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Medical Kidnapping Children in the United States: California

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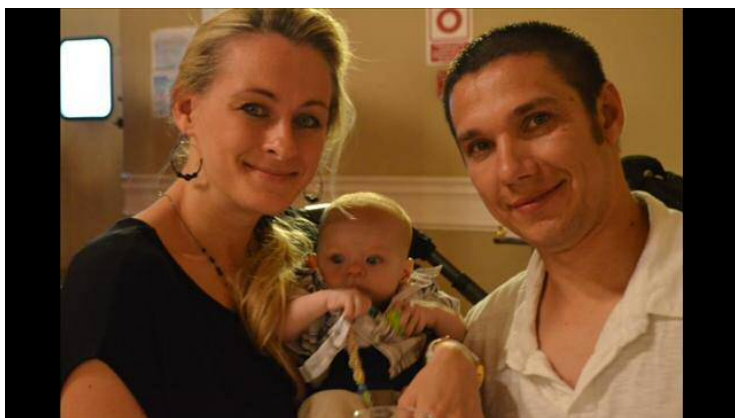


Photo Courtesy of [News10 Sacramento](#)

Victory! Judge rules in parents favor. Story and updates [found here](#).

UPDATE Monday Morning 4/29/13:

The parents, their attorney, members of the local media, and friends all wait for the hearing to begin in Sacramento. This case has become an international incident, as it is being reported that the parents are dual citizens of Russia and the U.S.



Senior Consul of Russia, Vycheslav Uvarov, in San Francisco is present in the court, with Honorary Consul of Russia in Sacramento, Natalia Owen. Photo by Alexander Klimov

The Moscow Times reports: “Children’s rights ombudsman Pavel Astakhov has accused U.S. authorities of “severe neglect” for removing 5-month-old Sammy Nikolayev from his Russian parents and advised the parents to take action against them. This case, of course, has been taken under my control. A lot of information on this case is available, and is still being examined,” Astakhov told RIA-Novosti. “We suggest that the parents make a complaint so that their child is returned. This process will not be quick, but I think we will succeed.” [Story here.](#)

News10 Sacramento is reports that CPS is claiming that they removed the boy due to “severe neglect” and that they were overwhelmed with the amount of attention by the media into the case, and could therefore take longer than usual to

render a decision on Sammy's fate. [Story here](#).

The case is reportedly delayed this morning, because two judges have already refused to preside, and they are still trying to find a judge who will hear the case.

Find the current updates on our [new story here](#).

Health Impact News Editor Comments:

Kudos to News 10 KXTV in Sacramento for exposing the actions of Child Protection Services (CPS) in this case, which has led to outrage among the citizens of Sacramento California who have seen this story covered on their station the past few days. This is a clear example of abuse in a government agency, and the violation of parents' rights.

This couple did everything right in caring for their baby, seeking the medical treatment he needed. When one hospital was negligent in their patient care endangering their child, they removed him from that hospital and took him to a different hospital, where he was discharged by a physician and cleared to return home. But apparently the first hospital reported the family to CPS, and CPS came with police to the family's home, and allegedly removed the baby from the mother's arms after assaulting the husband to get his keys and enter the home, without a warrant.

As you will see from the second video report below from News 10, even after media exposure to this tragedy and public outrage, they still have not released the child to the parents as of late Friday night. A hearing before a judge could not be arranged until Monday.

To understand the financial motives behind states and CPS

funding, and why so many children are legally abducted from their parents and put into foster care, see: [Child Abuse Laws: Legally Abducting Children by Broadening the Definition of “Child Abuse”](#)

Video no longer available.

[News10/KXTV Sacramento](#)

Excerpts:

A Sacramento family was torn apart after a 5-month-old baby boy was taken from his parents following a visit to the doctor.

It all began nearly two weeks ago, when Anna Nikolayev and her husband Alex took their 5-month-old boy Sammy to Sutter Memorial Hospital to be treated for flu symptoms, but they didn't like the care Sammy was getting.

For example, one day Anna asked why a nurse was giving her son antibiotics.

“I asked her, for what is that? And she's like, ‘I don't know.’ I'm like, ‘you're working as a nurse, and you don't even know what to give to my baby for what,!’” Anna explained.

According to Anna, a doctor later said Sammy shouldn't have been on the antibiotics.

Anna said Sammy suffers from a heart murmur and had been seeing a doctor at Sutter for regular treatment since he was born. After Sammy was treated for flu symptoms last week, doctors at Sutter admitted him to the pediatric ICU to monitor his condition. After a few days, Anna said doctors

began talking about heart surgery.

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Anna argued with doctors about getting a second opinion. Without a proper discharge, she finally took Sammy out of the hospital to get a second opinion at Kaiser Permanente.

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police can be seen entering her front door on Wednesday.

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Read the Complete Story Here:
<http://www.news10.net/news/article/242734/2/Couple-fight-s-to-get-baby-back-from-CPS-police>

UPDATE from Friday Night (4/28/2013)

Baby still in custody of CPS even after media coverage and community outrage – Parents get only 1 hour with child with NO cameras allowed

Video no longer available.

Child Protection Services Investigated in California After International Child Abduction Uproar in Sacramento

Video no longer available.

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In the unedited video above, the entire incident of Child Protective Services and the Sacramento Police using force to take away Anna and Alex Nikolayev's baby is recorded. Anna and Alex had received poor care for their baby at a local hospital, and when the hospital wanted to do heart surgery on their infant, they wanted a second opinion and took the baby to a different hospital.

The first hospital did not approve of this, and did not discharge the child. Therefore, they called Child Protection Services. The parents, meanwhile, had taken the baby to a second hospital, where the child was discharged that night by a physician, since there was no immediate danger, and the surgery was not imminent.

But, the next day, Child Protection Services and the Sacramento Police showed up at the parents home to take away their baby. The husband was outside at the time, and he was forced to the ground so that the police could enter the home by force. The mother, seeing what was happening outside, set up the camera to record the whole incident (see video above.) The social workers would not even tell the mother where they were taking the baby. The police took the

baby out of the mother's arms by force, and only after the social workers had already left with the baby did they allow the mother to show the hospital documents showing that their baby was properly discharged by a physician from the second hospital. The police did not seem to care what the facts were at all, and gave full authority to CPS to remove the child. ([Full story here.](#))



Senior Consul of Russia, Vycheslav Uvarov, in San Francisco in the court in Sacramento, with Honorary Consul of Russia, Natalia Owen. Photo by Alexander Klimov – posted on Facebook.

Since the father is a Russian national, this incident caused an international uproar. Russia accused the United States of abusing the couple's human rights. Diplomats were sent to attend the hearing in Sacramento. ([Full story here.](#))

One of the attorneys representing the parents explained that

these actions by the CPS are not uncommon, and that the child is almost never returned to the parents at the first hearing:

Video no longer available.

In this shocking interview above, the attorney explains how CPS works in abducting children from families. He has 21 years experience in litigating against CPS.

Quotes:

“A young, cute, little baby is about the most marketable commodity that exists.”

“The chances they will get their baby back today are (slim). In my 21 years of experience, between me and my colleagues, we have seen maybe 3 cases where the child was returned the first day. Now think about that, can they really be right that much of the time?”

Fortunately, the child was ordered to be transported to the care of a hospital that the parents chose (CPS was holding him in the original hospital), and his custody was returned to the parents. One has to wonder if the same result would have occurred, had not one of the parents been a Russian national and had the help of political pressure put on the situation.

Video no longer available.

Since the case received so much media coverage, California Assembly member Tim Donnelly became concerned about the abuse of power exhibited by the CPS and called for a state audit (see video above.) Last week (June 5, 2013) the full State Assembly approved an audit of CPS in California. The

Sacramento Bee reports:

State Auditor Elaine Howle said she will review the policies and procedures CPS agencies use to determine when to remove a child from a home. The panel asked Howle to select three counties to audit. She said she will consider factors such as the number of abuse complaints and other factors that indicate potential problems within a county's child welfare agency.

She said she used similar criteria to select counties for an audit of CPS agencies two years ago, ultimately focusing on those in Sacramento, Los Angeles, Alameda and Fresno counties. That audit focused on placement of abused and neglected children in foster homes, while the upcoming one will focus on investigations of abuse and neglect, she said.

Sacramento County has been the subject of complaints from both ends of the child welfare spectrum. Over the years, dozens of children have died after the agency handled reports they had been subject to prior abuse and neglect.

At the same time, the Sacramento agency has had one of the state's highest rates of removing children from homes. Sacramento County had the biggest contingent of people who addressed the committee on Wednesday. They spoke about children who they believe were wrongly removed or who were left in harm's way.

The testimony of Sacramento County resident Anna Nikolayev seemed to upset legislators the most. Law enforcement officials took her baby boy, Sammy, from her home after she and her husband removed the boy from a Sutter hospital where a doctor had recommended heart surgery. "You can't break into my house and take my child," she said, crying. "They ripped my child out of my arms."

In a written statement, CPS spokeswoman Laura McCasland said the agency could not speak directly about the case. But, she said, the law requires the agency to take action when a child's health is at risk. Social workers rely heavily on the advice of medical professionals in determining whether to remove a child from parental custody in such circumstances, she added. ([Full story here.](#))

A large rally was held at the State Capital the day of the hearings. One of the speakers at the rally was Deanna Fogerty. Deanna had her daughters taken from her wrongfully for six entire years. She lost six years with her precious daughters and ended up suing Orange County, and her case went all the way to the Supreme Court, because Orange County kept appealing. She eventually won \$10 million and to this day the social worker that "destroyed her life" still works for CPS and reportedly just got a promotion. Here is her speech:

Deanna Fogerty's attorney, Shawn McMillan, won the 2011 "Street Fighter of the Year Award" for taking on the CPS and prevailing all the way to the Supreme Court to defeat them:

<https://youtu.be/Ea6VHpZJLqs>

Anna and Alex Nikolayev hope that all the media attention their case has received will help draw attention to what they, and others, see as the tremendous abuse of power with the CPS, and the legal kidnapping of children who are then placed in foster homes in order to receive state funding. Others have already come forward to share their stories, and there is an active [Facebook Page](#) following their case [here](#).

Gulf War Vet and Wife Lose Children to CPS because Doctor Prescribed Medical Marijuana for Headaches

Health Impact News Editor Comments:

This is a very sad story of how one family lost custody of their children for a whole year simply because the father was using marijuana, legally prescribed by a doctor, to treat his headaches that he says were the result of all the chemicals he was exposed to while serving his country in the Gulf War. Active duty military personnel are also subjected to many vaccines not used in the general public.

Child Protection Services in San Diego removed the children from their home and from their family, without a warrant or probable cause, and it took the parents a year to get them back. As we have [reported recently](#), today CPS has more authority than the police, sheriff, or FBI, and they can come into your home and remove your child without a search warrant or court order, simply because of an anonymous tip. (See: [How Child “Protection” Services is Legally Abducting Children in the U.S.](#))

It is quite ironic to think of how many parents today have medicine cabinets full of toxic “legal” prescription drugs which have far more serious side effects than marijuana, and yet would never come under suspicion of Child Protection Services, as this would probably constitute the majority of American families in the U.S. today.

Deaths During a 10-Year Period

Deaths due to
FDA-approved
prescription drugs

1,060,000

Source: JAMA 1998

Deaths due to
USDA-approved
foods

Produce - 3,330

Poultry - 2,780

Pork - 820

Fish - 710

Beef - 550

Source: CDC 1998-2008

Deaths due to
unapproved
marijuana

0

Source: WebMD



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It is not surprising that this Gulf War veteran found a doctor to prescribe marijuana for his headaches in San Diego, since the University of California in San Diego has a center for the “[Medicinal Cannabis Research](#)” which conducts clinical research on marijuana. Contrary to what one may read in the mainstream media, the evidence for medicinal uses (as opposed to recreational uses) of marijuana is extensive.

In this 10 minute video below produced by PBS a few years ago, you can learn about some of this medical research on marijuana conducted at the University of California in San Diego. You can also hear how marijuana helped one woman become seizure free when all other drugs failed. When PBS interviewed a doctor who is against marijuana, his main complaint was that marijuana was not tested and approved by the FDA. He correctly observed that the natural herb

contains more than 60 active components that have never been tested in isolation, which is how drugs are produced and patented.

PBS also interviewed an Oncology physician who has studied marijuana and states that it contains: “anti-inflammatory, antioxidant, and probably anti-cancer compounds in it.” He prescribes marijuana for his cancer patients for “their loss of appetite, nausea, pain, depression, and insomnia.” He says this one drug, marijuana, can replace 5 prescription drugs.

The video by PBS will also show that although the pharmaceutical industry is trying to convince people marijuana is “untested” or even dangerous, major pharmaceutical companies have already filed many patents on synthetic versions of the Cannabinoids found in marijuana for a variety of diseases, including cancer.

<https://youtu.be/F2Vz7DGcCy8>

Dad Says Medical Pot Use Cost Family Custody

By [WILLIAM DOTINGA](#)
[Courthouse News Service](#)

San Diego County took two little children away from their parents for a year, and lied about it, because the father used medical marijuana on the advice of a doctor, the reunited family claims in court.

Michael Lewis, Lauren Taylor and their young children Cameran and Bailey Lewis sued San Diego County and seven of its officers, the City of Coronado and two of its police officers for civil rights violations, battery, false imprisonment and negligence, Superior Court.

Defendants include Coronado police Officers Patrick O'Malley and Robert Cline, and San Diego County Health and Human Services agents Ian Baxter, N. Quinteros, Benita Jemison, Abigail Joseph, Antonia Torres, Brooke Guild and Alfredo Guardado.

Michael Lewis – a Gulf War veteran who was exposed to chemicals during there that cause debilitating migraines – obtained a medical marijuana recommendation from a doctor to relieve the pressure of his headaches, he says in the complaint.

Lewis says he kept the marijuana at home, but the children were not exposed to the pot itself or to its smoke.

On Aug. 5, 2011, Coronado police received an anonymous tip that Lewis and Taylor were running a day care and smoking marijuana around the children, according to the lawsuit. Lewis says he allowed officers to enter the home, and they photographed it, and saw that there was no illegal daycare facility there.

“Although the officers found marijuana in the home, Michael Lewis had a medical marijuana recommendation and his use was legal. Michael presented his medical marijuana recommendation to the officers. The officers then left and wrote a report. In their report, the officers identified marijuana as the only purported ‘hazard’ in the residence. Neither Lewis nor Taylor were ever criminally prosecuted for the possession and/or use of the marijuana,” the family states in the complaint.

Defendant officers O'Malley and Cline returned three days later with HHS agents Baxter and Quinteros.

“Defendants Baxter and Quinteros, after consulting their supervisors and O’Malley and Cline and obtaining their advice and agreement, seized 4-year-old C.L. and 2-year-old B.L. from their home and their parents’ care. Defendants then deposited the children at the Polinsky Center, an emergency shelter for allegedly abused and neglected children in San Diego County. The children were there for approximately two weeks without their parents and were no doubt terrified,” the complaint states.

“The only allegations against Lewis and Taylor were, essentially, that Lewis legally used marijuana, and police found marijuana in the home.

“Based on these facts, defendants seized C.L. and B.L. without a warrant based on allegations of ‘general neglect,’ where no exigency existed at all. Specifically, there was no reasonable or articulable evidence to suggest that either child was in immediate danger of suffering severe bodily injury or death at the hands of either Lewis or Taylor in the time it would have taken to obtain a protective custody warrant.

“Nonetheless, even though they knew Michael Lewis’ use of medical marijuana was completely legal in that he had obtained a medical marijuana recommendation after an evaluation from a licensed medical doctor, and that Lewis only used the marijuana outside the presence of the children and only for amelioration of pain, these defendants seized and detained the children. They failed to conduct any independent investigation prior to seizing the children. Michael and Lauren were shocked, stunned, amazed, and terrified.

“After entering the Polinsky Center, the center confirmed that the children were developmentally on target and there

were no concerns for them (i.e., no signs of physical abuse, emotional abuse, or other abuse).” (Parentheses in complaint.)

To get their children back, Lewis and Taylor, say they submitted photographs showing their clean kitchen to Baxter, and got a lockbox for the pot and a padlock for Lewis’ growing area. Baxter ignored this and filed an emergency placement petition with a juvenile court, the parents say.

“Despite this evidence, Baxter and Quinteros continued to detain C.L. and B.L. from their family home and loving parents. Supervisors Jemison and Guardado, after having conducted a detailed review of the matter agreed with, ratified, and condoned the conduct of Baxter and Quinteros,” the lawsuit states.

“Baxter filed a petition with the juvenile court in the County of San Diego and on behalf of the defendant county. The petition sets out a series of supporting ‘facts.’

“The petition is verified by Baxter and signed under penalty of perjury.

“The ‘facts’ set out in the petition are false, and Baxter knew they were false at the time he verified the petition under penalty of perjury and filed it with the juvenile court.

“The false allegations misled the juvenile court into believing the children were in danger, when in fact they were not and Baxter knew they were not.

“Defendant San Diego County and Baxter asserted one count against Michael and Lauren.

“Baxter misled the court by stating that he did not need to conduct any pre-placement preventive services because of the ‘emergent nature’ of the situation and asserted that Michael and Lauren left their children ‘inadequately attended and inadequately supervised’ around the marijuana. This statement was totally false, and Baxter knew it, or – even worse – simply didn’t care.”

During the proceedings, defendant Abigail Joseph took over for Baxter, while defendant Antonia Torres took over as supervisor for Jemison. With defendant Brooke Guild, they built their “case” against Lewis and Taylor.

“Despite the fact that Lewis’ use of marijuana was totally legal under California law, and despite the fact that all drug tests for Lauren Taylor were negative and there were no signs of abuse or neglect of the children, defendant Joseph continued to lie to the juvenile court by making false statements calculated to lead the juvenile court to believe that Ms. Taylor used marijuana and that such use posed a danger to the children,” the complaint states.

“Joseph and her supervisor, Torres, acted in concert in providing knowingly false information to the court. Mr. Lewis promptly provided all defendants including Joseph exculpatory information demonstrating that his use of marijuana was legal and permissible, i.e., that he received a doctor recommendation for the use of marijuana from a Dr. Robert Robertson.

“Defendants Joseph and Torres completely disregarded this exculpatory evidence and made no effort to investigate it by, for example, contacting the doctor or obtaining records from him.

“Instead, they lied to the court by stating that Mr. Lewis’ use of marijuana for his medical condition was not verified by his medical doctor. They assumed that Mr. Lewis had substance abuse issues and misrepresented this information to the court. They left the juvenile court with the false impression that Lewis was a serious substance abuser, someone who forged records, a drug dealer, and a serious danger to the children when all those inferences were untrue.

“Based on Joseph’s and Torres’ multiple false statements to the juvenile court, the children continued to be detained in county facilities and not at home with their loving parents. As a result, they were deprived of regular, open, and free contact and companionship of family and friends, including their parents.”

The parents says that on Feb. 3, 2012 Joseph and Torres added a second count to the county’s petition, this time alleging that Lewis had a mental illness that posed a danger to his children.

Three days later, the juvenile court made Cameran and Bailey wards of the court and placed them in a foster home.

Lewis and Taylor appealed and on Aug. 2, 2012 a Fourth Appellate District Court panel reversed the lower court finding in an unpublished opinion. The appeals court stated that “the record does not support a finding that Lewis’ marijuana use or alleged mental illness had any negative impact on the children,¹” according to the lawsuit.

Five days later -364 days after they were seized by HHS agents - Cameran and Bailey were returned to their parents.

The family says the misconduct by city and county officials cost them physically and emotionally - from costly drug

tests and supervised visitation to eviction and going a year without the bond of family life.

“Throughout the ordeal, Taylor and the children never tested positive for any drug. Although Michael Lewis ingested marijuana for medicinal purposes pursuant to a physician’s recommendation, he never tested positive for any other drugs. Further, there was (1) no evidence of abuse or neglect by either parent, (2) no evidence that Michael’s marijuana use impaired his parenting skills or judgment, and (3) no evidence that Michael Lewis acted inappropriately toward his children at any time – ever.

“To the contrary, there was ample evidence – which the county agent defendants suppressed from the juvenile court as part of their effort to build a false case – that the children were intelligent, well nourished, lived without abuse or neglect, and that the removal from their parents was significantly detrimental to them.

“Defendant San Diego County and defendant Joseph were informed that the children would often cry for more than an hour after they were only allowed brief and fleeting visitations with their parents and they would wake up crying for their parents at night and during naps – none of this exculpatory evidence was ever disclosed to the juvenile court. Rather, the defendants actively concealed the information from the court.

“At all times herein, supervisor defendants Jemison, Torres and Guardado (1) personally and directly took the offensive and tortuous actions in concert with their subordinate defendants and/or (2) directed subordinates to commit the actions that violated plaintiffs’ rights and/or (3) set in motion a series of actions by their subordinates that they knew or reasonably should have known would cause the

subordinates to deprive the plaintiffs of their rights and/or (4) knew or reasonably should have known that their subordinates were engaging in these acts and that their conduct would deprive the plaintiffs of these rights and the defendants failed to act to prevent their subordinates from engaging in such conduct,” the family says in the complaint.

