed affidavit relating to her 60 Minutes interview (screened 10Mar2019): 25Feb2019.

According to Justice Brett, [<http://classic.austlii.edu.au/cgi-bin/sinodisp/au/cases/tas/TASSC/2019/10.html?stem=0&synonyms=0&query=neill-fraser>) paras 48 & 49], he received an affidavit, of which he wrote that it was 'purportedly signed on 25Feb 2019.

The affidavit related to a 60 Minutes interview which Vass had then recently made. Justice Brett, later in his written decision [21Mar2019] said of the affidavit that while having reserved his decision on the A2A leave Application, he had then allowed SN-F to reopen her application in order to present some further evidence. That further evidence related to the 60 Minutes interview and consisted of an affidavit by Vass which contained "*direct and detailed admissions of Ms Vass's involvement in events aboard the Four Winds on the relevant night.*"

In particular, Justice Brett wrote that [in the affidavit] she had stated: "*that she was present on the yacht then with two identified male companions. She witnessed at least one of the males assault Mr Chappell. She recalls seeing a lot of blood.*"

Justice B Brett noted that the affidavit did not directly address what became of Mr Chappell and further noted that Ms Vass claimed that she could not recall leaving the yacht or what happened after the assault, yet the affidavit contained "*direct and detailed admissions of Ms Vass's involvement in events aboard the Four Winds on the relevant night.*" Brett's "she had stated ' *that she was present on the yacht then with two identified male companions*' indicates significantly that she actually identified the two males that she was with. Vass's having actually formally named the two males is a significant advance in the case.

1.9 Meaghan Vass: transcript of interview on 60 Minutes - screened 10Mar2019

[see 2.9 for the actual transcript - the following is a summary of what Vass said and/or agreed to during the interview -gfs]

Summary of 60 Minutes' Liam Bartlett interviewing Meaghan Vass: screened 10Mar2019.

Part I

She knew who killed Bob Chappel. It certainly wasn't Sue Neill-Fraser. Why would she have any reason to lie? She thought that it was horrible that Sue Neill-Fraser had been in jail for nothing but she didn't have a good reason why she should be believed, but she hoped that it was because she'd realised that it was the '*right thing to do*' and she'd like to see her home with her family.

Around that time, she was living in women's shelters, and on the streets. It was pretty hard. She'd had problems at home - family relationship breakdown - at thirteen - and that resulted in womens shelters. For a young girl [as she was then, at thirteen], the difficulty was '*pretty massive*'. She didn't know why it had taken her so long to speak up. She had - lost her father, had been living on the streets, had been hounded by everybody. It [speaking up] was the right thing to do. She had had to put up with having no shelter, having no safety, having had no, having not been able to fend for herself, probably having had no one to turn to.

She didn't really trust the police. She was 'clean' now [at the time of the 60 Minutes interview,] though only recently. Yes, it had been hard, it had been hard. She was still trying to stay off it. It was a struggle. She thought it [speaking up] might help her. She thought - anyway she

hoped- that telling the truth would help her with [her] struggle.

She'd gone out into the bay [the Derwent River ... Sandy Bay] because she reckoned she "*would have been along with him*" No doubt he would have been knocking things off boats; for money to get on, "*get on the piss and that being the case, I would have, you know, gone along*, but not so much that she would steal, but to have a drink or... She was just tagging along. It was something they'd - he'd do often. They probably would not have [gone onto the *Four Winds*] if they knew Bob Chappell was on board. While she couldn't answer for them, she supposed that they probably would not have got on that yacht [*Four Winds*].

She remembered being on board. the person that she was with had obviously been spotted by Bob - she didn't know - being told to piss off, they've had an argument, it's escalated, he's hit Bob - she didn't know what with. She thought he struck [Bob] quite a few times, probably twenty minutes or so. It went on for a while and then - she saw - a lot of blood. She could not give more than that. She couldn't remember.

