The Horrific Treatment and Overrepresentation of Indigenous Girls in the Canadian Criminal Justice System

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*The below podcast is highly recommended:

The Series: Truth Sharing Podcasts:

http://www.sacredmmiwg.ca/

This is easy to download and listen to. If you cannot listen to them all I suggest listening to the last one in the series because it provides a good overview.

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