Lewis and Taylor say the California Welfare Code obligates social workers to err on the side of keeping children at home with their parents so long as it is safe to do so. Government code forbids its agents to commit perjury, fabricate evidence, withhold exculpatory evidence or obtain testimony through duress.

“Had the abovementioned acts been performed by private citizens, the acts would not only have been criminal, but would entitle plaintiffs to bring claims against each such persons for, among others, abduction of a child, invasion of privacy, intentional infliction of emotional distress, negligent infliction of emotional distress, and false imprisonment,” the family says in the complaint.

The family seeks punitive damages.

They are represented by Gerald Singleton of Encinitas, and by Shawn McMillan and Lance Rogers of San Diego.

California's Crisis: 1 Out of Every 4 Children in California's Foster Care Prescribed Powerful Psychiatric Drugs



Health Impact News Editor Comments

We have previously documented that one incentive for hospitals and social workers to medically kidnap children is because they can bill all drugs and medical care to Medicaid, with virtually no accountability for children who are wards of the state and in the foster care system. (See: [The Medical Kidnapping Business: Bilking Medicaid.](#))

Carlos Morales, a former CPS investigator now turned whistleblower, states that foster kids are 3 times more likely

to be put on psychotropic drugs than children left with their parents. (See: [Foster Homes: Where Good Kids Go To Die.](#))

Now, a new report from the Bay Area News organization shows that 1 out of every 4 adolescents in the California foster care system is being drugged, 3 times the rate for adolescents nationwide.

California's Crisis: 1 Out of Every 4 Children in California's Foster Care Prescribed Powerful Psychiatric Drugs Including Dangerous Antipsychotics

by [Citizens Commission on Human Rights International](#)

Excerpts:

With alarming frequency, foster and health care providers are turning to a risky but convenient remedy to control the behavior of thousands of troubled kids: numbing them with psychiatric drugs that are untested on and often not approved for children.

A new report issued from the Bay Area News organization, raises the alarm on mass prescribing of dangerous psychotropic drugs to California's foster care children. Among the findings of the investigation: Nearly 1 out of every 4 adolescents in the California foster care system is being drugged, 3 times the rate for adolescents nationwide. Even more alarming is that of the tens of thousands prescribed psychiatric drugs, nearly 60% were prescribed powerful antipsychotics which have been documented by 72 international drug regulatory warnings to cause heart problems, stroke, diabetes, convulsions and sudden death.

The Citizens Commission on Human Rights, a mental health watchdog organization responsible for helping to enact more than 150 reforms against abusive mental health practices, says this treatment of children is medical neglect, and reforms must be enacted to protect this vulnerable population. CCHR has experts in the field of California Foster Care who are available for media interviews, as well as doctors who can speak to the dangers of the drugs being prescribed to children, not only in foster care, but nationwide.

According to IMS Health, the leading vendor of all US prescribing data, nearly 9 million children are currently being prescribed psychiatric drugs—with more than 1 million under the age of five.

Read the [full article here](#).

<https://youtu.be/Wv49RFo1ckQ>

Foster Kids Speak Out: Sue Agency over Abuse in "Kids for Cash" Scandal



Image from [NBC Local TV 4](#) in L.A.

Health Impact News Editor Comments

[Kim Baldonado](#) of NBC news in Los Angeles reported this week that several foster care kids have come out into the open to testify about abuses allegedly committed in California's foster care program. In a press conference, former foster care children who are now young adults testified to horrendous abuses including: being tortured by "specially-made tools," and being "abused verbally, physically and sexually."

"We're letting you hear our voices now because we were silent for too long," former foster child Saleena Galvan said.

The former foster kids have joined together in a lawsuit to sue Interim Care Foster Agency in California. The lawsuit claims the children were “caught in an illegal, abusive, violent, concealed, unconscionable ‘kids for cash’ operation from 2006 to 2013.”

Attorney L. Wallace Pate alleges that a “kids for cash” operation bilked the government of hundreds of thousands of dollars. NBC 4 reports:

The state pays private agencies about \$2,000 a month per child. The agencies are allowed to keep as much as 60 percent of the state money to pay for rent, supplies, and personnel to ensure foster children are being cared for, but Pate claims that was not the case with her clients.

“The lawsuit alleges these children lived in seven different homes, none were certified,” Pate said. “They were evicted from four facilities and were homeless.”

Watch the press conference:

Video no longer available.

CPS Threatens To Kidnap 7 Year Old in California When Parents Try to Transfer to Different Hospital



Kennedy May Willey after being transferred to UCSF in San Francisco. Source: [Pray for Kennedy May Facebook Page](#)

by **Health Impact News/MedicalKidnap.com Staff**

Kennedy May Willey's first seizure took place when she was

nine months old, on December 26, 2008. It occurred 8 days after receiving her DTaP vaccination. The seizure lasted over 40 minutes and entailed a dramatic helicopter ride to the nearest major hospital in Texas which was over an hour away. Fortunately, little Kennedy rebounded and within a few hours the doctors wanted to send her home, saying that the seizure that had nearly killed her was a “normal febrile seizure.”

Her mother Dawn knew there was nothing “normal” about it and insisted that they keep Kennedy overnight for observation. A nurse told her she was paranoid, but within five minutes she was seizing again.

Dravet Syndrome Diagnosis

Eventually, two pediatricians, one allergist, one cardiologist and no less than six neurologists later, Kennedy was diagnosed with Dravet syndrome. This was not good news. For parent or child, Dravet can be a terrifying diagnosis.

The prognosis is anything but encouraging, the mortality rate is exceptionally high — 15-20% — with most dying suddenly while asleep, and seizures are severe, lifelong, and generally bring a host of developmental, behavioral and medical issues affecting every aspect of the child’s life.

Most children with Dravet are given anti-epileptic medications, even though Dravet does not tend to be responsive to medications. After reading story after story of children for whom medications made little to no difference, Kennedy’s mother, Dawn, felt there had to be a better way.

Through a series of fortunate events (apologies to Lemony Snicket), she was led back to her chiropractor and DAN!

(Defeat Autism Now!) doctor who was eager to help, and the two struck up a collaborative relationship. Over time, they came to believe that Kennedy, like so many other medically complex children, had a “compromised gut” and if her gut were healed her health could be greatly improved. They started her on the Specific Carbohydrate Diet (SCD) and eventually transitioned to the Gut and Psychology Syndrome (GAPS) diet.

“Miraculous” Results through Diet

The results of her diet change approached the miraculous. Dawn estimates that Kennedy’s symptoms improved about 98%, with a huge reduction in frequency, duration, and intensity of her seizures. In addition, they no longer occurred randomly throughout the day, but typically occurred only when she was asleep. Children with Dravet’s are expected to regress from age two onwards due to the tremendous stress the seizures put on the developing nervous system.

Kennedy, however, has been beating the odds. She is now seven years old and generally lives a full “normal” life with her family in California. She attends a regular school, took surfing lessons in Costa Rica, plays tennis and the piano, and loves to swim and ride her bike.

Relapse: Seizures Increase



Image from [Pray for Kennedy May Facebook Page](#)

But life is always a little precarious with a severe chronic illness, and recently the Willey family came face to face with their worst nightmare. Last week Kennedy experienced an increase in seizures. The seizures began “clustering” requiring medical attention.

On Thursday, April 21, she was taken to her local hospital, but they decided she needed to transfer to a larger hospital: Children’s Hospital of California (CHOC) – Orange County. Dawn and her husband, Carl, were upset when they heard the news because they had heard numerous horror stories about the head of neurology at CHOC from other parents and doctors.

From minute one, they say their fears were confirmed. [Dr. Mary Zupanc](#) reportedly swept into the room announcing that she was the foremost expert on Dravet. She allegedly bad-mouthed the Willey’s Dravet doctors and refused to believe that, until a few days before, seven-year-old Kennedy had been running on the beach, leading a “normal” seven-year-old life. She allegedly told the Willeys that there were no “normal” un-medicated children with Dravet.

Of course, the Willeys have pictures and videos of their daughter to back up their claims, but they say Dr. Zupanc refused to look at them.

Drug Cocktails Begin and Conditions Worsen

Kennedy was already on two anti-epileptic drugs when Dr. Zupanc added Depakote, a drug that they say had been known to increase Kennedy’s seizures previously. She allegedly went into more cluster seizures and her tongue swelled up. The doctor ordered an EEG, which indicated no seizure activity, but her brain waves were slow.

The Willeys insisted that her “out of it” condition was attributable to the unfamiliar medications. Dr. Zupanc, reportedly not believing the parents’ testimony, insisted there must be some huge underlying problem, probably encephalitis. She allegedly pushed a CT scan and a spinal tap. Kennedy had to be put out for the spinal tap, adding more meds to the cocktail.

On Sunday morning, they allegedly administered more Depakote, which touched off more cluster seizures and a swollen tongue. Clearly evident to the parents, Kennedy was allergic to the medication.

The answer from Neurology? Even more Depakote.

Parents Threatened with CPS



Image from [Pray for Kennedy May Facebook Page](#)

That was when Dawn had had enough. She says she ran in

and stepped in front of the nurse who was trying to do as the doctor had ordered. The next thing they knew a neurologist came into the room yelling about getting a court order if they continued interfering with Kennedy's care. At 11 p.m. that night, a representative from Child Protection Services allegedly knocked on their door and interviewed the underslept, overstressed parents about their "medical neglect" until 1 a.m.

All the while, Kennedy allegedly had been given no food of any kind. Dawn had been begging for a feeding tube since the beginning to help Kennedy with metabolizing all the drugs, but Neurology had convinced them she was in danger of aspirating.

Zealous Doctors Want to Expand Treatment Beyond Dravet

Dr. Zupanc, arrived Monday morning accompanied by a large group of doctors and allegedly announced that there was something wrong with Kennedy other than Dravet, and she would be proceeding with in-depth testing, including another spinal tap and a brain MRI with contrast.

Kennedy was reportedly now having subclinical seizures — the second EEG showed eight 10-second seizures — she said, and that gave her grounds to increase the medications.

Parents Hire Attorneys in Attempt to Leave Hospital

After the CPS visit, the Willeys knew they had to get Kennedy away from CHOC and Dr. Zupanc. They formulated a plan to move her to UCSF in San Francisco and hired an independent medical advocate and two attorneys.

They weren't sure if they were doing the right thing, though, until they met with the metabolic doctor who allegedly told them that Dr. Zupanc was conducting a ridiculous fishing expedition and that Kennedy's body was too stressed for another spinal tap.

They realized that they were fighting for Kennedy's life.

Carl asked the PICU pediatrician if he thought Kennedy was stable enough to be airlifted to another hospital and he said yes.

They expected to leave CHOC that afternoon, but at lunch time word came down that Dr. Zupanc had blocked the transfer saying Kennedy was unfit for travel. Carl met with the pediatrician saying, "I beg you to save my daughter's life and release her. You have the power to do this because you are in charge on my daughter's floor." The doctor's response: "You have to remember that after you leave tonight, I'm still going to have to work with her and deal with this."

Transferred to UCSF in San Francisco



Kennedy was transferred to UCSF in San Francisco. Image from [Pray for Kennedy May Facebook Page](#)

After hours of battle, the doctor finally agreed to release Kennedy. The transfer would happen the next morning. However, delay after delay kept them at the hospital till mid-afternoon, and before they left, Kennedy was given a final high dose of medications, taking her to toxic levels.

Kennedy finally arrived in San Francisco on Wednesday (April 29th) and has reportedly been receiving excellent care since then. She is eating real food and smiling again.

CPS Threats Followed Them to San Francisco

One might think that this would mean the Willeys could breathe a sigh of relief, with their nightmare finally over.

Unfortunately, that does not seem to be the case. Last night

(April 30th) Kennedy's pediatrician at UCSF came to the Willeys and told them that CHOC had called CPS in San Francisco accusing the Willeys of "severe medical neglect," saying that among other ridiculous charges they had "denied all meds."

The representative from CPS in San Francisco interviewed the Willeys and agreed with everyone at UCSF that the Willeys were exceptional parents, CHOC's complaint was "totally unfounded," constituting blatant harassment, and the case would be closed.

Willeys Want to Warn Other Parents

The Willeys hope this may finally be the end of their nightmare, but they wonder about the next unsuspecting family?

Dr. Zupanc's information at CHOC [can be found here](#).

Also, the Willeys report that Dr. Maria E. Minon is the Vice President of Medical Affairs at CHOC, and [her information can be found here](#).

The Willeys just want to have the freedom to choose their own medical care and treatment plan without being threatened by CPS because of over-zealous medical authorities who believe their treatments are the only ones available. They do not believe that doctors should try to coerce parents into accepting their methods and pharmaceutical products when other options are available.

Breastfed Babies Kidnapped by CPS Because Parents were "Homeless" Living out of RV



The Mehta family turned homelessness into a great adventure, before CPS. Source: Mehta family.

by **Health Impact News/MedicalKidnap.com Staff**

Amber is one of those free-spirited people who takes even incredible hardships and turns them into adventures, inspiring others in the process. When her young family wound up homeless, through no fault of their own, she and her husband Krishna Mehta made the best of it. Their

children didn't even know that they were homeless; they thought that they were having great adventures and making lots of friends.

This latest chapter in their saga, however, is a nightmare, and the rainbow is really hard to find in the storm that Child Protective Services has allegedly brought into their lives. Their children, ages 6, almost 2, and 9 months, have been seized by CPS and placed into 3 different foster homes. The two babies were still being breastfed. Social services has gone so far as to accuse Amber of having a mental disorder because she is "homeless."

Their homelessness was not by choice. Last spring the family was living in a small town in Missouri. Krishna was working, and Amber was a stay-at-home mom and childbirth doula. They were expecting baby Mira to make her appearance soon by mid-summer.

Emergency Trip to Oregon for Dying Mother

Then, they got a call that changed everything. Krishna's mother's cancer had come back with a vengeance. The doctors gave her just weeks to live. Krishna, a dual Irish-American citizen, and Amber scrambled to pull resources together to get to Oregon, hoping to see her before she died, and let her see the children. They drove cross-country, but arrived too late. She was gone.

The plan had been to stay at her house, have an unassisted homebirth, or "freebirth" in Oregon, and go back to the midwest when they got back on their feet. But life didn't work out that way. Mira was born peacefully at the end of July, at home with her family. But shortly after that, they found themselves with no place to live.



Newborn baby Mira. Source: Mehta family.

Making the Best of a Tough Situation

They sank what money they had left into an RV and made the best of their situation. Amber says:

“We faced homelessness with all the courage and hope we could, believing that we were strong enough to make it.”

Winter was coming on fast, and it was expected to be a cold one. An RV in Oregon was no place to live. They headed south, stopping in various places, “helping others where we could,” says Amber, “which is more often than one might think, considering all it often takes to HELP someone is to CARE.”

Slab City

About the same time that the medical kidnapping story of Erica May and Cleave Rengo's homebirthed, breastfed babies went viral (original story [here](#)), at Thanksgiving 2014, the Mehta's began having troubles of their own in LA – mechanical troubles. They had heard of “Slab City,” billed both as one of the largest “homeless encampments” in the country, and a “free RV oasis” in the California desert. Though they were hesitant to take their family, they were at a point where they didn't really know what else to do. When they received a warm invitation from a friend who was a full-time “Slabber,” they accepted. They were pleasantly surprised to be welcomed into a community of support, which included other families with children.



Welcome to Slab City. Source: [Wikipedia](#).

According to an article about Slab City in the [LA Times](#), ” this unlikely community appears to be growing, perhaps because

of the troubled economy.”

While the Mehtas lived in their RV, they shared resources and meals with others in the community, and fell into a routine as they decided to basically stay put for the winter. They sometimes ventured into larger cities nearby in the effort to make money.

Amber reports that she was just beginning to feel that they would get ahead, and had even posted such on her Facebook page, when the storm clouds came rolling in again, and CPS entered their lives.

Storm Clouds Roll In

They had enjoyed lunch together at Doc’s missionary camp, a place where “Doc” fed anyone who was hungry. It was January 31, 2015. The babies were getting cranky in the afternoon, so Krishna offered to take Tara (20 months old) for a ride in the RV to help her go to sleep, something the parents have found effective in the past. Meanwhile, Amber nursed the baby to sleep as she hung out by the hot springs, while watching Sage play with friends.

As the afternoon wore on, Krishna didn’t come back, and Amber became concerned. By dusk, when he still wasn’t back, she got a friend to take her into town to see if, perhaps, Krishna had a flat tire or something. By the time she got back with no word on their whereabouts, Slab residents told her that the police had come by looking for her. They said that her husband had been arrested and that Imperial County CPS had Tara.

Her mind reeled, trying to figure out what possibly could have happened. She called CPS, who told her they were

sending police officers to check on her and the kids, and that they needed to find “suitable” shelter for the night, i.e. a hotel, and they would meet with her in the morning.

Officers came, and were satisfied that the children were safe. The RV had been impounded, with the keys to the minivan inside, along with Amber’s purse. Slabbers got together money for a hotel room for Amber for the night.



The RV that became their home. Source: Mehta family.

Tara did, indeed, fall asleep in her car seat earlier that afternoon. Krishna decided to park the RV at a Circle K, and use the time to ask passersby for help with money. Police arrived, and they searched the RV.

Police told her the next day that he had been charged with driving drunk, having an open container, marijuana possession, and child endangerment. Amber was questioned repeatedly. She says that they told her they would get the RV out of impound and give her Tara back if she would submit to

a drug test. She reports that she had no problem submitting to such, as she doesn't use drugs.

“It wasn't until his release that we realized they had lied to me in an effort to get me to admit incriminating details, because they didn't actually have enough evidence to hold our daughter at all.”

During the course of the 2 day interrogation, CPS called the police to pick up the other two children, without a warrant and without cause. Krishna was released after being held for 72 hours, with no charges being filed.

Krishna is diabetic. He was taken to a hospital for blood work after his arrest, and the tests reportedly showed no blood alcohol content, but very high blood sugar. Both hypo and hyperglycemia of diabetes can mimic drunkenness. The “open container” was found in the recycling bags, which Krishna says were torn open as officers searched the RV.

Police accused Krishna of child endangerment for not having Tara in a car seat. However, there are reportedly photos of her buckled in the car seat during the search. When Amber later retrieved the RV from impound, the car seat was still snugly buckled into the ransacked vehicle.

Due to a serious back injury some time ago, Krishna was issued a medical marijuana card in Oregon for “severe pain related to steel rods improperly placed in his fused spine,” so though he did use the drug occasionally, he was not actually charged.

Judge Orders Children Returned

Three days after CPS took Tara, there was a detention hearing. CPS reportedly told the judge that they had been unable to ascertain the safety of their camp, even though Amber says that she invited them to check it out. The judge found no grounds for the children being held, allegedly saying that Tara should have been returned the moment that her mother was found safely with the other children. CPS was ordered to provide services for the family, and Krishna was ordered to drug test and enter treatment.



Krishna having fun with Tara, before CPS. Source: Mehta family.

Nightmare Was Only Just Beginning

The social worker Noemi Silva took Sage in a police car with

Officer Vela back to Slab City, because the family van was one car seat short (it was still in the impounded RV). However, they made a stop by the local sheriff's office first and picked up a couple more officers. Officer Vela reportedly told the Mehtas to head on to Slab City, saying,

"No place for a child, and I'll see to it."

As they arrived at the site, Amber called Sage to her, and headed over to Doc's missionary camp for dinner. The police told her that they had to inspect the site, and she asked if she was being detained. She kept walking toward the campfire, and a woman there told her,

"They are going to take your kids. Amber ... RUN!"

The terrified mother realized that she was right and handed a baby to each of two friends, and grabbed Sage's hand. They fled into the night desert, searching for a place to hide. More police arrived, and they ran deeper into the desert, as her mind flashed to a scene in a book where a holocaust survivor was running for her life to hide from the Nazis.

"I couldn't believe this was happening to me, to my children, to my family, to AMERICANS!"

They eventually found refuge in an old military bunker where a kind couple took them in for the night. And they wondered what happened to Krishna, whom Amber had last seen arguing with the police. She later learned that he had

been arrested.

“The video on the cellphone showed that [their friend] Prax had been attacked, sat upon, choked and tased, simply for voicing his opinion that it was wrong what they were doing to my family.”

She later received a phone call to come pick up Krishna from the hospital. She found him walking back toward Slab City. The terrified and devastated family decided right then to load their family up and head to Arizona, “the closest state away from HERE!” They drove all night and through the next day.

The next day, they contacted their public defender, because they didn’t want CPS to do something “crazy,” like putting an Amber alert out on them for “kidnapping” their own children. He told them that there was going to be a hearing in a little bit, without them if they weren’t there. They told him how frightened they were, but they didn’t have time to get to court for the hearing. Over the next week they tried every day to get back in touch with the lawyer, but it was a month before they heard from him.