The guy she was with was hitting Bob Chappell. She couldn't remember what he was hitting him with. She would have told the bloke she was seeing [*the person she was with*] to stop or to calm down, but there was only so much she could do. She's only small and he's [her companion] a bigger bloke. Also, she couldn't get him to calm down.

She thought she was on deck when she saw the blood, her reaction was throwing up, when she vomited. Bob's mistake? He did nothing wrong ... well, he just told [*name with-held*] to piss off, she supposed. She supposed he was just at the wrong place, wrong time. She wasn't saying what had happened to Bob's body, just that "*whatever's happened it's been horrible*."

She went [*moved or spoke?*] to the bloke she was with... [*his name may have been mentioned, then blipped out by 60 Minutes and subsequently the blipping itself cut out - gfs*] [*but?*] the other male had just called him down to the cabin... whether she went back to the shore, or while they were 'dealing with that, or whether she stayed on the boat, she couldn't recollect, but must have gone back to shore.

She knew that Bob Chappell was killed by one of the men she was with. She was certain of it.

She did not see Sue Neill-Fraser on that yacht. [In Vass's recollection] Neill-Fraser wasn't there. Vass thought that an innocent woman had been sitting in jail for nine years.

Part II

The man [who'd killed Bob Chappell] wasn't doing much [by the time of the 2017 hearing]. He'd probably be furious at her for telling the truth. She'd just like to see [SN-F] get home to her family.

Despite the ten years [since Bob's disappearance], she was coming forward now "*Because it's the right thing to do, you know?*"

She has [now in the interview] told [Liam Bartlett] what she knew, she didn't have a legitimate reason for [*why she was coming forward after such a delay*], but she was here [*at the interview*] and would like her [SN-F] to go home, she'd like to see her home with her family.

Part III

She was 16 at the time. She didn't tell the truth because she was homeless, scared; for her - *she explained* - it had been daunting. She was scared of everything. She explained what she was scared of: "*Well, what if, you know, his reaction maybe,*" the reaction of the man who killed Bob. She agreed to the interviewer that he told her to shut up ... "*Yes, now can I stop please?*" [*This may have been the killer telling her 'to shut up, that is, not to tell anyone about it - gfs*].

Asked why she had changed her mind [about speaking up about it?] she shrugged, grimaced and looked at the floor. No one had put pressure on her (*to that proposition she had shaken her head*) and replied to the effect) that she had just been in/*for* fear of the law, she thought. She hadn't "*been able to recall all of this*" while [*Neill-Fraser had 'sat in a jail cell for all those years*]. Probably she hadn't wanted to recall [*it*] rather than hadn't been able to...

]She wanted to set the record straight "*Because it's the right thing to do, I s'pose.*" She knew who killed Bob Chappell and it certainly wasn't Sue Neill-Fraser. She'd like her to be able to go home to her family. She [*herself*] would like for Sue Neill-Fraser to be able to go home to her family]. She [*herself*] didn't have one. So, sorry. That's what she'd like. She didn't want, was not confident with saying anything about the information [*regarding*] the names of the two men who were involved in the murder. She was not prepared to give their names to police. This [*interview?*] was as far as ... [*she was prepared to go*]. Yes, sooner or later for Sue Neal-Fraser to be released, she'd have to go back to a courtroom. After a little time, she nodded, indicating that she would be able to handle that. She wouldn't go back on her story again. This time around she was, she just was sure [*that she wouldn't go back on her story*]. She couldn't give a 'legitimate' reason as to why anyone should believe her, given her 'track record'. Still, she was present and doing all she could, she couldn't do any more than ... [*'that' ?*] The feeling guilty for letting an innocent woman remain in jail had been pretty horrible. It would be a happy day for her, the day when Neill-Fraser was released. She'd like to say to her that she was sorry for it all. She just hoped SN-F could go home to her family. She was sorry for not speaking up.

APPENDIX II

Transcript: Vass on 60 Minutes.

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