Tara delighted in the Oregon adventure, before CPS took the light from her eyes. Source: Mehta family.

They decided that Colorado was the best place for them to go next, because they had a friend who had offered them a guest house behind her home. Arrangements were made, and the RV and the rest of their belongings were recovered. They called the local CPS and Imperial County CPS, trying to settle things and letting them know that they had found shelter that the agency should approve of.

And for a while, it looked like things were going to be all right. Krishna got his Colorado drivers license, and the family began to settle in.

“It all came crashing down on the morning that we had an appointment to get food stamps and medical for our family. A social worker came knocking along with a police officer,

and had warrants to ARREST our children.”

CPS flew the children back to Imperial County, California, on an airplane, and Amber followed on the ground. Krishna stayed behind to work to get a home and things set up for his family. Amber was very concerned for his health, and she had to go fight for their children.

Less than 24 hours after Amber left, she received an urgent call that Krishna had been found at the bottom of the stairs, “not making any sense.” His blood sugar had plummeted and he had fallen down the stairs, breaking a vertebrae in his neck. Blood was pooling in his brain.

He has somewhat recovered now, but their family is still in great turmoil.



Amber with baby Mira at a visit. Source: Mehta family.

Children in Foster Care, Separated from Each Other

The children have been placed into 3 different homes. Amber is allowed to visit them 3 times a week for an hour each visit, but she has been forced to stop breastfeeding, because she has been accused of having a positive drug test. She reports that the hair follicle test shows 18 picograms (0.018 nanograms) for marijuana. This tiny amount, she says, is from the second-hand smoke from her husband's medical marijuana use. (Note: most drug tests only report positive if it is at least 50 nanograms for marijuana).

Amber has been ordered to undergo a psychological evaluation, and was told that "normal people aren't homeless." However, her only diagnosis was "adjustment disorder," due to her very real difficulty being a mom trying to adjust to the fact that her children have been taken away from her.

She was compelled to agree to vaccinating the girls or face charges of medical neglect. Though the girls were previously healthy before being taken into state custody, they have had numerous prescriptions for antibiotics and cough syrup, and were abruptly weaned from breastfeeding. Tara is reportedly taking this very hard and doesn't understand why her parents have "abandoned" her.



Amber with the children during a visitation. Source: Bring Our Children Home Facebook page.

Sage understands that his parents have no choice in this. He has a history of febrile seizures, but his mother learned long ago that she needed to immediately treat any fever in Sage. If it were allowed to rise, he could go into a seizure. That is exactly what has happened to him in state custody. During one visit, she felt that he was very hot. She told the caretakers that they needed to check his temperature and give him Tylenol or ibuprofen to bring down the fever. His temp was 101.5, but they refused to treat him, saying they had to have a doctor's order in order to give him anything. She theoretically still retained medical rights over her

children.

They accused her of overreacting. However, as is often the case, her mother's intuition and knowledge of her own child proved correct. Finally, someone took her seriously, and took him to the ER. He started seizing in the waiting room. He wound up spending 3 days in the hospital. Sage begged his mommy to stay with him in the hospital and the social workers told them that she could stay. However, just as they were getting ready to go to sleep, they reneged, and she was forced to leave him there with strangers, in a place he wouldn't even be if they had just given him Tylenol.

Video no longer available.

Since the children have been seized, the family's RV has been approved as acceptable, but the children are still in custody.

What Happens Next and How You Can Help

Their next hearing is on May 18 in Imperial County. They have been able to raise some funds to hire a private CPS attorney, Evelyn Cox, to represent Krishna. Amber says Cox is "the highest recommended lawyer in the state of California for cases like this."

Amber and Krishna are hopeful, but scared. Even though they were homeless, they have always been a very close-knit, attachment-parenting family. Their children were always with them. The emotional toll of the last few months has been devastating. Through all the difficulties that Amber has faced in the past, she has remained strong. She is the one in her circles who helps people to find the hope and the rainbows in all the storms. Now, she is the one needing

support and encouragement for her and her family.

A Facebook page has been set up for the family to keep up with updates, called [Bring Our Children Home](#).

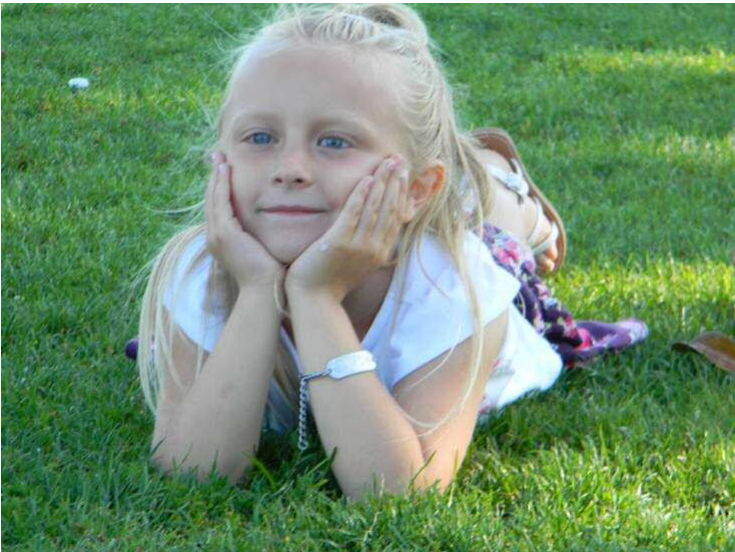


Governor Jerry Brown is the governor of the state of California. He may be reached at (916) 445-2841, and contacted [here](#).

The Senator for the district that Slab City is located in is Senator Ben Hueso. He may be reached at (916) 651-4040, and contacted [here](#).

Assembly member Eduardo Garcia represents the district. He may be reached at (916) 319-2056, or contacted [here](#).

California Mother Fights Corrupt System in LA to Get Daughter Back



Layla. Image from family.

Health Impact News/MedicalKidnap.com Staff

Not being informed of court hearings. Falsified drug tests. Threats and accusations to intimidate and coerce. Social workers, her state representative and even the attorney assigned to her case ignoring emails, not returning calls. Her daughter ripped from a happy home and placed in a non-English speaking foster home without critical, life-saving medications. A system that seems to have already decided her family's fate, without even the most cursory attempt at

justice.

Mayan Hewes describes these events and wonders what happened to her rights, and the rights of her six-year-old daughter Layla, in L.A. County, California.

Are Family/Juvenile Courts Today “Kangaroo Courts”?

Almost 50 years ago, the Supreme Court noted that being a child in the United States should not excuse an abandonment of basic human rights. In a case that established that children in juvenile court have the right to DUE PROCESS, the Court reasoned, “Under our Constitution, the condition of being a boy does not justify a kangaroo court.” (RE GAULT, 387 U.S. 1, 87 S. Ct. 1428, 18 L. Ed. 2d 527)

Merriam-Webster defines “kangaroo court” as “a mock court in which the principles of law and justice are disregarded or perverted.”

Today, more and more families are alleging that this term still describes the U.S. child and family court system. Mayan, her family and friends are certainly convinced.

Spurned Suitor Retaliates by Lying to Child Protection Services – Layla is Kidnapped



Mayan and Layla. Image from family.

Last fall, Mayan relates that a male neighbor propositioned her, but she had turned him down, telling him she was very happy with Layla and didn't want to add confusion to Layla's life. A single mom who lived with her little girl, Mayan says she and Layla had a good life together. Mayan works at a home demolition company, and Layla attended the local school where Mayan says she was doing very well, even bringing home awards.

Little did Mayan know her spurned suitor would retaliate by reporting her to DCFS (L. A. County Department of Children and Family Services), spiraling her world into a nightmare.

On Oct. 8, 2014, Mayan's neighbor called DCFS and reported she was "out looking for drugs" with her daughter. In fact, Mayan says she and her daughter were at a play date all day at another friend's home – a claim later validated by the friend in a letter to DCFS. The next day, DCFS removed Layla from her school. When Mayan was informed that her daughter had been "taken into custody" she was shocked and bewildered.

Court Hearing “Vanishes,” Then Has Suddenly Already Occurred

With no answers provided, Mayan was told there would be a hearing on Oct. 15. However, on the 15th, Mayan reports the hearing seemed to “vanish” – “it was like no one knew there was supposed to be a hearing“, she said.

However, what Mayan discovered later was that there had been an emergency DCFS hearing prior to the 15th. A hearing of which she says no one had informed her, and so could not attend. At this emergency hearing, Mayan says the DCFS worker gave the impression to the judge that she did not know where Mayan was, and that she must be skipping out. However, Mayan says she has proof that the DCFS worker knew exactly where she was.

False Drug Accusations Made to Justify Kidnapping

The DCFS worker, who Mayan says she frantically tried to reach any number of times throughout the process, eventually informed Mayan she had to take classes with an out-patient drug program that included testing. Mayan says she initially refused – why should she participate in a program that might go on her record, making it look as if she was, in fact, somehow guilty of drug use?

When DCFS informed her she must do this to have any chance of getting her daughter returned, Mayan reports begging to be drug tested as soon as she was entered into the program. While it was not the program’s policy, she desperately wanted to prove her innocence. Mayan says she insisted on being tested two different times prior to the next court date Dec. 3.

Suitor Confesses, Friends Validate Innocence

Meanwhile, the spurned neighbor sent Mayan an email apologizing for falsely reporting her and telling her he was checking in to a mental health institution. The friend, Veronica De Leon, whose house Layla and her mother were at during the day the allegations reference, sent a letter attesting to not only their presence at the play date, but also affirming Mayan as a mother. “Layla adores her mother and Mayan is an excellent mother and takes excellent care of her....You can absolutely tell without a doubt Mayan has put an enormous amount of time into raising that little girl.”

Mayan says she provided both the neighbor’s confession to fabricating his allegations to DCFS and the proof that the play date had happened to DCFS. Mayan says she has at least seven more notarized statements from various close friends protesting the allegations and affirming her and Layla. With this information, Mayan thought the case should have been closed. Instead, she says, it seems to have been ignored.

Visitations Denied



Layla. Image from family.

During this time, Mayan was initially told she could see Layla twice a week. But when she sought to set up an opportunity to see her daughter, Mayan says all of her phone calls and emails to the DCFS contact were ignored – literally not responded to in any way – for a month and a half. Mayan says she learned later that Layla was told by DCFS that her mother “didn’t want to see her,” or was “too busy,” yet Mayan says she was calling or emailing virtually every day, desperately wanting just to see her precious daughter.

Life-Saving Medications Denied for More than a Month

During that time without contact with her mother, Layla, who has “extreme asthma” was not provided her protective medications such as nebulizer, inhaler and a long term medicine that helps prevent attacks. Mayan says she contacted DCFS repeatedly and forwarded documentation

demonstrating her daughter's need, concerned that Layla was without her life saving medication. Instead, she says Layla was told by the DCFS worker that "she doesn't really need it," despite Mayan's proof of ER visits and doctor records to the contrary.

Layla Placed into Non-English Speaking Foster Home

When Mayan was finally able to visit with her daughter, she discovered that her daughter had been placed in a non-English speaking home, though English is Layla's first language. The school teacher advised her this was not good for Layla at this critical time learning to read and write the language. In a pattern that was becoming all too familiar, Mayan says, DCFS made no response to her concerns.

Intimidation Tactics?

However, not long after Layla was taken by DCFS, Mayan says the supervisor called to request that Mayan sign forms allowing Layla to be examined by a medical doctor. Uncertain what was going to be done to her daughter, Mayan says she did not agree.

The next day – a Saturday – Mayan reports she was surprised when the DCFS supervisor arrived at Mayan's home in person, again requesting the medical permission forms be signed. When she refused, she says the supervisor informed her that she was being accused of sexually abusing her daughter. Stunned and horrified, Mayan again refused, and the supervisor left, telling her they would get a judge's signature.

When Mayan says she called DCFS the following Monday,

asking for information about this new accusation, the office staff informed her that no such charges or accusations were involved in her case, and denied any knowledge of the supervisor's allegations. Mayan says the allegations of sexual abuse have never again been brought up.

Hoping the nightmare would end when she could finally talk to the judge, Mayan looked forward to the hearing where her compliance and the drug tests would set all to rights and she could bring Layla home. She was in for a terrible shock, however.

Falsified Testing and Fabricated Statements?

At the December court date, both drug tests were reported as "dirty." Stunned, Mayan says she knew drugs were not a part of her lifestyle – she knew the tests were obviously wrong. She feels they were deliberately falsified. DCFS also provided statements from Layla's school teacher and principal indicating she was not a good mother and possibly used drugs. "This is when I knew it wasn't just 'honest mistakes,'" Mayan says. "I had a great relationship with both of them."

Mayan later followed up with Layla's teacher and principal, and reports they were horrified by what appeared to be blatant lies. She says they have agreed to be subpoenaed to attest to Mayan's character and her positive relationship with her daughter and with them.

"You're Never Getting Your Daughter Back"



Mayan and Layla. Image from family.

Mayan had a public defender at her hearing, but afterwards, she says, he refused to give her his business card and has ignored all of her calls. She reports filing to request a new defender multiple times, but says she was recently told the county has no record of any of these requests. After the hearing, Mayan says she was chilled by a comment the DCFS worker made that she could “take all the classes and testing you want, you’re never getting your daughter back.”

Given six months to comply with drug classes and testing, Mayan says she immediately sought a reputable lab for which she paid out of pocket. Over the course of the intervening months, Mayan says to date she has seven “clean” independent drug tests. However, she says DCFS told her these tests “don’t matter” because they are not from the specific program DCFS requires her to be in.

Mayan says her brother, who lives in Florida, has been working to have Layla transferred to him since the ordeal began, and has only finally been able to bring her home with him as of June 12. This was because DCFS, according to Mayan, required that he become a foster parent in order for him to keep Layla at all. DCFS is mandated to put children with family members whenever possible, and requiring him to become a foster parent, Mayan believes, was a way for the department to obtain further money.

On June 23, Mayan has her next hearing, to follow up. Mayan says she has contacted her state representative, Don Knabe, multiple times, even going to his office, but reports there has been no response. She continues to fight for Layla's return, and says she is reading all legal requirements and writing and submitting legal documents as her own lawyer. She says she has documented and submitted proof of DCFS lies, but is terrified that DCFS is going to manufacture more evidence and continue to ignore anything she offers. Whenever she has tried to defend herself, request information, or in any way interact with DCFS, she says, "It's like I wasn't even talking."

Speak Up For Mayan and Layla

For Layla to be returned to her mother will require concerned citizens calling, emailing and voicing their concerns that Mayan receive a fair hearing, admitting ALL sound evidence.

Contact:

California Governor [Jerry Brown can be reached here](#) - 916-445-2841

California Representative and LA County Supervisor [Don Knabe](#) - 213-974-4444

DCFS Supervisor Linda Hernandez – 562-903-5384

DCFS Contact – Ha Phan – 562-903-5380

A [Facebook account supporting Mayan and Layla is here.](#)
(Page going up soon).

Other stories on MedicalKidnap.com related to Los Angeles:

[Foster Kids Speak Out: Sue Agency over Abuse in “Kids for Cash” Scandal](#)

[California Columnist Exposes Corrupt Practices of Child Protection Services](#)

[Parents Get \\$800K Over Warrantless Search and Removal of Homeschool Kids Who Were Not Vaccinated](#)

[Foster Care Abuse: Drugging Children Against Their Will](#)

Medical Director of LA Child Welfare Testifies Under Oath That He Does Not Know the Law Regarding Seizure of Children



Dr. Charles Sophy, the Medical Director for Los Angeles County Department of Children and Family Services. Image from YouTube.

by **Brian Shilhavy**
Health Impact News

Dr. Charles Sophy is the Medical Director for Los Angeles County Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS). Los Angeles County DCFS reportedly has the largest amount of children taken away from their families and put into foster homes of any other agency in the United States. Dr.

Sophy reportedly earns a salary of over a quarter of a million dollars as the Medical Director of DCFS.

LA County DCFS Criticized by Former Supervisor as Not Protecting Children



Former DCFS Social Worker Melinda Murphy being interviewed on the National Safe Child Show.

Health Impact News has covered a lot of news regarding LA DCFS recently, including publishing an interview with a former DCFS social worker and supervisor, Melinda Murphy. (See: [Former LA County Social Worker Reveals Corruption in Child “Protection” Services.](#)) In that interview, when Melinda was asked why she left DCFS after ten years, she replied:

Because I had a conscience. I wanted to be able to sleep at night. I wanted to be able to look at myself in the mirror.

When I went to work for them, I thought I'd be working for the children, I'd be working for the families, building on their strengths. I discovered no, what I am doing is I am working for the Department of Children and Family Services. I am a PR agent. I'm not protecting the children and the families. I am protecting the Department of Children and Family Services.

Melinda Murphy went on to describe LA County DCFS:

It's doomsville... The system is not working. It's a very sick system. It's failed, it cannot heal itself.

Watch the [entire interview here](#).

Children Under the Custody of LA County DCFS are Being Murdered and Sold Into Sex Trafficking



Tammi Stefano, Executive Director of The National Safe Child Coalition (NSCC).

We also recently published an interview with Tammi Stefano, the Executive Director of The National Safe Child Coalition (NSCC) who was interviewed by filmmaker Sean Stone. (See: [Child Sex Trafficking through Child “Protection” Services Exposed – Kidnapping Children for Sex.](#))

Stefano revealed some very gruesome details about LA County DCFS. She stated that her organization discovered that 1000 “convicted sex offenders” had been given a “green light” by CPS to become “approved foster parents” in Los Angeles County, a report which was also published in the [Los Angeles Times.](#)

Stefano goes on to talk about the horrific child sex trafficking problem in LA County DCFS:

What we are finding now is this trafficking is a lot bigger, and a lot more involved politically than we care to look at, or the media won't cover. Everybody is afraid because there are some really big heavy hitters that are very influential that are involved.

Children have been sold, and there have been cases, where children have been sold up to 75 times in one day. 75 times in one day.... someone has abused this child.

The child trafficking industry, or human trafficking industry right now, makes more money than the illegal drug trade, and illegal arms trade, combined.

So children are definitely a commodity. They are a commodity to make money.

Watch the [full interview here](#).

Medical Director of LA DCFS Testifies Under Oath

When California [attorney Shawn McMillan](#) uploaded a video of a deposition of Dr. Charles Sophy, the Medical Director for Los Angeles County DCFS, whom he deposed in [a case he is currently litigating](#) to [his YouTube account](#), I took special interest to listen to the video and learn more about this medical director who is responsible for the lives of so many children in LA County.



Dr. Sophy swears under oath to tell the truth.

Munchausen Syndrome by Proxy – The Psychiatric Diagnosis Used Against Parents to Remove Children from Their Home

At about the 7:30 mark in the video (full video below) McMillan begins to question Dr. Sophy about [Munchausen Syndrome by Proxy](#), a controversial psychiatric diagnosis that is used against parents often to justify removing children from the home by medical doctors. The diagnosis is often made when the parents disagree with doctors over medical care, and when the parents want to continue seeking out other medical advice, or second opinions, when doctors allegedly believe there are no medical conditions present.

In his testimony, Dr. Sophy admits that Munchausen Syndrome by Proxy (MSP) is a “very tough diagnosis to make, and it is not a very easy diagnosis to make.”

McMillan asks Dr. Sophy if there is an “empirical test” that one can do to determine if someone has Munchausen Syndrome by Proxy. Dr. Sophy replies: “Not a real black and white clinical test. It’s more by things not being present.”

McMillan then references two medical articles that state Munchausen Syndrome by Proxy is an “exceedingly rare mental illness” affecting only 2 out of every 100,000, according to the two articles referenced. McMillan then asks:

*And yet, don’t you tell us in your declaration that you have treated **manypatients**, **manyfamilies** affected by Munchausen Syndrome by Proxy?*

Dr. Sophy then proceeds to clarify his written statement by saying:

That doesn’t mean I had direct contact with them. I was involved somehow in the case.

McMillan then asks:

“You’re not necessarily meeting with the patient, looking at the patient, talking with the patient? You may just be involved somewhere over on the sidelines?” Dr. Sophy replies: “Correct.”

McMillan then asks:

“What qualifications does it take, legally, to be entitled to tag someone with that MSP moniker?” Dr. Sophy replies, “I do not know.”

Dr. Sophy also responds that he has been a doctor since 1982, and the Medical Director of LA DCFS since 2003, but he states he does not know what qualifications someone needs to legally tag a parent with the Munchausen Syndrome by Proxy diagnosis that can result in the removal of their child from their custody.

At about the 18 minute mark in the video deposition, McMillan asks:

“So potentially any pediatric case you see could be a Munchausen Syndrome by Proxy case?” Dr. Sophy replies, “Could be.”

McMillan then asks if Munchausen Syndrome by Proxy could lead to the death of a child? Dr. Sophy replies,

“It can. But not very often.”

McMillan: “In fact it is exceedingly rare for a child to actually die as a result of a parent suffering from Munchausen Syndrome by Proxy, right?”

Sophy: “I don’t know for sure. But I would imagine, yes.”

McMillan: “What does the generally accepted and respected medical literature tell us?”

Sophy: "It's rare."

McMillan: "Exceedingly rare?"

Sophy: "Rare. Exceedingly rare."

Dr. Sophy, The Hollywood Doctor Responsible for Tens of Thousands of Foster Care Children in LA County



Dr. Charles Sophy – [Image from Facebook](#).

At about the 16 and half minute mark of the video, McMillan asks Dr. Sophy what percentage of his income comes from his private practice, and how much comes from his position

as Medical Director of the Los Angeles DCFS. Dr. Sophy replies that it is about 20% private practice, and 80% from his position at DCFS, but that he “really didn’t know.”

Dr. Sophy has made news before about his dual role as a private Hollywood doctor, and at the same time employed as the Medical Director of the Los Angeles DCFS. In 2011 [the Los Angeles Times published an article](#) written by Amy Kaufman and Garrett Therolf which stated that Dr. Sophy made \$256,000 as the Medical Director of DCFS while still maintaining his private practice and appearing in reality TV shows such as “Real Housewives of Beverly Hills.” According to the article, some people “question his commitment to the \$256,000 county post.” [Read the full article here.](#)

Dr. Sophy Testifies to How Much Training DCFS Workers Receive to Perform Their Jobs

At about the 23 and half minute mark in the deposition video, Shawn McMillan asks Dr. Sophy some questions about how he trains social workers in his duty as Medical Director of Los Angeles County DCFS.

Damage to Children When Removed from Home

McMillan: “Do you give training to your workers regarding the damage that can be done to a child’s brain when they are seized from their home?”

Sophy: “Yes.”

McMillan: “Tell me about that.”

Sophy: “What do you want to know?”

McMillan: “What kind of damage can be done to a child’s brain when they are seized from a parent’s home?”

Sophy: “What did you learn when you watched the video? It’s devastating.”

McMillan: “Ok, it is devastating when a child is removed from it’s parents home. And that’s whether there was abuse or not, correct?”

Sophy: “Period.”

McMillan: “Period. What do you mean when you say it is devastating to the child?”

Sophy: “Well, it’s physically and emotionally devastating. From a physical perspective, it changes his brain; growth development.”

McMillan: “What sorts of changes?”

Sophy: “Neuronal changes. Neurons...”

McMillan: “Neuronal changes – I don’t know what that (means).”

Sophy: “You know, just the growth and development of the brain. The brain can be affected, when the child is removed from a home.”

McMillan: “Is that referenced somewhere in generally accepted medical literature?”

Sophy: “Yeah.”

McMillan: "Ok, what are some of the articles I would look for?"

Sophy: "Mine. Harvard has done some studies. I think Yale has done some..."

Legal Issues on Entering a Home – Sophy Admits He does not Know the Law

Next, McMillan questions Dr. Sophy on the law regarding when a child should be removed from a home:

McMillan: "The law defines for us, and for you and for your social workers, the circumstances under which it is appropriate to seize a child from a home without first getting a court order, correct?"

Sophy: "Correct."

McMillan: "Do you know what those circumstances are?"

Sophy: "Not off the top of my head."

McMillan: "Based on your training and experience the last 12 years as the Medical Director with the County of Los Angeles Department of Children and Family Services, is it appropriate to go out and seize a child without a court order, when we're lacking sufficient information?"

Sophy: "I don't have an opinion."

McMillan: "You don't know?"

Sophy: "I don't have an opinion."

McMillan: "Do you know what the training is that you give your social workers?"

Sophy nods his head yes...

McMillan: "In that regard."

Sophy: "Generally yes, not specifically."

McMillan: "Ok what is that general training? What do you tell your social workers about seizing a child without getting a warrant when they don't have sufficient information?"

Sophy: "I'm not sure. Specifically."

McMillan: "Well just generally. That's all I am looking for."

Sophy: "Well, I think that they need to have whatever it is they are told they need to have. If it is a checklist of information, or whatever it is they need, or they have to get approval from their supervisor. There is a chain of command or whatever that needs to be in place in order to do it."

McMillan: "Ok, and what is the nature of the information that they need to be in possession of before they seize a child without first obtaining a warrant?"

Sophy: "Well again, if I knew I would tell you. You are asking me for specifics – I really don't know them."

McMillan: "Are you aware of whether or not the law specifically defines the type of information a social worker must have before they can seize a child without first obtaining a warrant?"

Sophy: "I do not."

No Apparent Training of Social Workers on Constitutional Rights of Children and Families

McMillan: "Let me see if I can help you. Turn to the second page of exhibit number 7. And it says there a social worker's duty includes protecting Constitutional rights of children and families. That is the title of the slide there. Did I read that right?"

Sophy: "Yes."

McMillan: "Have you ever heard or learned that concept during your 12 years as Medical Director of the County of Los Angeles Department of Children and Family Services?"

Sophy: "I've heard of it. Not in necessarily these words, but yes."

McMillan: "Have you ever offered any training to your workers in the last 12 years regarding this concept of their duty to protect the Constitutional rights of children and families?"

Sophy: "No."

McMillan: "Have you ever heard of anybody in your entire 12 years with the agency... have you ever heard of anybody offering training on this concept that a social worker's duty includes protecting the Constitutional rights of children and families?"

Sophy: "Not to my knowledge."

At about the 31:18 minute mark in the deposition video McMillan continues on the issue of Constitutional rights:

McMillan: “When we’re talking about the Constitutional rights of parents and children, one of those rights... well, maybe you don’t know. Do you know whether or not one of those rights includes the right not to be seized from the child’s home... unless there is a warrant, or some other circumstance that justifies it?”

Sophy: “I don’t know.”

McMillan: “You don’t know? And you never ascertained that knowledge in your 12 years as the medical director of the agency?”

Sophy: “Not to my knowledge.”

McMillan: “Well if we look at this particular slide, it sort of answers the question. It tells us a ‘CSW will always need to determine if she/he needs a warrant or court order.’ Have you been privy to any training where this concept was taught to your social workers?”

Sophy: “No.”

McMillan then moves on to another exhibit of written material in the deposition at about the 33:45 mark.

*McMillan: “It says when a court order is required., a CSW (pauses to clarify that “CSW” means “Children’s Social Worker”) must always obtain an order **PRIOR** to: 1. Entering or inspecting a home, 2. Interviewing a child, 3. Conducting a*

visual inspection of the child, 4. Obtain a medical exam of a child, or 5. Removing a child from a parent or legal guardian's custody. Just looking at this as a psychiatrist, do you have any understanding what the significance of putting "prior" in all caps bold would be? Why would we do that?

Sophy: "Maybe the typewriter was broken?"

McMillan: "Would we do it to draw emphasis?"

Sophy: "Absolutely."

McMillan: "And the reason we do something like that to draw emphasis is because it is an important concept?"

Sophy: "Yes."

McMillan: "How long does it take to get a warrant in Los Angeles County?"

Sophy: "I don't know."

McMillan: "Now, looking at the slide that is in front of you It tells us that exigent circumstances must exist if we're going to seize a child without getting a warrant, right?"

Sophy: "Right."

At about the 53 minute mark in the deposition video, McMillan returns to the issue of "exigent circumstances."

McMillan: "Turn to page 33 of exhibit 7. This one is really cool. Because it actually defines for us....if you recall earlier in

your testimony, you were unable to define for me what was meant by the phrase 'exigent circumstances'... this page 33, you see at the bottom there, it cites a case, Wallace vs. Spencer, 9th Circuit 2000... And I'll represent to you that that date there, 2000, that is the date at which the law, in regard to exigent circumstances, was made perfectly clear to everyone residing in the 9th Circuit. That being said, the slide is titled: Exigent Circumstances Federal Definition. CSW can act without a warrant/court order if CSW has reasonable cause to believe child is in imminent danger of serious bodily injury and the scope of CSW's intrusion is reasonably necessary to prevent that specific injury."

McMillan: "What specific injury was it that the social workers were seeking to prevent by seizing this child (in the case in question) on November 3rd at the end of the team decision?"

Sophy: "I have no opinion."

Watch the entire highlight video of the deposition of Dr. Charles Sophy, the Medical Director for Los Angeles County Department of Children and Family Services, by attorney Shawn McMillan:

<https://youtu.be/VxhREFou1t8>

Harvard-trained Beverly Hills Doctor Mom Has 4 Children Kidnapped by LA County DCFS



Dr. Susan Evans

UPDATE 9/14/2015

Dr. SUSAN'S CHILDREN CONTINUE TO SUFFER

In August this case went back to dependency court. DCFS tried to stop these visits, but the court was clear in ordering the children to visit with their mother. Court orders apparently are no match for the authority the DCFS has as they have completely disregarded the courts orders, allegedly causing more suffering and trauma through this separation.

A source has just informed us that Dr. Susan's court-appointed attorney just quit! What does this mean for this family?

Wednesday September 16, 2015 is the next court hearing in which the court could dismiss everything, but will they? Several people have decided to attend this hearing date and invite others to join them.

Dependency Court
201 Centre Plaza Drive
Monterey Park, CA 91754

UPDATE 8/15/2015

Dr. Susan was denied visitation with her children today, even though it was court-appointed.

Dr. Susan will be volunteering her services at the 22nd Little Miss African American Scholarship Pageant tomorrow, Sunday August 16th in Beverly Hills. She encourages all her supporters to show up and STAND UP FOR THE CHILDREN!

WHO: Laila Ali, World Boxing Champion/TV Host, James Pickens Jr. (ABC's Grey's Anatomy), reality star/singer Shanice Wilson, Actor Ro Brooks (The Haves and Have Nots), Cocoa Brown (For Better or Worse), Brett Stimely {Transformer/Watchman), Ella Joyce (Roc, Belles), Children Advocate May May Ali, Director/Actress Sandra McClain, Actor Kevin Craig West (Lionsgate Twilight Saga/The Groundskeeper), Talk Show Host Ron Brewington, Dr. Susan Evans Health & Beauty Institute, Dr. K Andrews, Human

Renewal Institute, Cameron Davis, Little Miss California,
Jade Brandais, Founding Partner of Renge, MORE.

WHEN: Sunday, August 16, 2015

WHERE: H.O.M.E.

430 N. Camden Dr. Beverly Hills, CA

TIME: 3:00 PM Media Check-in

3:30 PM Red Carpet

4:30 PM Program Begins

WHAT: 22nd Little Miss African American Scholarship
Pageant

(LMAA) is a first and foremost an educational program cleverly disguised in a pageant format whose mission is “dedicated to the intellectual success of young African-American girls”.

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Health Impact News/MedicalKidnap.com Staff

Dr. Susan Evans graduated from Harvard Medical School with dual medical degrees in dermatology and internal medicine. She established her medical practice specializing in dermatology in the heart of Beverly Hills, CA. Most of her clientele are celebrities we only see on the big screen. Along

with the lime-light clientele, Dr. Susan's expertise has been sought as a medical expert on Dr. Oz, Oprah, the Doctors, CNN, the TODAY show and many more.

Dr. Susan is the mother of four children: 10 year old twin daughters, L. Elizabeth, S. Mary, and two sons, Nick age 14 and Z. Hugh age 8. She was voted Dr. Mom on the TV series Dr. 90210.

However, like thousands of other parents in Los Angeles County, she has lost her 4 children to LA County Department of Child and Family Services (DCFS), even though no charges have ever been filed against her. Not only have no charges been filed against her, a dependency court judge ruled that there was no reason for DCFS to keep her children out of her custody, and dismissed the case *with prejudice* (meaning the evidence they presented could not be brought before the dependency court again).

So why is she still battling LA County DCFS to get her children back? How has a child "protection" social services agency like LA County DCFS become so powerful, that a respected medical doctor in Beverly Hills' affluent community is rendered helpless over what she believes is the state-sponsored kidnapping of her children?

Children Kidnapped by Social Services – Whereabouts Unknown for 2 Weeks



The bedrooms of her sons and daughters now empty.

In 2013, Dr. Susan had her children taken away from her home and did not know where they were for 2 weeks. In 2012 a restraining order was issued protecting her and her children, and she filed for dissolution of marriage. The case was then assigned to family law Judge Cunningham, and for some reason the 4 children's names were removed as protective persons on the restraining order and her husband was granted weekend visitations.

Dr. Susan reports that her former husband has been used as an expert witness with the LA County Department of Child and Family Services (DCFS) in child abuse matters, and may have used his influence to remove the children from her home. For two weeks Dr. Susan did not know where her children were located, as they had been taken to a different city without her knowledge. She reported them missing to the police.

Dr. Susan's Attorney Inquires with DCFS on Kidnapping of her Children – A Felony



Dr. Susan on the TV show The Drs. Image from YouTube.

When the police finally found her children in the next county, Dr. Susan says:

The police finally located them and DCFS social worker Adrian Hawkins, Tasha Beard and Malaika Solomon lied to police and stopped them from returning the children by falsely claiming DCFS detained the children from mother.

Dr. Susan's attorney contacted DCFS to find out why the children had been detained, and this was their reply sent to him by email:

DCFS has not detained the children from their mother nor has it advised [ex-husband] to keep the children out of school. [Ex-husband] is acting on his own accord.

Micheline Ruben

When DCFS admitted they had not detained Dr. Susan's children, the attorney of Dr. Susan threatened to file felony charges against those who had participated in kidnapping of the children in this email message:

Thank you for the follow up and confirming DCFS has played no role in[the] failure to return the minor children to their mother Dr. Susan Spell on Sunday, in violation of the current custody orders. Due to the duration of time that has elapsed, this situation has now evolved into felony kidnapping, unless someone is able to provide information to the contrary. Ms. Ruben your email will be presented to law enforcement to confirm, DCFS has not intervened to remove the minor children from the custody of Dr. Susan Spell, and the children should be returned to Dr. Susan Spell's custody pursuant to Judge Cunningham's current custody order entered earlier this year.

Christiaan, up to this point, I have not actively communicated with law enforcement about this issue other than on Sunday when I informed law enforcement the children were required to be returned to Dr. Spell on Sunday. I will give you til 1:30 pm to confirm that [he] will return the children today to Dr. Susan Spell before 5:00 p.m. at a specified location. To the extent I do not receive confirmation by 1:30 p.m., I will move forward with pursuing the arrest for kidnapping/child abduction. [sic]

While DCFS confirmed they had not detained the children, they nevertheless returned the children to their mother by bringing them to the Sheriff's station.

Dr. Susan's Children Taken Again - Suffering While Away from Their Mom



Dr. Susan in her Beverly Hills clinic.

Unfortunately, LA County DCFS took Dr. Susan's children away from her again, and she fought a 7 month battle to get them back. The oldest son, Nicholas, ran away and pleaded for help from Facebook. He was allegedly admitted to a psychiatric facility for a suicide hold during this time.

Dr. Susan was very concerned about her children during this time, and was appalled that she could not tend to their emotional and medical needs. Instead, the children had been

awarded to her ex-husband, who already had a restraining order issued against him for alleged abuse. She relates how the children were taken to a new pediatrician instead of the one they had known since birth. She found out that the children were suffering from childhood hypertension, weight gain, urinary tract infections, and dental issues, as they were not getting regular check ups. She reports that due to not being seen by a dentist or orthodontist, one of her daughter's had her braces fall off, which were never replaced. One of the children was reportedly neglected to the point of developing a skin infection and HPV warts.



One of the children developed skin infections and HPV warts. Dr. Susan, herself a dermatologist, was not able to care for her own children.

Dr. Susan filed an Ex-Parte court request for the children to see a doctor and get the medical treatment they so desperately needed. She felt she was prevented from providing for the needs of her children as they were under DCFS control. She reports that one child developed a urine infection which progressed and the child began seizing, losing consciousness, and slipping into a coma due to respiratory distress. He also suffered from loss of oxygen to the brain, and bilateral collapsed lungs. This was a life-threatening seizure that required two hospitalizations.

Report from Caseworker Concerned About the Children Disappears

An eight page investigative report was written and then disseminated within DCFS based on the facts collected during the interviews of all 4 children, Dr. Susan, and her husband. This report allegedly recommended that the children remain in the care and custody of their mother.

Suspiciously, the writer of this report was allegedly taken off the case, new social workers were assigned, the recommendations were made that the children were to be given to father, and the contradicting 8 pages allegedly vanished from the case file and the internal computerized data base.

Judge Dismisses Case for Lack of Evidence



When Dr. Susan finally got her day in court on May 7, 2014, Judge Vasquez found no supporting evidence against Dr. Susan. Observing that the children were crying to be with their mother, he completely dismissed the case with prejudice in the “interest of justice.” Being dismissed “with prejudice” is very rare in these types of cases, and means that DCFS should not have been able to bring charges back against Dr. Susan again based on the lack of evidence.

Unfortunately, according to Dr. Susan, DCFS opposed Judge Vasquez's dismissal. They filed a *writ of supersedes* that the Appellate Court denied. DCFS alleged that Judge Vasquez dismissed the case before they had a chance to prove their case and that he never gave them an opportunity to present their evidence, even though they had 14 months to do so. Yet somehow, DCFS was able to get the Appellate Court to reverse the dismissal.

Appellate Court Injustice – Fraudulent Evidence Submitted to Reopen Case and Retain Children

What happened next is truly remarkable. Instead of Dr. Susan's children being returned home by order of Judge Vasquez, LA County DCFS somehow convinced the Appellate Court to hear her case, even though it had already been dismissed, and even though they had denied DCFS their *writ of supersedes*. Incredibly, the Appellate Court reversed Judge Vasquez's decision, leaving her children under the control of DCFS. Within days of this decision, Judge Vasquez was reassigned out of dependency court.

How could this happen?

It took many months for Dr. Susan to find out how this could possibly happen. DCFS allegedly falsified some of the original records from the April 2014 hearing, by inserting the details of a completely different case in Dependency Court that had nothing to do with Dr. Susan. The case was Lizarragas DK02480, and according to Dr. Susan:

This case was exactly what they needed to try and substantiate evidence of a mother being unfit and a danger

to her children. DCFS social workers and DCFS LA County counsel Kim Nemoy cited and directed the Appellate Court justices to an entry dated April 11, 2014 that was another completely different case that had been inserted into the records, making Judge Vasquez's decision to dismiss my case appear to be an error that endangered the children.

What Judge Vasquez truly received on that date, however, were 3 petitions alerting him to the children suffering alienation, and being denied visits with me despite his own court orders, all to the detriment of the children. The true court filing from the April 11, 2014 trial by my attorney was concealed and not shown to the Appellate Court, however, and not included in the appeal exhibits.

This was a massive cover-up by DCFS!

Unfortunately, Dr. Susan did not discover this “new” fraudulent evidence used against her that had been filed with the Appellate Court and used to reverse Judge Vasquez's decision until April of 2015, over one year later. The Appellate Court allegedly told Dr. Susan that it was too late to do anything about it.

Will Dr. Susan Ever See True Justice and Have her Children Returned?



Dr Susan Evans discusses Parasites on Good Morning America. Image from YouTube.

Dr. Susan's children remain out of her care and custody today, more than a year after Judge Vasquez's decision to dismiss her case. Dr. Susan reports how LA County DCFS has used fraudulent evidence against her from another case not even related to her to get the Appellate Court to reverse Judge Vasquez's decision, and put it back in LA County Dependency Court.

If someone like Dr. Susan, a well-known and respected physician from Beverly Hills, cannot prevent LA County DCFS from kidnapping her children and subverting justice in court to keep her children away from her, what hope do the thousands of other parents in LA County have to get a fair

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Tammi Stefano, the Executive Director of The National Safe Child Coalition (NSCC), revealed earlier this year in an interview with filmmaker Sean Stone that in 2013 LA County DCFS took “thousands of children away from parents,” and that 570 children were murdered while in the care of DCFS and away from their families during an 18 month period. Ms. Stefano also revealed that 1000 “convicted sex offenders” had been given a “green light” by DCFS to become “approved foster parents” just in Los Angeles County, and that this had even been [reported in the Los Angeles Times](#).

Dr. Susan is wondering if our nation is just going to simply stand by and watch our children repeatedly kidnapped by the State, subverting justice to keep children away from good parents while suffering under the care of children social services?

A Call to Action

EDIT: Please note the change in date for the first court appearance in the re-trial, which is now set for August 25. We will post any changes or updates.

Due to the fraud in the Appellate Court hearing, Dr. Susan will now have to go back to LA County Dependency Court to have her case heard for the first time by a new judge, Judge Menetrez, on Tuesday August 18, 2015 . Dr. Susan is calling a rally at the Court House, where she will be making a statement to the Press at 8:00 a.m. The address is:

Dependency Court
201 Centre Plaza Drive
Monterey Park, CA 91754

The Governor of California is Jerry Brown, and [he can be reached here.](#)

Supporters of Dr. Susan have also put up a [Facebook Page](#) on her behalf:



Dr. Susan Attacked by Los Angeles DCFS for Going to the Media - Pressure Put on Children to Turn Against Her



UPDATE 8/29/2015

In a rather bizarre twist of events, the original petition against Dr. Susan has been dropped by the new judge hearing her case in Dependency Court. This is the petition that was originally dismissed by Judge Vasquez, but then reversed by the Appellate Court to be heard again in the dependency court. See the original story here:

[Harvard-trained Beverly Hills Doctor Mom Has 4 Children Kidnapped by LA County DCFS](#)

However, Dr. Susan will still be in court on Monday, August

31, 2015, to face a “First Amended Petition” in her case based on the fact that her supporters put up a Facebook Page for her and originally scheduled a rally at the Courthouse, which supposedly caused “severe emotional harm” on her children.

It should be noted that Dr. Susan herself did not put up the #FreeDrSusansKids [Facebook Page](#), and she did not call for a rally. Her supporters did, practicing their 1st Amendment rights to freedom of speech.

So while there is no longer a rally scheduled for Monday, August 31, 2015, Dr. Susan’s supporters (not Dr. Susan herself) are encouraging people to turn out to support her if they can Monday morning at the Courthouse. Dr. Susan represents thousands of parents who have suffered from the corruption in LA County DCFS.

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UPDATE 8/21/2015

LA County DCFS has changed the date of the first court appearance once again, from August 25th to August 31st. Therefore, there will be no rally on the 25th at the Courthouse. More details will be posted on the #FreeDoctorSusansKids [Facebook Page](#).

Dr. Susan Attacked by Los Angeles DCFS for Going to the Media – Pressure Put on Children to Turn Against Her

by **Health Impact News/MedicalKidnap.com**

Last week Health Impact News published the story of Dr. Susan Evans and her battle with LA County Department of Child and Family Services to get her children back. See:

Harvard-trained Beverly Hills Doctor Mom Has 4 Children Kidnapped by LA County DCFS

After publishing our story, DCFS canceled a visitation between Dr. Susan and her children on Saturday, August 15th.

Why did DCFS cancel the visitation? Was it because they wanted to coach the children about what their mother had done by going to the media, and try to turn the children against her? The appointment was rescheduled for Sunday, August 16th.

When Dr. Susan met with her children on Sunday, August 16th, the children were noticeably upset. Dr. Susan recorded the exchange between herself and her children, and Health Impact News is in possession of the recordings.

One of the children can be heard trying to explain that they had not been “kidnapped”:

DCFS has the power to take kids away from a parent if they don't treat their kids right. So you can't be kidnapped by them. They can take your kids away because you did not

take care of us.

Dr. Susan replies:

Because I didn't take care of you? Is that really what you think?

The child replies:

Why else did they take us away?

When Dr. Susan tried to explain what was really going on in this case, the child interrupted her and said:

Mom, I have the DCFS (report) – she gave me a piece of paper, a court paper that said that you emotionally abused (name of child). They even had it wrote – it wasn't wrote by my dad, it wasn't wrote by you, it was wrote by a DCFS worker.... I read the whole thing.

Dr. Susan was shocked that LA County DCFS was showing her minor children court records and DCFS orders, which is clearly illegal and against DCFS policy.

History of DCFS Violations in Dr. Susan's Case



A DCFS worker bringing Dr. Susan’s two girls to the sheriff department. When the worker saw a friend of the family filming their return, she ordered him to stop filming. When he refused, she told the girls to “come back” with her. One girl hesitates at the stop of the steps, unsure what to do, as the DCFS worker tells them to come back, while Dr. Susan rushes forward to console her children and urge them into the sheriff department.

As was noted in our [original story](#), there was one point during her case where Dr. Susan did not even know the whereabouts of her children for two weeks, and called the police to report them missing.

When the police finally found her children in the next county, Dr. Susan says:

The police finally located them and DCFS social worker Adrian Hawkins, Tasha Beard and Malaika Solomon lied to police and stopped them from returning the children by

falsely claiming DCFS detained the children from mother.

Dr. Susan's attorney contacted DCFS to find out why the children had been detained, and this was their reply sent to him by email:

DCFS has not detained the children from their mother nor has it advised [ex-husband] to keep the children out of school. [Ex-husband] is acting on his own accord.

Micheline Ruben

When DCFS admitted they had not detained Dr. Susan's children, the attorney of Dr. Susan threatened to file felony charges against those who had participated in kidnapping of the children in this email message:

Thank you for the follow up and confirming DCFS has played no role in[the] failure to return the minor children to their mother Dr. Susan Spell on Sunday, in violation of the current custody orders. Due to the duration of time that has elapsed, this situation has now evolved into felony kidnapping, unless someone is able to provide information to the contrary. Ms. Ruben your email will be presented to law enforcement to confirm, DCFS has not intervened to remove the minor children from the custody of Dr. Susan Spell, and the children should be returned to Dr. Susan Spell's custody pursuant to Judge Cunningham's current custody order entered earlier this year.

Christiaan, up to this point, I have not actively communicated with law enforcement about this issue other than on Sunday

when I informed law enforcement the children were required to be returned to Dr. Spell on Sunday. I will give you til 1:30 pm to confirm that [he] will return the children today to Dr. Susan Spell before 5:00 p.m. at a specified location. To the extent I do not receive confirmation by 1:30 p.m., I will move forward with pursuing the arrest for kidnapping/child abduction. [sic]

While DCFS confirmed they had not detained the children, they brought them to the sheriff office. But watch what happens next in an exclusive video obtained by Health Impact News:

<https://youtu.be/sl1j-SG4RiA>

The social worker who returned the two girls to the sheriff, which attorney Micheline Ruben had stated in her email were never detained to begin with, threatens to take the girls back with her simply because someone was video taping her outdoors.

Later, Dr. Susan's children were taken again over what she reports was a custody dispute with her ex-husband, who had received a restraining order for alleged abuse against Dr. Susan and the children. Dr. Susan reports that her former husband has been used as an expert witness with the LA County Department of Child and Family Services (DCFS) in child abuse matters, and may have used his influence to remove the children from her home.

In addition, an eight page investigative report was written and then disseminated within DCFS based on the facts collected during the interviews of all 4 children, Dr. Susan, and her husband. This report allegedly recommended that

the children remain in the care and custody of their mother.

Suspiciously, the writer of this report was allegedly taken off the case, new social workers were assigned, the recommendations were made that the children were to be given to father, and the contradicting 8 pages allegedly vanished from the case file and the internal computerized data base.

When Dr. Susan had her case dismissed *with prejudice* on May 7, 2014, by Judge Vasquez who found no supporting evidence against Dr. Susan, she thought her troubles were finally over.

But they were not.

DCFS got the Appellate Court to reopen and reverse the decision by submitting fraudulent documents from an entirely different case. So now she is back in Dependency Court starting the whole process all over again. [Full story here.](#)

Former LA County DCFS Workers Speak out on Corruption inside DCFS



Former DCFS supervisors Julian Dominguez and Melinda Murphy speaking out regarding corruption in LA County DCFS.

Health Impact News has published interviews by former DCFS supervisors Julian Dominguez and Melinda Murphy, who have co-authored a book about their experiences working in LA County DCFS titled: *A Culture of Fear: An Inside Look at Los Angeles County's Department of Children and Family Services*, by [Sbpra Books](#).

Melinda Murphy's interview is here:

[Former LA County Social Worker Reveals Corruption in Child "Protection" Services](#)

Julian Dominguez's interview is here:

[LA County DCFS Whistleblower Reveals how Parents are Losing Their Children to a Corrupt System](#)

Dr. Susan Returns to Court – Rally Scheduled for Tuesday August 25th at the Courthouse

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Dr. Susan and her supporters are encouraging the public to attend a rally prior to the beginning of her court case on August 25th. Dr. Susan will issue a brief statement to the press prior to entering the courthouse. If you have been victimized by the corruption of LA County DCFS, please show up and tell your story to others!

How long is the public going to tolerate the abuses and corruption in LA County DCFS that so many have told us is destroying families and harming children? Please show up and show your support for not only Dr. Susan, but ALL parents and children who have suffered at the hands of LA DCFS, and have no voice to represent them!

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California Parents Blamed for SIDS Death - Lose Remaining Children to CPS



Alana Jo Avenger, sleeping peacefully, before SIDS took her life. Image supplied by family.

Mother Prevented from Riding in Ambulance with Her 3 Month Old Baby, Baby Dies

Crystal Avenger recalls how frightened she was when she saw the ambulance in front of her apartment in El Dorado County, California, on March 18, 2015. Crystal pulled up to the curb, jumped out of her vehicle and ran towards the ambulance, praying that nothing had happened to her

children. The El Dorado County Sheriff's officer bellowed at her,

"Where are you going, you have to move your vehicle, NOW!"

Crystal tried desperately to inform the officer that one of her children might be in the ambulance, but he would not listen, threatening her further if she did not move her vehicle. Crystal Avenger, mother of six children, watched the ambulance pull away.



Crystal and Christopher Avenger's daughter, Alana Jo, who died from SIDS. Image supplied by family.

She would find out that it was, in fact, her three month old baby girl, Alana Jo, in the ambulance without her parents, alone.

Could SIDS Be Hereditary, Side Effect of Vaccine Injury or the Result of Neglectful and Abusive Parents?

Crystal had an uneasy feeling when she saw the ambulance. She was always fearful that something might happen to one of her babies because of her family's history of SIDS. SIDS, Sudden Infant Death Syndrome, is the sudden unexplained death of a child less than one year of age. The child's death remains unexplained even after a thorough autopsy and detailed death investigation.



Crystal, her mother and two sisters. Image supplied by family.

When Crystal was 12 years old, her mother, Marcia Jo Smith, lost her three month old daughter, Samantha Nicole. Crystal grew up in a large family of five children, Samantha Nicole

was the sixth child. The autopsy of Samantha Nicole identified the cause of death was due to SIDS. Crystal became very depressed when her sister died and she explains,

“I was mama’s helper and took care of Samantha and my other sisters.”

Her voice cracked with emotion as she continued,

“I wonder if this could be hereditary, because Alana Jo was my sixth child, and according to the autopsy she also died of SIDS. And then my mom passed away a few months after Alana Jo, on June 16, 2015.”

Hepatitis B Vaccine Injury Completely Ignored as Possible Cause of Sudden Infant Death

Christopher and Crystal have five girls and Christopher has one girl from a previous marriage. The children are Reanna (age 11), Ceyara (age 6), Anayah (age 5), Maylayah (3) and twins Sariah and Aria (age 2). Alana Jo was Crystal’s sixth child born on December 13, 2014.

Crystal stated that Alana Jo received a Hepatitis B vaccination in the hospital shortly before her death. Approximately one week prior to her death, in March 2015 they took her back to the hospital for a sick visit and she was diagnosed with a common cold.

On the morning of March 18, 2015, Christopher awoke and

noticed his daughter, Alana, didn't look normal. His voice laden with emotion as he recalled,

"I picked her up from the bed and her arms went completely limp."

He immediately called 911 and frantically followed the 911 operator's instructions for CPR on his baby. The other children were watching in horror as Christopher tried desperately to revive Alana.

Parents Assumed "Guilty Until Proven Innocent"

There were two investigators at the Avenger home after the ambulance took away their daughter and Crystal stated,

"I asked them to leave and they refused."

According to Crystal, one of the investigators told her that both parents had to go to the hospital. Crystal began to get her other five children ready to take with her and the investigator told her,

"You can't take your children, leave them with your friend, they will be fine."

Crystal stated that she is a stay at home mom and she does not leave her children with anyone, but the investigator

forced her and her husband to go to the hospital in a police car without her children. She said,

“They made me feel like I didn’t have any rights.”

Crystal reluctantly complied and got into the police car with her husband and went to the hospital. When they arrived at the hospital, a doctor came into the private room, told her that her baby had died and asked if she wanted to see her.

Crystal said that an investigator with the hospital coroner frantically waved the doctor away and told her that she cannot see her baby because they had already transported her. Crystal began to cry and stated,

“I just wanted to see my baby.”



Crystal Avenger, holding her daughter Alana Jo. Image supplied by family.

Christopher and Crystal Avenger had just found out they lost their three month old daughter and they wanted to go home and be with their children. According to Crystal,

“They separated my husband and me when we just wanted to be together because we were grieving and they took my husband into a separate room and questioned him for hours, from 5:30 am to noon.”

Crystal continued,

“It was very strange, they did not want us to go home. Even after the separate interviews, they made us wait outside and the deputy would not take us home.”

Crystal said that she believes that the investigators were waiting for a search warrant for their home.

Christopher stated that when they were at the hospital,

“They would not let us leave, I felt like I was under arrest.”

In an incredibly emotional state of mind, investigators interrogated Christopher for hours with an accusatory line of questioning, like,

“Are you a sound sleeper? Were there blankets on your baby? What kind of medicine did you take?”

The sheriff's investigator even demanded that he take a blood test for drugs, and when he asked why he was told that was standard procedure.

When the El Dorado County Sheriff's deputy finally took them home, they were told a search warrant had been obtained and that the family would have to stay with a friend or family for the night.

CPS Swoops in to Take Remaining Four Daughters into State Custody



Photo supplied by family.

The Avenger family struggled through a relentless investigation in which the El Dorado County Sheriff's Department deputies and the El Dorado Department of Health and Human Services Agency, Child Protective

Services (CPS) emergency social workers were openly suspicious towards Christopher and Crystal with regards to their child's death.

The next knock on their door on March 27, 2015, just nine days following the death of baby Alana, was Child Protective Services with seven sheriff's deputies. One deputy grabbed Christopher by the arm, while another stood in his doorway to prevent him access into his own home.

The emergency social worker, Herb Russell, handed Christopher two custody warrants, for Anayjah and Maylayah Avenger, but removed four children; Anayjah, Maylayah, Aria, Sariah.

Christopher was allowed to speak to his children, but how could he explain what he didn't understand. According to dad, the Avenger children screamed, cried and refused to get into their car seats, and Christopher could only watch in shock as the white mini-van with his four children pulled away.

When the children were gone, Christopher reviewed the paperwork the social worker gave to him. The document dated March 27, 2015 at 7:23 pm and signed by Judge Steven C. Bailey, states,

“A petition has been filed in Superior Court of El Dorado County, Juvenile Court alleging that the minor comes within the provisions of Welfare and Institutions Code 300, and the court having read and considered the affidavit/declaration of Social Worker Vitalii Cloraii and proof having been made by probable cause.”

Christopher continued to read the attached Declaration in Support of Custody Warrant and it contained information that he declares is false. He later asks his court appointed lawyer, Dennis Brimer,

“There is no proof for anything in this report, what is the burden of proof, show me where the evidence is?”

Mr. Brimer responded,

“They don’t have to do that.”

Since the removal, Christopher has had visits supervised by the El Dorado County CPS worker, Mark Hamerlud. During the visits Christopher exclaims,

“He is yelling at my kids and how am I supposed to protect them?”

Christopher reported these incidents to a supervisor and he was told,

“He (Mark Hamerlud) is aggressive because he loves so much.”

Christopher continued that there were false accusations against him during the visits, so he went to the judge and requested that the visits be recorded. According to

Christopher, Judge Steven Bailey refused to let him or anyone else record the visits.

Father Continues Relentless Fight for Return of His Four Daughters

A detention hearing was held on April 1, 2015, the paperwork contains a Confidentiality of Placement which states,

“The children, Anayjah Avenger, Maylayah Avenger, Sariah Avenger and Ariaah Avenger, are currently placed in a confidential certified foster family home. In compliance with 308(a) of Welfare and Institutions Code, the Department is requesting that the location and identity of the care providers remains confidential.”

Christopher states,

“I have called everyone, I called the FBI and said my kids have been stolen and they are missing. They responded that this is not a crime and they would not investigate.”



Christopher Avenger with two of his daughters. Image supplied by family.

Christopher Avenger states that he has complied with every request, he has taken two drug tests a week as requested. He also states that he has received a notice in the mail that he is required to pay El Dorado County \$1,000.00 a month,

“They took my kids and now I have to pay them? I just don’t know what to do.”

Christopher asked his daughters if they were allowed to dance and sing anymore and they told him that they were not.

Christopher and Crystal Avenger have a video of their girls dancing and singing posted on Facebook [here](#).



How You Can Help

Supporters are asked to contact the Governor of California, Jerry Brown, c/o State Capitol, Suite 1173, Sacramento, California, 95814. Phone (916) 445-2841, or [email](#). He is also on [Facebook](#), and [Twitter](#).

Contact State Senator Ted Gaines, State Capitol, Room 3070 Sacramento, CA 95814 **Phone:** 916.651.4001 **Fax:** 916.651.4901 – [email here](#).

Contact Representative 4th District, Tom McClintock, 2200A Douglas Blvd, Suite 240, Roseville, California 95661, (916) 786-5560 or email him [here](#). He is also on [Facebook](#), and [Twitter](#).

Sacramento Grandmother Beaten and Flees for Her Life as CPS Takes Grandchildren



Christian, age 3, was thriving in his grandmother's care. Now, the family doesn't know where he is. Source: family photo

by **Health Impact News/MedicalKidnap.com Staff**

It is a bizarre tale of alleged police brutality and CPS corruption that has ended up with a Sacramento grandmother fleeing the state of California in fear for her very life, while the grandchildren she cared for have been seized by the state, with no apparent evidence of any wrongdoing by the grandmother. All Ann King wanted to do

was to love and care for her grandchildren while the parents were unable to, allowing the babies to grow up connected to their own family roots. Apparently, that was too much to ask from Sacramento County CPS, because no one in the family even knows where the children are anymore.

Ann King is a former school teacher and day care director, and has cared for children all of her life. She is an avid student of the Constitution and history. Her views are not exactly conventional, and that has allegedly caused some government officials to take issue with her, even though there appears to be no evidence of any wrong-doing on her part. She had reportedly never been in trouble with the law, and had never had any problems with any governmental agency. Then her granddaughter was born.

Parents Give Guardianship of New Baby to Grandmother

The name of her granddaughter is Queen. That is the name that the family gave her. Before Queen came along, her mother, Ann's daughter-in-law, lost 2 children to the CPS system. Ann was already caring for her next child, a little boy named Christian, age 2. The family feared that CPS would attempt to take the new baby. This is a very reasonable concern, since many CPS departments have the practice of removing newborns from mothers who already have children in the system, whether the reason for removal is legitimate, or the allegations even true, or not. See these previous stories covered by MedicalKidnap.com where this allegedly happened:

Breastfeeding 2-day Old Newborn Seized From Parents Because Mother Has Disability

Alabama Seizes 7 Children from Family After Child with Autism Wandered to Neighbors

Even though the family knew that there was little chance of the local CPS allowing the mother to keep her new baby, they wanted their newest family member to remain part of the family, growing up around relatives and learning about her own heritage. Before Queen was ever even born, they took the preemptive measure of signing over custody to her grandmother, Ann King.

She was born on July 2, 2013, 6 weeks prematurely. Ann reports that somehow the notarized papers that were given to social workers mysteriously vanished, twice. True to expectation, CPS took the breastfeeding newborn from her mother's breast, and placed her in foster care. It took almost 3 months to get CPS to give the baby back to the family and into her grandmother's care, on October 1. Ann also had Queen's brother, Christian, age 2, living with her.

Adoption Pushed – the State Would Miss Out on Title IV-E Adoption Bonus if Children Not Adopted

An adoption worker was assigned to work with the family. She repeatedly encouraged Ann to adopt her grandchildren, but Ann refused to do so. She said that she wanted her son and his wife to have the option to parent their own children in the future if they got their lives straightened out. She only wanted the role of guardian of her grandchildren.

Ann also believes that it was this refusal to adopt that is the reason that CPS decided to go after her. As Health Impact News has learned, there is big money, in the form of federal Title IV-E funds, that come to the state whenever a child is adopted. Because Ann refused to adopt Queen and Christian, the state would not be able to gain access to those funds.



Christian, age 2 1/2, shows off his “alphabet book” to Grandma. Source: family photo

So, they began to get more and more involved in Ms. King’s life.

Unconventional – Yes; Criminal – No. Family’s Refusal to Get Birth Certificate Draws Scorn of Social Worker

CPS allegedly had a couple of concerns. First of all, the family declined the birth certificate. There are those who believe that a state-issued birth certificate gives the state rights in the life of the child, and Queen’s family are no exception.

According to the CPS records, the baby’s name is London, not Queen. The mix-up happened in the hospital. The family wanted to wait to name the baby until she was home. However, the hospital staff filled out a birth certificate form, which no one in the family signed, and called the baby “London,” because that was what they had heard in the hospital.

Ann laughs as she describes how “London” came to be on the birth certificate that the staff created without the family’s consent: London wasn’t a name at all! It was the code word that the mother was to use if she felt threatened by CPS or a social worker. The family never called the baby’s name while they were in the hospital, considering that to be a family matter.

Grandmother Wants To Use Her Own Pediatrician, Not the State One, to Avoid Vaccines

Also, when CPS followed up after Ann finally got Queen back, they wanted to know when Ann was going to take her to the CPS-approved pediatrician and get her vaccines. Because her brother Christian had already had a bad reaction to some

vaccines, Ann decide to forego vaccines for Queen, out of concern for her health. She also wanted to take the baby to her own pediatrician, not the one the state picked for her.

The CPS department scheduled an appointment with the doctor that they wanted to use for January 7. When they also scheduled a court hearing for her to discuss adoption, Ann reports that she interpreted that as CPS saying that the court hearing was more important for her to attend. Yet, later documents would accuse Ann of not showing up or even calling the doctor's office for the appointment that she did not schedule.

All the while, Ann was planning to take the baby to her own pediatrician, without state interference, for a checkup. But things took a turn for the worse before she could get to the doctor.

Penalized for Queen Being a Small Baby, from a Family of Petite People

Ann admits that, yes, Queen was little. She was born 6 weeks premature, weighing under 5 lbs. On January 13, 2014, Public Health Nurse Roberta Carpenter came to the home and found that she weighed 11 lbs 9.6 oz. On this basis, she told CPS that the baby was at “risk of being failure to thrive.” She was never officially diagnosed as failure to thrive, but the nurse told CPS that “London’s weight was not where it should be according to the growth chart.”

According to the [Mayo Clinic](#), babies generally double their birth weight by 5 months. By the January check at 6 months, Queen had certainly more than doubled her weight. Ann reports that she was growing, and was happy and healthy. At a later doctor's visit in February, the Kings' doctor found her

to be healthy and had no concerns about her weight.

Queen's mother and father are petite – only 5'2 and 5'3. Many other family members are also small. Queen was growing and was proportional to her small stature, and she was reportedly a very active baby.

However, her small size, to CPS, translated to medical neglect. When they questioned Ann about how much she fed her, she simply responded that she feeds her whenever she is hungry. Like millions of parents who practice attachment parenting, Ann fed Queen on demand, intuitively, not on any set schedule. She didn't cry, Ann reports, from hunger.

“Why would I keep track of how much they eat? I have been taking care of kids for 30 years!”

Queen had been partially breastfed, whenever her mother visited, and because she was a preemie, she was on the highest calorie formula available.



This is Queen at 11 months, still in her grandmother's care.
Source: family video

Creeper in the Neighborhood?

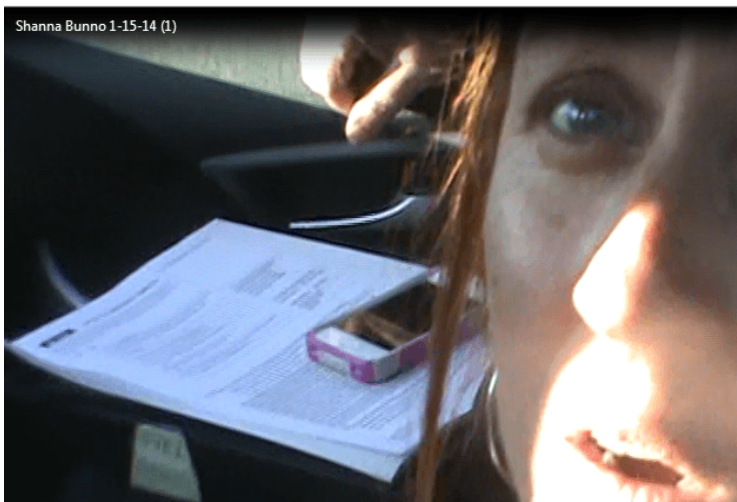
Two days later, Ann's world went mad. The children were at a neighbor's home playing with a little friend, whose mother was watching the kids. Ann had gone home to clean house. A little while later, her neighbor called to tell her that there were suspicious people parked in a car on the street. When Ann looked out, she recognized the social worker, Shanna Bunno. She walked to the car to find out what was going on, with video tape going. Shanna told her words that shocked her:

We're on our way to come and take your children.

Ann asked:

Based on WHAT?

The social worker told her that it was based on medical neglect. Ann told her there was no medical neglect, and asked what concerns she had. Bunno told her that she would let her read the papers when she gives them to her. The passenger in the car was holding the papers, which Ann later learned were the papers for the removal of the children. However, she points out that they were not ever stamped by the court clerk, which she says renders the papers invalid.



Social worker with removal papers. The empty spot in the top right-hand corner is where the court clerk stamp is supposed to be. Source: screenshot from family video.

Accused of Being Mentally Unstable

Ann asked why Bunno didn't say anything earlier about them wanting to take the children.

“Well, Ann, I thought maybe you'd be a little mentally unstable about it if I did.”

Mentally unstable? Is that what they call a parent's reaction when their children are taken from them? Others would likely call it a “mama bear” response. Despite that, Ann's response in the video was remarkably calm.

In the papers, the reasons for the accusation of Ann being mentally unstable seem to be the family's refusal to get a birth certificate, her reluctance to vaccinate, the desire to pay for their own pediatrician instead of using the state-approved one, not knowing the precise schedule of when Queen ate since she fed her when she was hungry, her refusal to call Queen “London,” her requests of the CPS department of how they have legal authority and who has jurisdiction, her problems with the “smart meter” installed by the power company, and her assertion that her family are “indigenous people.”

Ann told us about the history of the Moors, and how much of the historical records have been altered. The author's research into this concept revealed that, though not a mainstream concept, there are people who teach and believe this view. Constitutionally, she has a right to have views that differ from the mainstream.

Ann has never been diagnosed with any kind of mental disorder or instability, and she says that they made it up

because she doesn't swallow everything they say, hook, line, and sinker. Therefore, they accused her of being crazy so they could take the children.

But they didn't take them that day. Ann allowed her grandchildren to stay at the neighbor's house, while she went back home to finish house cleaning.

Police Barge into Her Home Without Knocking and Without a Warrant

Later that day, Ann reports that she was on the phone with another friend, and had gone into the bathroom. She heard a "loud noise." She told her friend she would call back, and went to investigate. She heard a voice say,

Come out with your hands up.

The loud noise was the police kicking in her door! Ann told them that she assumed they had a warrant, since they kicked in her door. She says that the paper they handed her before snatching it away was NOT a warrant. The officer reportedly told her that they were there on suspicion of child endangerment, and asked where the children were. She informed him that, if he showed her a real warrant, she would answer him.

They put handcuffs on her and put her into a patrol car. She reports that a neighbor came out and saw the officers talking, and yelled,

Baby, you better be careful! They are trying to get their lie

together, and they are planning to do something to you.

Racist Deputy

After a rough ride with the handcuffs digging into her wrists, this grandmother, who allegedly had never had any altercations with the law before in her life, was taken to the booking area of the Sacramento County Jail. Based on Ann's requests for them to follow the law and demands for her rights, she says that Officer Daigle told the booking deputy:

This one is a smart ass.

Ann reports that the booking deputy was verbally abusive to her:

She started saying how she hated black people. She told me how she hated my kind, how dirty and nasty we are, and how she hated to even touch me, we are just nasty people.

The deputy allegedly told her to spread her feet on the foot signs on the floor. Ann told her that she would try, but her legs weren't that long (Ann is 4'11"). Then, she reportedly frowned at Ann, took her left arm and started twisting her wrist and bending her fingers back. Ann screamed out in pain asking "Why?", and says that it felt like she was breaking her fingers and hand. She kept going, and Ann says that her body instinctively started to defend herself even though she was cuffed and ended up kicking the deputy.

At that point she says that 5 or 6 officers jumped on her and

beat her up, cuffed her feet, then they beat her some more. Then they made her apologize to the deputy for kicking her:

Like a slave on a plantation.

They took her to a cell, where she reports that she heard many screams all night.

I heard people being beat all night long.



Source: [CBS 13 Sacramento](#)

Move Along – Nothing to See Here

The next morning, there was paperwork, and then she was released. When her daughter picked her up, she asked:

Mom, what happened to your face?

Ann says:

I did not really think about it. My body was in so much pain, I just wanted to lay down.

On her court date of February 5, 2014, she found that her name was not on the roster. She reports that a sheriff told her that the charges had been dropped, and she was free to go. They declined to give her any paperwork stating such, however, saying that it would come in the mail. When it didn't, she was told she would have to come in person.

Ann – People Know What Is Going On, But Nobody Stops It

She says that she was terrified to go back to that jail after what she went through, so she never got the papers.

I just let it go. These were people I had always looked up to, and taught my children to look up to as well. Only to find out that they were the worst kind of abusers. They laugh about hurting people, but what really saddens me is that everybody working on that floor can hear people screaming. They know what's going on, including the nurse, and nobody will speak up, while people are being beaten and killed in the county jail.

We really need to get back to the Constitution. Didn't these officers take an oath to protect the people, not war on the people?

She says that she was never mentally unstable, but she believes that the beating at the jail was intended to make her mentally unstable. Her daughter reports that she had thought that her mother was just being paranoid, and then she saw it for herself. She says that all of the allegations against her mother were based on unsubstantiated hearsay.

This story is truly bizarre.

Calm Before the Storm

The next few months were relatively peaceful, but Ann says that she never went back to the house again where the police took her from.

The children grew and thrived. A doctor in February said that Queen was healthy and doing fine.

There were no hearings scheduled during this time, and things seemed to get back to normal. She didn't hear anything from anyone in the system. Then, Ann started hearing stories that police and social workers were showing up at various neighbors' and relatives' homes looking for her.

CPS Gets Their Way

When she investigated, she learned to her horror that CPS had accused her of kidnapping her grandchildren, and unbeknownst to her, a warrant had been issued on June 27 for her arrest. Her attorney advised her to surrender the children to the Department. After what she had been through in January, she was scared not to comply.

On July 3, the day after Queen's first birthday, Ann took her beloved grandbabies out to eat, packed up their clothes, including new clothes she had recently bought for them, and drove them to Palm Springs CPS office, where a friend took Queen and Christian inside to surrender them to CPS.



Queen – 5 minutes before going into CPS custody. Her 1st birthday was the day before. Source: family photo

Ann Flees For Her Life – In Hiding Today

On July 12, Ann learned that CPS came back to the house where she formerly lived. Her daughter was living there at the time. They had about 10 police officers with them. Some came in the back door, and others through the front, looking for Ann. When they didn't find her, they left peacefully. Neighbors told her that they came up the street like a S.W.A.T. team, and someone told her that the officers "had been told to make sure she didn't talk."

Ann was terrified. Her daughter reports that she literally feared for her mother's life, because of the extremes that they have gone to already.

Ann fled the state, and now has communicated her story to Health Impact News from an undisclosed location.

The warrant, Ann later learned, "went away," and CPS now accuses Ann of abandoning the children. But she fears for her life if she were to go home to Sacramento.

The Children's Whereabouts Unknown Now

No one in the family knows where they are. Various family members have tried to find out information. They have learned that Queen (the state calls her London) and Christian have been separated.

In his grandmother's care, Christian was happy and thriving. She taught him the alphabet, and by age 2, he could read simple words and recognize many sight words. Now, a family member learned during a call to CPS that they were medicating Christian with psychotropic drugs. CPS allegedly said that this was because of the trauma suffered at the hands of his grandmother and being "malnourished." More likely, says the family, it is the trauma of being separated from everyone he knows and loves. They fear for his safety.



Christian – 5 minutes before being taken into CPS custody.
Age 3. Source: family photo

The children’s parents were allegedly given “the run-around” and were denied requests for visitation. Ann says that they were not drug addicts until CPS took their children. Now, she says that they are devastated and lost without their children.

They fought and fought, but they just gave up. They took her

new baby who was breastfeeding, and it destroyed her. My son never smiles any more.

Numerous family members have requested that CPS allow the children to live with the relatives, per federal law, but all have been refused. Ann's daughter believes that they may have been adopted out, because some family members have been told that they are not legally blood relatives. In fact, they say that they were sent letters by CPS:

Don't contact us.

The family is hoping and praying that something can be done. The children were never in imminent danger, they say, and they "were NOT abused." They assert that those were "bogus charges" against Ann.

The children were well looked-after.

"No Parent Deserves This"

Ann King says that all she wants is for a family member to get the children back.

Everything that you can do to destroy a child, they did it.

No parent deserves this. No child deserves this.

She says that CPS wasn't always bad. Their original cause

was to help families, she says, but now they are “making orphans, and for what? Money!” It is all “in the best interest of the child,” theoretically.

Nothing saddens me more than that they take a child based on someone’s opinion.

They are not giving up, Ann says.

I’m keeping hope alive. I don’t know how, but we’re going to make that happen. Our prayers are with these children. We genuinely love them.

Call to Action

Anne Marie Schubert is the Sacramento County District Attorney, and she may be reached at 916 874 6218, or contacted [here](#).

Scott Jones is the Sheriff of Sacramento County, and his office may be reached at 916 874 5115, or contacted [here](#).

Medically Kidnapped Child in LA County DCFS Care Dies - Father Vows to Expose Criminal Social Workers



Father Jason Janbahan appeared on the National Safe Child Show.

UPDATE 9/29/2015

[Los Angeles Father Who Had Son Die in DCFS Care Loses Custody of Daughter Also](#)

by **Health Impact News**

A report written about LA County Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS) revealed that during an 18 month

period, of the thousands of children who were taken away from their parents and family members, 570 of them died while under the supervision of LA County DCFS. ([Source.](#))

On Sunday September 28, 2015 Jason Janbahan appeared on the National Safe Child show to tell his story, and how a corrupt social service agency in LA County was responsible for the kidnapping and death of his 5 year old son.

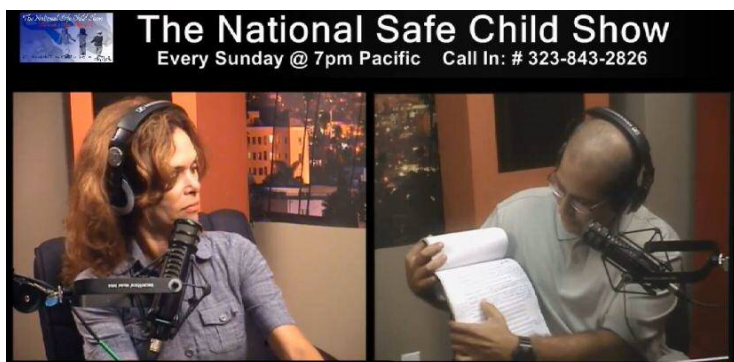
LA County DCFS: A Corrupt Business

Jason Janbahan is on a mission to change how LA County DCFS operates, calling it a “real sophisticated business.” Jason has had both of his children removed from his custody and put into the foster care system in LA.

Jason’s 5-year old son, Jason Jr., was medically kidnapped by LA County DCFS when they questioned his medical care. The 5-year old Jason Jr. was handicapped with a thyroid disease and hypoglycemia, and a secretary that allegedly worked at the child’s doctor office complained about the father’s use of certain medications to treat his conditions, even though all the medications were prescribed by doctors. Jason was determined to be guilty of “medical neglect.”

5-year old Jason Jr. was taken into custody by LA County DCFS and put into a group foster home in Compton California. The father Jason claims that they took his child away from him with no evidence at all, and as he reviewed his case he found that the case workers had violated at least 38 California laws, including felonies. Jason states that their county immunity is not going to protect them from criminal charges committed against young children.

Falsified Charges – DCFS Lies to Cover Their Corruption



Mr. Janbahan has filed hundreds of complaints against LA County DCFS, and yet has seen no justice. He explains how DCFS is able to escape justice:

DCFS can turn around and respond to these agencies – how can you continue a case for so long? Why is this father filing so many complaints, that make a lot of sense? But yet when you respond to us that he was arrested for driving down the street under the influence of marijuana.

Tammi Stefano, the National Director of the National Safe Child Coalition and host of the National Safe Child Show asks:

Were you ever arrested for driving down the street under the influence of marijuana?

Mr. Janbahan replies:

Never in my life. I've never been arrested for a DUI in my existence. After this, they continued to claim, "and of alcohol." He was arrested again, driving under the influence.

Mr. Janbahan went on to explain that he does not drink. Later he elaborates on more alleged false charges made against him:

I am in court. I'm battling for my children, tooth and nail. And I lose tremendously, based on lies. And not only am I hearing these lies being presented by County Counsel, that there's no way on the face of this planet they can authenticate it because it is false.

I never violated a probation by carrying a firearm, I have never been convicted seven different times of (carrying) a firearm. I've never been on parole in my life. The multiple formats of abuse and mental gymnastics coming from this horrible company that should leave you with a smile on your face. Unfortunately I was left with the pride and joy of my existence dead.

A Father Who Asks Too Many Questions



Father Jason with Jason Jr.

Mr. Janbahan went on to explain how DCFS forcibly removed both of his children from his home and put them into a stranger's home, someone that nobody in his family knew. This was done even though court transcripts would later show that there was no proof of any violence committed by Mr. Janbahan against his children or wife. But a children's court found him guilty anyway, with no trial or evidence.

After doing his own investigation into the corruption within DCFS, and seeing how the department refuses to do anything about it, Mr. Janbanan states:

I am at the point where I have ordered three sets of custom handcuffs. Two of them being Smith and Wesson, and the other being a very beautiful custom German pair which I am waiting to receive. And they are all laser engraved: "Shame on you DCFS from Jason Jr."

Mr. Janbahan then proceeded to explain why he believes that DCFS has targeted him.

Tammi Stefano:

Do you feel you were a target?

Jason Janbahan:

I know I was a target. Because day one I complained about these social workers with agencies that do respond to the discrepancies. And these agencies, according to my knowledge do their best to rectify them. Unfortunately, all it did was escalate the situation.

5 Year Old Son "Murdered" by DCFS



Jason Jr. as his father found him in the hospital.

Mr. Janbahan goes on to explain how his son died while in the custody of DCFS:

Both children are separated into two foster homes. I get a call that one of them has been hospitalized, in critical condition.

He explains that his son had been brought in 3 days earlier with scabies, from head to toe, and was now covered in scabs. He had not seen his son in months.

I go to the hospital and I am told “leave the hospital before we contact the police on you.” And I was escorted out of the hospital by their security.

I received a phone call on a Wednesday night, and I was told

by the medical CSW, “this is your opportunity to see your child in the hospital. He has been hospitalized and you can see him tomorrow morning. This is your only opportunity on Thursday to see your child. Because Friday I am not working. And on the weekend I am off. And on Monday it is Martin Luther King Day. We won’t be around. So your child has been hospitalized in critical condition. If you’d like to see him, you have one opportunity, and that’s it. Have a wonderful night Mr. Janbahan.” The guy calls me to wish me a “wonderful night.”

I go to the hospital. I received a phone call in the parking lot that my child has taken a turn for the worse. His temperature reached 108.5. The foster mother brought him to the hospital because my child was in respiratory distress. I had him in a 20 minute buterol breathing treatment daily, and hydro-cortisone stress doses, and other stress doses to help my child when he is in stress or in severe trouble.

The foster mother was unaware of every single stress dose. The foster mother shows up to the emergency room, as indicated in the emergency room medical report... I received this medical report, and on the medical report it clearly states the foster mother left my child in critical condition in the emergency room, and went home.... She just abandoned my child in critical condition without contacting me, without contacting anybody in my family. Only the social worker contacted me three days later.

My child’s condition worsened, and he was admitted to the PICU, where he was sedated, and he was medically induced into a coma.

Mr. Janbahan explains that every single medical report

indicated that his child needed all the medications and treatments that were implemented by him, the father, at the recommendation of all his doctors, and yet his child was taken away from him for “medical neglect.” He was placed into foster care in a medical house with three other children in Compton California.

Mr. Janbahan:

On January 5th my child was taken to Children’s Hospital of Los Angeles. The medical record dated January 5, 2015 clearly indicates the physical my child received before he was forwarded from DCFS to the foster parent. The medical record clearly indicates that my child was normal.

On January 13, 2015, eight days later, he shows up in critical condition.

Tammi Stefano asks at about the 39:05 mark in the interview:

Where is Jason Jr. now?

Mr. Janbahan responds:

My child is buried next to my dad at the Forest Lawn Hollywood. And it hurts really really bad. This is the worst thing I could ever talk about or experience in life. And no matter what, I can’t forget about it. It is something I have experienced. My child was my best buddy in this whole world. Other than my daughter, nobody on this earth that I

love more than my favorite little buddy, my boy Jason. And he is gone forever.

An Angry Father Seeks Justice



Jason Janbahan

Jason Janbahan explains how this incident has changed his whole perspective on life.

It's beyond frustrating. It's beyond upsetting. This has made me change my life around, to dissect the institutional code and law and penal codes. These county workers are violating and committing felonies, criminal acts upon innocent little children which will not be tolerated by this community, by anybody. LAPD supervisors from divisions that are surrounding my city, DA's office, detectives – detectives are not even allowed to investigate criminal activity from a social worker. Makes no sense to me at all. If someone is breaking the law, and harming our generation and our community, harming an innocent little child?

I don't stand for that at all. I could walk down the street right

now, pick a street, and knock on any front door, and they're going to say the same thing. An innocent little kid, with a smile on her face, just wants an ice cream or to watch a cartoon, or enjoy time and love with their family, is being taken advantage of by an adult?

Unacceptable. Especially if these adults are being caught in these ruthless acts of violence and harm.

After a very tearful recount of his son's death, he continues:

I find no reason to let this go. When adults take it upon themselves to violate countless laws and commit criminal acts to our society and community, the correct actions of justice will take place, and these people will be regulated, and the laws will be enhanced.

And these people will learn the hard way when they think their county immunity will protect them. They are going to have to talk about that with some south siders in LA County jail. That's if they make it to protective custody after being arrested.

Battle not Over

Jason Janbahan is in court today, September 28, 2015 at the time this article is being published, trying to stop DCFS from terminating his parental rights to his daughter Sarah, his only child left. We will update this story as more news comes in.

Watch the full interview with Jason Janbahan and Tammi

Stefano:

Video no longer available.

Other stories about LA County DCFS:

[Medical Director of LA Child Welfare Testifies Under Oath That He Does Not Know the Law Regarding Seizure of Children](#)

[LA County DCFS Whistleblower Reveals how Parents are Losing Their Children to a Corrupt System](#)

[Former LA County Social Worker Reveals Corruption in Child “Protection” Services](#)

[Los Angeles County DCFS Horror Story: Baby Kidnapped for Two Years and Innocent Mother Incarcerated](#)

[Harvard-trained Beverly Hills Doctor Mom Has 4 Children Kidnapped by LA County DCFS](#)

[Child Sex Trafficking through Child “Protection” Services Exposed – Kidnapping Children for Sex](#)

[Youth in L.A. County’s Foster Center Recruited for Prostitution: Should be Closed Immediately](#)

LA County DCFS Continues to Allow Corruption in Foster Care System

Los Angeles Father Who Had Son Die in DCFS Care Loses Custody of Daughter Also



Sarah Janbahan with her father Jason. Photo courtesy of family.

by **Health Impact News**

Yesterday we reported the story of Jason Janbahan and how he lost custody of his 5 year old son to LA County DCFS due to a charge of “medical neglect,” and then saw his son die from medical complications while staying in a foster care group home. Mr. Janbahan told his emotional story during an interview with the [National Safe Child Show](#).

See the original story here:

Medically Kidnapped Child in LA County DCFS Care Dies – Father Vows to Expose Criminal Social Workers

On Monday September 28, 2015 Mr. Janbahan returned to dependency court in Los Angeles regarding the custody of his only remaining child, his daughter Sarah. Unfortunately for Mr. Janbahan, just months after the death of his son who died a tragic death while in DCFS care, he also lost his daughter when a judge in dependency court put his daughter into permanent placement.

Court Denies Father's Petition Against DCFS



Sarah with Jason Jr. before Jason Jr.'s death, during happier days.

In California, a party has the right to oppose a decision the dependency or juvenile court makes. To do this they file a "JV-180" form. The party documents their opposition on this form and the court must consider if their arguments

present a valid reason for the court to reconsider the court's decision. Jason filed a "JV-180" on Friday, September 25, 2015. Jason clearly pointed out a multitude of erroneous allegations the DCFS made which had neither merit nor truth.

According to what Jason was told, the court didn't consider his argument and it was denied.

Father Attempts to Arrest Social Workers in Court



Jason Janbahan explaining on the [National Safe Child Show](#) how social workers lied in court documents falsely accusing him.

On Monday, September 24, 2015, a hearing was scheduled at the Los Angeles dependency court.

Before the hearing, Jason went to the sheriff's station to file charges against the social workers and county counsel alleging illegal conduct, fraud and collusion. He was told to

call the local police and file a report and then return to the sheriff's station with the police report.

He immediately returned to the dependency court in Monterey Park, California and called the local police agency. When they arrived, he showed them his documents, told the officers of his son's death, the fraudulent misrepresentations of his having a DUI written in the SW's reports, and went on to explain there were over 50 violations under the penalty of perjury that the agencies had falsified. (See: [Medically Kidnapped Child in LA County DCFS Care Dies – Father Vows to Expose Criminal Social Workers](#))

The police couldn't take a report without seeing court transcripts however. So it ended up being yet another barrier that Jason faces. He is ordering his transcripts today.

Judge Rules Against Father Over Daughter's Permanent Placement



Sarah Janbahan – photo courtesy of family.

Later in the day Judge Julie Blackshaw presiding in Dept. 414 of dependency court issued her ruling. Mr. Janbahan's daughter Sarah was put into permanent placement outside of his home, with Mr. Janbahan only able to see her twice a month in a supervised visitation setting.

Additionally, the court imposed two new restraining orders against Mr. Janbahan for telling one social worker “she will burn in hell for her actions.” When Jason spoke up in court asking the Judge the reason for issuing the two restraining orders, Jason told Health Impact News: “She simply shrugged her shoulders and offered no explanation.”

A Father is Devastated

Yesterday was a devastatingly sad day for Jason Janbahan. He recalls not so long ago laughing with his son and daughter, living a good life, and working hard to establish the family business. Now, everyone that mattered to him has been stolen by the Los Angeles DCFS.

“I can’t believe what they have done” he says with tears falling down his cheeks. “I can’t believe this illegal activity is happening and our communities are not outraged.”

He went on to say he had support in court from the National Safe Child Show’s director, Tammi Stefano, who stayed with him all day.

I am not giving up on my daughter, she knows how much I love her and she is counting on me.

An attorney familiar with Mr. Janbahan’s case said that his family got dealt a “bad hand” and it was very unfortunate. When Ms. Stefano asked him his opinion about the tragedy of this family, his response was somber as he said:

I have no words, I just don't know what to say.

Medical Kidnapping in San Bernardino California: Innocent Mom Goes To Jail?



Melina – Photo supplied by family.

by **Health Impact News/MedicalKidnap.com Staff**

September 4, 2013, a San Bernardino County social worker instructed the mother of two-year-old Melina to “pack up her daughter’s stuff...she belongs to the county now.”

Heavenly Ramos of Upland California, the mother of Melina, had her daughter removed from her home based on allegations that she had 5 bone fractures, all with different levels of healing, throughout her body.

Christopher McCown, who had been with Heavenly and little Melina since she was two months old, raced home after a 2 hour interrogation by CPS, but he was moments too late. In tears, Heavenly recalls him saying,

“I didn’t even get to say good bye...they took her and I couldn’t even tell her how much I love her.”

Eleven months after that day, CPS removed their other child, newborn son Jacob, hours after his birth. The couple now has no children left at home.

Young Mother Came out of the Foster Care System



Heavenly Ramos, Christopher McCown, baby Jacob. Image supplied by family.

Heavenly Ramos says she was neglected and abused during her childhood. She was put into foster care at 16 years old. When Heavenly was 18 years old, while living in an Independent Living Program (ILP), she was raped, becoming

pregnant with her daughter, Melina.

A foster youth warned Heavenly,

“Because we are foster kids, we belong to them, and that baby in your belly belongs to them too, if they don’t have room to put the baby with us, they will put it in another home.”

She said it never crossed her mind to terminate the pregnancy. She wanted to love and care for the child that grew in her belly, which led her to becoming emancipated.

Christopher Takes on Role of Father – Stabilizes Family

Melina was three months old when Heavenly and Christopher met. Heavenly had vowed to protect her daughter, to not expose her to dangerous situations or random men, as she had been.

She dated Christopher first for one year, and on October 29, 2012, she decided to introduce the two of them. Melina loved Christopher, and according to Heavenly Ramos:

“the two of them were the best of friends and had a great relationship,” and that “the next year of Melina’s life was the best year ever.”

The three moved into Christopher’s mother’s home, Michelle McCown, who is a registered nurse.

Melina Prone to Bruising

Heavenly explained that her daughter has “always been clumsy, always banging into things, and would bruise very easily.”

On June 24, 2013, they had gone swimming and played at a park. She recalled how “Melina laughed as she was thrown up in the air and into the water.”

However, when she went to change her daughter, taking off her top, Melina’s laughter turned into screams of pain.

The very next day Heavenly took Melina to her pediatrician:

“I felt like something wasn’t right, maybe she had hurt her shoulder in the pool.”

The Pediatrician, [Dr. Antoune G. Saad](#), of Upland, California, agreed and ordered Melina to be taken to Grove Diagnostic in Rancho Cucamonga.

The images taken on June 25, 2013 showed “**no sign of fracture.**” They had suggested she “ice it, give her Motrin, and come back tomorrow so we can check if the swellings gone down.”

When they returned the next day, Grove Diagnostics noted the swelling had “reduced” and made a referral for Melina to be seen by Orthopedic [Dr. Sang Le, M.D.](#) His office, Arrowhead Orthopedics, offered an appointment on September 5, 2013.

Heavenly recalled that on August 22, 2013, they had visited the home of a friend and that one of their dogs, when it had been fetching a ball, had knocked Melina to the ground. Heavenly recalled, "I was standing next to Melina but not close enough." Melina had fallen to the ground, "face forward, directly on her elbows. We immediately picked her up to comfort her; she seemed cranky and fussy, but after a while she was fine."

August 23, 2013, Heavenly recalled, "usually as soon as I would open Melina's door, she would pop right up out of bed." That morning she was unable to "pop up." Heavenly sat next to her daughter and noticed her elbow was swollen. When she touched it, Melina cried.

"I knew something wasn't right."

Trip to Hospital for Fractured Elbow



Melina – Photo from Family.

They took Melina to [Riverside Community Hospital](#). After they waited for hours to be seen, they were brought back to have images taken of Melina's elbow. Riverside's x-rays confirmed that Melina's elbow had been fractured. They wrapped Melina's arm and placed it in a sling.

Surprised, Christopher and Heavenly were then informed that Melina also had “older injuries in her shoulder...and there is callous on her bone.”

Heavenly clarified that Riverside had

“treated us like concerned parents with my child, and we had no problems with them at all.”

They discharged Melina with instructions that “she is to be seen by an Orthopedic M.D. as soon as possible.”

Eagerly, Heavenly waited for Monday morning and contacted the office of Dr. Sang Fe. After she described what had occurred, the office gave her a sooner appointment and moved the original appointment from September 5, 2013 to August 28, 2013.

On August 28, 2013, they took Melina to her appointment with Dr. Sang Le, where he had ordered them “to go directly to [Arrowhead Regional Medical Center](#).” According to this [website](#), Dr. Le is affiliated with Arrowhead Regional Medical Center.

They stayed at Arrowhead Medical Center with Melina for four days and were discharged on August 31, 2013 with instructions to “follow up with the orthopedic doctor and pediatrician.”

Accusations of Alleged Abuse

Heavenly explained that they were never able to take Melina back to Dr. Sang Le for her follow up appointment. Unknown

to her, the orthopedic doctor had written something in his report after the first appointment with Melina:

“This child is being abused.”

On September 4, 2013 CPS investigators began their interrogation. At 5:30 pm, Heavenly received a call from CPS detectives who had directed her to

“immediately take Melina to Loma Linda University Medical Center, she has 7 fractures.”

Shocked, confused, and concerned for her daughter, Heavenly explains what she was thinking at the time:

“I am alone, I have no one to drive us, and I have to wait until Christopher gets back. But he is also being interrogated at another location.”

CPS special investigators questioned Christopher:

“Tell us what you have done to this girl. We know what you did, but we want to hear it from you. You’re a child abuser and you’re going to prison. You’re going to be behind bars forever.”

After over two hours, Christopher finally asked why he was being detained because he hadn’t done anything to Melina.

He explained they were “wasting time,” that he “never hurt her,” and that to him,

“Melina is like my daughter.”

He left the building at 6:40 pm and called Heavenly. She told him to “come home quickly” and explained that the investigator had directed her to “immediately take Melina to Loma Linda Medical Center.”

2 Year Old Melina Removed Taken Away from Her Family



2 Year Old Melina. Photo from Family.

Hardly twenty minutes after Christopher had been released from the investigation, a county social worker and a San Bernardino sheriff arrived to the home to remove two year old Melina. They had apparently known that Heavenly, barely 20 years old, would be home alone with Melina before they arrived. Heavenly couldn't understand what was happening:

“Why are you taking my child?”

Christopher's mother, Michelle, arrived home shocked, and

she pleaded,

“You’re taking her? Wait, you never said you were removing her, we just spoke. Look at Melina’s eyes! There is something wrong with her. Look at her eyes, the whites of her eyes, they are grey (also known as ‘blue sclera’).”

The social worker had assured them:

“Don’t worry, Melina will stay with you, Michelle, during the investigation, as long as Heavenly and Christopher move out.”

Heavenly sorrowfully relates,

I will never forget how I was forced to strap my daughter in the social workers car. She was screaming and crying, “Mommy, come, please, mommy, come, please,” she begged me. I lied to my daughter that day, I told her, “Baby, I love you. You are going to the hospital. They will fix your ‘boo-boos’ all better, then you will come home with Mommy real soon.”

Heavenly had stood helplessly in the middle of the cul-de-sac:

“I had to put my daughter in the car and watch them drive away.”

Mere moments after Melina had been taken, Christopher arrived home from his interrogation. He had been deprived of the opportunity to say goodbye to the little girl who called him “daddy.”

“Family” Life After Social Services Intervenes

For 25 months, Christopher and Melina have been separated by force, since Christopher is not Melina’s biological father nor is he Heavenly’s husband.

Melina was taken from her home allegedly on a presumption with no disclosure of abuse or maltreatment. She had shown no sign of fear, and her mother relates how she was:

“happy, high spirited, and energetic. She sang and danced.”

Christopher McCowen’s mother Michelle is a nurse, and a mandated reporter. If there had been actual abuse, she would have been mandated by law to report it.

Nevertheless, in a moment, social workers came in based solely on a doctor’s report and completely altered this family’s life.

Although Heavenly had been a stay at home mom prior to Melina being taken out of the home, in order for her to afford the exorbitant county fees to foster her stolen child, legal fees and other expenses, she began working two jobs the very next month.

But she was soon forced to take leave. Heavenly explains:

“I thought it was the stress. I began fainting and passing out

at work. The manager told me to take care of whatever was wrong before I could come back to work.”

CPS Targets Second Child After He is Born



Baby Jacob. Photo by family.

Heavenly went to the doctor and found out she was 16 weeks

pregnant.

I was worried they'd take the baby. I told the social worker, (Louise Curran) "I am pregnant, and I just want you to be honest with me. Will I go home with this child or not? Because I can't handle another child being taken away from me."

Louise Curran allegedly assured her,

"This child has nothing to do with your case; Melina is completely different from this baby" (emphasis added).

Heavenly was arrested when she was eight months pregnant. Criminal charges were filed against her due to the abuse allegations. She is currently out on bail, with a return criminal court date of October 20, 2015.

Despite the alleged reassurance from CPS, 19 hours after their son Jacob McCowen was born, CPS came into the hospital room and removed Jacob from Heavenly's arms while she was breast-feeding him.

Newborn Son Does not Recognize His Own Mother



Baby Jacob. Image from family.

Baby Jacob is currently with his paternal grandmother, which the family believes is preferable to foster care.

Heavenly explained forlornly:

My son doesn't know who I am. He doesn't call me Momma. I get to see him only 1 hour a week and he looks at me like I am a just someone coming to visit him. He doesn't cry when I have to leave. They have deprived me and my son of bonding.

He doesn't even know who his Mommy is.

Baby Jacob will turn 1 year old this month, and in total, he has spent only 11 hours of his life with his older sister. Heavenly has had to sacrifice 1 hour from her scheduled weekly visits in order for the sibling visits to take place. She says that is all that CPS would offer.

Genetic Testing Shows Heavenly Likely has Ehlers-Danlos Syndrome

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SURGICAL PATHOLOGY CONSULT REPORT

Patient: **RAMOS, HEAVENLY**
Patient ID#:

Specimen #: **R15-21596**

Both biopsies demonstrate a marked diminution in elastic fibers. Biopsy B demonstrates a marked loss of elastic fibers at all levels of the dermis. The microscopic differential diagnosis includes Ehler's-Danlos syndrome and cutis laxa among others. Genetic studies and/or scanning electron microscopy studies may be necessary for a definitive diagnosis and a proper classification of this patient's type of disease. Correlation with total clinical information including a possible inheritance pattern from the patient is advised. A diagnosis of cutis laxa also depends upon genetic studies and examination of inheritance patterns. Acquired cutis laxa is rare but has been described. Acquired cutis laxa has been associated with numerous different diseases and disorders. Correlation with total clinical information including the results of appropriate special studies is advised.

If additional clinical information becomes available, we would appreciate the follow-up.

Thank you for the opportunity to review this challenging and unusual case.

Faxed report

MICROSCOPIC EXAM:
See Diagnosis

In June 2015, Heavenly, currently 22 years old, had been diagnosed by her Rheumatologist with Fibromyalgia and a Vitamin D deficiency. While undergoing this extensive testing, Heavenly learned that she has Patent Foramen Ovale (PFO). According to the [Mayo Clinic](#), this is a hole in the heart that didn't close the way it should after birth.

Heavenly most likely also has Ehlers-Danlos Syndrome.

There are numerous symptoms of Ehlers–Danlos Syndrome. According to the government NIH [website](#), it is defined as a group of disorders that affect connective tissues, which are tissues that support the skin, bones, blood vessels, and other organs. Defects in connective tissues cause the signs and symptoms of Ehlers–Danlos syndrome, which vary from mildly loose joints to life-threatening complications.

As well, Heavenly has myopia, subluxation, and hypermobility, bruises easily, poor balance and lacks coordination, has severe migraines, often has a lack of clarity or focus, and TMJ.

Heavenly states that the San Bernardino children’s court did not accept the confirmed medical diagnosis she had received August 10, 2015, from UCLA Director, Pathology Clinical Services, Chief of Dermatopathology, [Scott W. Binder, M.D.](#), an internationally known dermatopathologist.

The children’s court ordered her to obtain an additional diagnosis from a geneticist, which can take months. However, with an October 14, 2015, court date, and the court’s refusal to postpone, the outcome seems bleak. The parents only wish to be allowed time and the right to reunite with their children, so that Melina and Jacob might finally be returned home.

Although Heavenly recently regained employment, she explained how difficult it was due to the felony criminal charges of child abuse filed against her.

Under professionally monitored supervision, Heavenly is permitted to see her daughter merely once a week, for 2 hours, and her son for 1 hour. For the past 25 months they have been scrutinized, criminalized, and recently forced to

separate while San Bernardino children's court continues their investigation. They have done and continue to do everything that is demanded of them by San Bernardino DCFS (CPS).

How You Can Help

Calls may be made on the family's behalf to Governor Jerry Brown at (916) 445-2841, and he may be contacted [here](#).

Assemblyman Chris Holden represents their district. His website boasts a [recent bill](#) sponsored by Holden (AB 15) which has just been signed into law. The law is designed "to ensure justice for victims of human rights abuses." What greater human rights abuse is there than for children to be taken away from innocent parents? Holder may be reached at (916) 319-2041, and contacted [here](#).

Carol Liu is the Senator representing Heavenly's district. She may be reached at (916) 651-4025, or contacted [here](#).

The family is still praying for a miracle and that the court will allow an extension. Their hearing to terminate parental rights is scheduled for October 14 at the San Bernardino Juvenile Dependency court, located at 860 E. Gilbert Street, San Bernardino, CA 92415-0942.

California Holds Medically Kidnapped Adult Daughter for 14 Years



Nancy Golin (center) with her parents Jeffrey and Elsie.

UPDATE 5/6/2017 by Jeffrey Golin:

At this moment she is still in SARC custody, at Good Samaritan Hospital in San Jose, a good hospital, fighting for her life, and we are going to be able to see her there tomorrow.

Her weight has dropped disastrously now, and she is having seizure after seizure and she is on 32 kinds of medication

from what I have heard. SARC Directors have contacted me, to be fair, and are seeking to involve us, but only in a limited way. After a week of dickering we are finally going to be able to visit with her at the hospital without being denied medical information from the doctors. A week ago we were “offered” supervised visits at the hospital, without being able to discuss her health situation. We held out for better conditions and SARC relented.

We still will not be able to get her medical records and they won't let us take photos of any kind of her. They don't want anyone to see her condition or get evidence that she has been abused, and don't want us to take more pictures to show the judge again. They cut off visits for two months in order to keep us from taking more photos or writing any more declarations to the court.

Remember, this all started 16 years ago now. it is so ironic. Everything they falsely claimed we did, they actually did, and worse. There was never any justification for it in the first place, except they claimed that we did not have her seizures under control. That is impossible anyway, but even after 16 years she still has intractable seizures under their control, with all their vaunted expertise, and yet they still hold on to her and pretend we are dangerous to her.

Let's look back at who was really dangerous, in retrospect...

They may have even been covering up her seizures at the home she was in, in order to claim they still were doing a better job. But after 9 different incidents where she fell and broke her arm or showed up at visits with a black eye, scalded her arm, and starved her, they still won't let us move her to a decent home near us in Fresno where we live, let alone let her come home to live with us where she can get the best care and love.

We went to court with our attorney five times since last October, filing declarations and photos showing her repeated injuries and her dangerous environment, with incident reports, asking the judge to move her away from SARC territory on an emergency basis but even the new judge, Judge Pichon, in Santa Clara County Probate Court, keeps kicking the can down the road to a new status review date, “to see how it goes.” Next hearing date is in June. The probate investigator, MariJo Deleon, has given SARC her blessing in her review to continue the conservatorship, parroting SARC’s lies. Will she make it that long?

I have alleged for years that SARC owns that court, from my observations and the situation there is completely corrupt, and I’m not afraid to say it. We cannot get her moved away from there because SARC controls the transfer process, and they are making sure that no other Regional Center has any placement anywhere in the state but in SARC territory. Now that they can claim she is “medically fragile” that limits choices of possible placements but it surely does not eliminate all possible placements anywhere in California.

The story as bad as it is doesn’t even touch on the most egregious parts. For one thing, we discovered during depositions that Nancy was not really wandering for 15 hours all night at all, as we were originally brought to believe. In fact, police records showed that Nancy was picked up around 11-12pm, and held all night without notice to us while we searched. Instead of being gone for 15 hours she actually was held in police custody or somewhere else in secret so they could claim we had “allowed” her to wander all night, to make us look really bad. It was a police set-up. We saw the evidence hiding in plain sight for years and refused to believe that any agency could get away with being so corrupt.

It makes complete sense. It was all preplanned. It would be

impossible for Nancy to be wandering the street for that long without someone reporting it, as they always did. We were unable to find her because the police already had her. It was a calculated conspiracy to get us arrested on trumped up charges in order to kidnap her and keep us in jail while they applied for conservatorship without our opposition, and create enough fabricated evidence for the whole plot to hang together. They cooked up excuses to shut down my business in order to keep us poor while they did this. When we got press coverage, they had us arrested. The police officer that cooked all this up, Det. Kratzer, now works for the local office of the FBI, and got herself a crooked attorney to get her off.

Instead, someone needed to crack down on this corruption in California, and instead of promoting the people that did this, there should be arrests made of the plotters.

California Holds Medically Kidnapped Adult Daughter for 14 Years

by **Health Impact News/MedicalKidnap.com Staff**

Jeffrey and Elsie Golin have been fighting against the State of California and California's San Andreas Regional Center (SARC) for nearly fifteen years to have their daughter returned to them. SARC is a community-based, private nonprofit corporation that is funded by the State of California to serve people with developmental disabilities and works with Stanford University. The Golins are fighting for their autistic daughter Nancy's right to be able to return home to live with them, and fighting for the right to advocate for their daughter's best interests.

A series of events led up to the day in November 2001 when

the Palo Alto Police found Nancy wandering and took her against her will to be evaluated by doctors at Stanford University hospital. Using an allegedly phony Temporary Restraining Order, (TRO), signed by a Palo Alto police officer and not a judge, a TRO that was allegedly never actually filed in the court record, they successfully prevented Jeff and Elsie from having contact with their daughter Nancy for two weeks.

When the TRO expired without a hearing and a court ordered her to be released from the 5150 detention, Stanford allegedly violated the order and gave her to SARC to hide her in an undisclosed location without a court order for nine months, where her parents say she suffered a broken collarbone and was forced to take inappropriate psychotropic medications, supposedly for her autism. SARC's psychiatrist allegedly said he thought he could make her able to talk by giving her Risperdal.

Constitutional Rights Violated?

According to their main attorney, Dave Beauvais, there are two main issues that lie at the heart of this ongoing case. The first is the issue of the Golin's losing all rights to act in their own daughter Nancy's best interests and the second is the issue of whether a person who is disabled has the same protection under the U.S. Constitution as a non-disabled person does.

The two issues the state brought as grounds for removing Nancy from their care were the fact that she wanders away and the fact that the Golins disagreed with the doctors at Stanford University about which medication was best to prevent Nancy's seizures.

Autistic Daughter Wanders Away from Home and is Taken into Custody by the State



Nancy Golin during happier days. Photo supplied by family.

Wandering away from her parents was the catalyst for the state to take Nancy.

The events of November 15, 2001 began when Elsie left Nancy alone briefly in their minivan while using the rest room. Despite their continuous efforts to contain Nancy, her perseverant nature prevailed and she got out and wandered off.

Jeff Golin stated:

“No matter how vigilant we were, it was nearly impossible to prevent 100% of the time. But we kept it down to a minimum. When we were home, we always kept a padlock on the front door to our apartment to keep her inside with us. We adapted our living space in many ways to meet this challenge that other families with non affected children could not. Yet she still found amazing, clever and unforeseeable, even sometimes amusing ways of escaping to go out walking at any time of day or night. We learned from each experience how to better deal with it.”

After unsuccessfully looking for her for ten minutes, the Golins decided to enlist the efforts of the Palo Alto police. Nancy appeared seemingly by herself less than an hour later. Police officers told the Golins that they needed to take Nancy to Stanford University hospital for evaluation. The Golins were told they could come pick Nancy up later at the hospital. They allegedly said nothing to them about holding Nancy on a 5150 hold, or detaining her, so the Golins cooperated.

The Golins were not allowed to transport her to the hospital. When Nancy got to Stanford, she was placed in a psych ward as “gravely disabled,” and the Golins were not allowed to see her or speak to her doctors.

Wandering is very common among autistic patients as is reported in [Autism Speaks](#):

“It’s important to see that the high frequency of wandering in affected children contrasts to relatively little wandering in their unaffected siblings,” says Autism Speaks Assistant Director of Public Health Research Amy Daniels, Ph.D. “This clearly communicates that wandering has little to do with parenting style and more to do with the nature of a child’s autism.” Dr. Daniels co-authored the study, which she helped conduct before coming to Autism Speaks this year. (See Dr. Daniel’s related blog [here](#).)

Nancy allegedly continues to wander in the custody of the State.

Disagreement Over Which Doctor’s Advice to Take on Medication

The Golins followed their neurologist’s prescription agreeing Nancy should be taking Phenobarbital instead of Dilantin, and her mother says she always gave Nancy this medication as instructed. They agreed with Nancy’s neurologist that the best course of treatment was a higher dose of Phenobarbital as opposed to Dilantin because of the devastating side effect of bone loss.

Nevertheless, in 2000, an intern at Stanford Hospital ER allegedly reported the Golins to Adult Protective Services, claiming the prescription dosage was “wrong.” He allegedly said to the Golins:

“Either you’re not following doctor’s orders or the dosage is wrong.”

Even the doctors at Stanford allegedly disagreed with each other about which medication was best and at what dosage.

Now that Nancy has been on Dilantin for fourteen plus years her spine is bent over and she has had her teeth replaced more than once.



Photo taken of Nancy Oct. 2015 by Jeff Golin at the Pruneyard Center Shopping Center where they have their supervised visits.

Dilantin drug precautions:

Dilantin: This drug can also increase your risk for developing osteomalacia (weakening and softening of bones) and Hodgkin lymphoma (cancer that begins in the lymph nodes). You may also experience swollen lymph nodes while taking Dilantin. You should discuss these risks with your physician.

Dilantin may also cause swelling and bleeding of the gums and could increase your risk of gum damage. You should discuss proper ways to care for your teeth and gums while taking this drug. ([Source](#).)

Nancy Cut Off from her Family – Placed in Psych Ward

When Nancy was taken away she was upright and happy. Today she is depressed, being housed in a group home somewhere 155 miles (310 round trip) from her family and the Golins are only allowed to see her in supervised visits once a week at a place that is not her residence. They are not allowed to talk to Nancy’s caregivers. Even Dave Beauvais, Nancy’s attorney, and Nancy’s court appointed guardian ad litem, Nancy Delaney, had to get a court order to be allowed to visit their client Nancy at her residence for one hour.

Nancy ended up being placed in a dangerous psych ward involuntarily among patients who were a danger to themselves and others. Initially she was placed under the Section 5150, pronounced “fifty-one-fifty,” of the California Welfare and Institutions Code (WIC) which authorizes a qualified officer or clinician to place a 72 hour involuntary hold on a person suspected to have a mental disorder that makes him or her a danger to him or herself, a danger to others, and/or is gravely disabled.

According to Jeffrey Golin, police used a “phony court order” and took her to be seen by a Stanford University psychiatrist who prescribed seizure medication that the Golins had researched and decided was not appropriate due to the long term effect of bone decay and tooth loss. The Golins were not allowed to know where Nancy was being held for 9 months.

Medical Malpractice in Administering Drugs?



Photo supplied by family.

In building their case against the Golins, Palo Alto Police, APS and SARC allegedly made the claim that a burn on Nancy's foot was caused by her parents and was proof of their neglect. However, the parents claim that the third degree burn was caused by Stanford University medical staff in the hospital where they administered Dilantin (phenytoin) through her foot. According to the instructions given to nurses and pharmacists on the [Massachusetts General Hospital website](#):

“Avoid administration via hand, wrist or foot. Use best access site possible (large bore vein). If unavailable, consider oral route, or another agent. Assessment of IV site is critical, particularly with the alkaline pH of Phenytoin. Avoid infusing Phenytoin via IV in the hand, wrist or foot.”

Disability Center Allegedly Admits to Violating Law

At the civil rights trial that ensued, officials from the San Andreas Regional Center (SARC) allegedly stated that they knew that they had violated the law.

The trial lasted two months, from March 14 to May 5, 2015. Despite the alleged admissions of wrong doing by the San Andreas Regional Center director, the jury deliberated for one hour. The Golins have appealed and are waiting for the results of the appeal based on poorly administered jury instructions.

The Golin's attorney Walter Pyle reportedly asked the director Kinderlehrer:

“How long did you think you could keep Nancy without a court order placing her with the agency?”

SARC's manager allegedly admitted that they had a bed ready for Nancy before they had a court order legally taking her into their custody. Nancy was kept in a group home initially where it was allegedly discovered they were using restraints to keep her bound so she couldn't wander.

Discrimination Against People with Disabilities?



Nancy with her mother on a supervised visit. Photo supplied by family.

As a result of the time spent in the care of the state of California, it appears to many people associated with this story that Nancy was taken away from her parents not as the results of bad parenting by the Golins, but instead because of a stigma and an arrogance in this society that parents are not as qualified to care for disabled children as bureaucrats are.

Nancy allegedly continues to wander. She reportedly continues to have break through seizures on Dilantin. Her parents say that she is doubled over physically now because of the bone loss in her spine, and her teeth have had to be replaced. She sees her parents infrequently, and is reportedly depressed and is being forced to live away from them.

Nancy clearly is asking to go home with the Golins by taking

their keys from them and trying to get into their car when they visit. For 31 years the Golins claim that they have made difficult choices for Nancy in her best interests with love and sacrifice as good parents do. Each time allegations were brought up against the Golins they were allegedly unfounded or unsubstantiated. Doctors disagreed about what dosage to put her on and what medications were best.

But as Jeff Golin says:

“Once you are accused you have to stay accused. They can’t be wrong. Stanford University has too much at stake to protect their preeminence in the world. Their prestigious reputation.”

A Gross Violation of Civil Rights?

The Lanterman Disabilities Services Act is a part of the California legislation protecting persons with developmental disabilities and guaranteeing their right to services that will enable them to live like people without disabilities. According to the Lanterman Act, Nancy has the right to live where she wants and has the right to choose with whom she wants to have relationships.

It is noteworthy to point out that the day program Nancy is now enrolled in is paid by the state \$6000 a month. The Golins are billed for their supervised visits. The state has allegedly placed a lien on the Golins for \$900,000.

Is Nancy Involved in Experimental Drug Trials?

The Golins allegedly have no right anymore to see Nancy's medical records, but they suspect that she is in a medication trial.

One of the experts for SARC that testified at trial spoke about the benefits of electric shock therapy. Without knowing what exactly the state doctors are doing with Nancy, it is disconcerting to say the least to the Golins that they had an expert who is promoting electric shock therapy.

Family Wants a New Trial

Jeff Golin wants the world to know about their story and states:

“We had a two month trial this year, but for reasons we still are not certain about we lost. We have appealed and are on hold while we raise the money for the transcripts. Some of the assertions of unrestrained authority by opposing counsel were truly shocking to anyone calling themselves an American, and if they provide us with an accurate transcript it ought to be an outrage, but we aren't getting much coverage.”

The family has put up a [Facebook Page](#) to support Nancy coming home.



Bring Nancy Home

Community

UCLA Medical Doctors and LA County Medically Kidnap Paramedic and Film Producer's Daughter



by Susan Parker
Health Impact News

The National Safe Child Show, hosted by Tammi Stefano, covers topics involving the safety of children, addressing corruption and systemic failures that place children in harm's way.

Tammi recently interviewed Jewels Stein, a mother who had her daughter taken by Los Angeles County's Department of Child and Family Services (DCFS) following accusations of Munchausen by proxy by UCLA medical physicians.

Jewels Stein is a paramedic with the Fire Department who

has an extensive medical background. She works on movie sets, and she is currently producing a documentary. She raised four of her own children and two step children.

Daughter's Medical Needs

Jewels related how her daughter has a history of autoimmune disorder, diagnosed by a pediatrician. Her daughter's ANAs (antinuclear antibodies) were high on blood work. The doctors could not give them a specific diagnosis.

On October 14, 2013, her daughter's symptoms escalated to a point that Jewels had to take her to the hospital. Her daughter woke up in the middle of the night with projectile vomiting.

Jewels said,

"We were at family's house for a birthday party, she woke with abdominal pain and vomiting. We drove back home and she was treated at home until it kept getting worse. When she ate she would cry and scream. By day three it started earlier in the day, I said O.K. this is not flu, something is wrong. I took her to Los Angeles Children's Hospital."

Tammi asked,

"So how did that go?"

Jewels responded,

“When she got to the E.R., the doctor really took it very seriously because her pain was at such a high level. They tested her for everything. The first thing he thought was pancreatitis. They pretty much subsequently ruled everything out and they were going to send us home. I said it seems after she eats it gets worse so can you feed her before I take her home. Sure enough they fed her some food, because they had NPO (nothing by mouth) her at this point.”

Tammi asked,

“How old was she at this time? And can we say her name?”

Jewels responded,

“She was 15, Dakotah.”

Dakotah, 15 Years Old, Hospitalized by Doctors for Three Months with No Medical Diagnosis

Jewels continued,

“Three months we would be in Children’s Hospital, because she continued to vomit and the doctor’s couldn’t find out why... I would be in the hospital with her all day and all night and just watching her suffer.

They would take her off of food completely for five days and

send her home. As soon as she started eating or drink again she would become dehydrated and couldn't keep food down.

The one clue I had was she would crave protein, like eggs. She had eaten it for breakfast and she had some rice for lunch.

She ended up getting really bad and we ended up taking her back to the E.R. When we got there, she started to vomit what she had eaten for breakfast and by this time it was 4:00 pm in the afternoon. I told the doctor, this has to be a really important sign, please call the gastroenterologist and tell her."

Tammi asked,

"You're the mom, the doctors see her for x amount of time along with hundreds of other children. But you're watching one person, your person, your baby and so you would know better. Good doctors rely on parents who do keep a close eye on their children. Did they appreciate all the work you had done?"

Jewels answered,

"I had some doctors that were amazing. They would talk to Dakotah to get a thorough history, they would talk to me to get a thorough history, and they would listen to me. I had other doctors that were not like that, but you try to negotiate through this field of doctors."

Tammi stated,

“So there were good doctors. You are talking to them. They are admitting her again. You are saying I have noticed something that is very substantial to what is happening here. We have already been in the hospital for months, the symptoms are still continuing, there has been no diagnosis that has solidified.”

Jewels continued,

“What they did from there, they did something called a delayed gastric emptying test. It is where they feed the child radioactive food and they put them in an x-ray machine and watch the food passing.

They have to go to sleep in there. They lay there for about four hours while the food is supposed to be passing through.

I sat outside and read a book and watched it and could see it wasn't moving. She failed the gastric emptying test. That was showing there was something physiologically happening to her, there was something wrong.

Then Children's Hospital brought in another specialist who gave her this very invasive, horrible test and basically said based on this test that went really wrong. They were supposed to feed her 1500 calories within a ten minute period during this test while they had put her under, and put 38 feet of tubing through here entire body and intestines.

It was the most agonizing thing, if I had known, this test was so invasive, I would have never, it's called a motility test, and I would never have done it. During this test, Dakota had woken up because she had to be put under with anesthetic and she woke up and her throat was really messed up and

raw. They were trying to make her eat a sandwich. And they were waking her up from anesthetic and she was not wanting to wake up.”

Tammi stated,

“And your baby is looking at you like, ‘Mom help me.’ ”

Jewels said,

“Based on this test, two of the doctors there said that she passed the motility test.

Which I disagreed with because it went awry. Based on that they tried to say that she had an eating disorder now. They tried to say rumination, where people have to be trained to eat.

She continued to have cycles of pain and vomiting every five minutes while we were still in children’s hospital. Pediatric doctors said that she had cyclic vomiting. The gastroenterologist came to us and said it’s going to come down to her being fed through a tube. I started crying and Dakota started crying.”

Jewels continued,

“They gave her pain medication, they gave her morphine because her pain was so excruciating. Basically, they sent us home with a tube that went through her nose and down in

her intestines. They sent us home with an array of medication that I had to give her every day, including valium.”

LA County DCFS Falsely Accused Jewels of Starving her Daughter to Death

Tammi asked,

“Clearly you have a long history with Children’s Hospital with specialists. They were respectful with you. One day that all changed. Do you remember what day that was?”

Jewels stated,

“It was at the end of January in the year 2014. At this point, my family and friends, I have friends that are lawyers and doctors and they were telling me, you need a new pediatrician. You need to get somebody to be the person who is going to be the director to her medical needs. She needs help and you have got to have somebody to champion this child’s cause to get a definite answer what is happening and how to fix it.

So I went to this wonderful doctor in the Pacific Palisades that was recommended. She saw Dakotah in the office and Dakotah started projectile vomiting right there in front of her in the middle of the floor.

She said I have never seen a child sicker that’s not in the hospital. I’d like to send you to a hospital for a second

opinion. You can choose between these hospitals and she said UCLA. I'm going to admit her on Monday.

That Friday I got a knock on the door, I opened the door and there were two sheriffs and an emergency social worker. A Department of Child Family Service Emergency Social Worker. Because I have been a paramedic for years I didn't let them in my house. I said I was a former paramedic and I know how this works. I asked, what is the problem?

They responded that we got a report that you are starving your child to death and you are only feeding her Tic Tacs."

Tammi stated,

"Let's tell the audience, the police come to your house. Sheriffs are there, they make this allegation..."

Jewels said,

"I bring Dakotah downstairs, she is dressed in clean pajamas. Her IV pole, I help her carry it downstairs. I told the social worker, you can come in, the police can't, but you can.

She said I can't come in without them. I told her you can set on couch with my daughter, I go upstairs and leave her alone with my daughter.

The woman was wonderful. She said everything is fine Jewels you don't have anything to worry about.

We get these calls from time to time. Everything looks fine,

your daughter is sick but she looks like she is being well cared for.

The next day, my daughter gets worse. She started to vomit blood. She was throwing up so long this green bile was coming up. She is throwing up and screaming. We ended up going to UCLA on Sunday.”

Surgery “Saves Daughter’s Life”

Tammi continued,

“You go to UCLA. Did they end up doing a surgery?”

Jewels replied,

“Yes, it saved her life in my opinion.”

Tammi inquired,

“How long were you there, from that day until the day she got out of surgery?”

Jewels stated,

“It was January, February and into March. It was three months.”

Tammi continued,

“Folks, even though she is a working woman... You couldn’t work because this is your baby, and she is suffering and no one knows what’s going on. So you would literally sleep at the hospital six days a week.”

Jewels said,

“I didn’t have any means to pay my bills but it didn’t matter. Nothing mattered. The only thing that mattered was she was crying, ‘Mom, don’t leave me mom.’ Here I had some of the most renowned specialists in the world telling me they don’t know what is wrong! Now we’ve got blood. Is she going to die? I was so scared!”

Tammi asked,

“What day did she have her surgery, the successful surgery?”

Jewels said,

“I believe it was, the week of February, the first week in March. Basically, it stopped her from vomiting.”

Doctors Disagree – Want to Put Daughter in Psych Ward

Tammi asked,

“She had a tube in her stomach, right? You’re so relieved. This is over it really worked, and she is recovering.”

Jewels said,

“There were three clinicians...The one doctor said to me, ‘You have to tell us the truth.’ “

Tammi asked,

“Do you remember the doctor?”

Jewels responded,

“His name is Dr. Nathan Lee, he is a clinician at UCLA.”

Tammi said,

Folks if you have ever had or your children have ever had Dr. Nathan Lee from UCLA and you have had a bad experience, would you please email “help at nationalsafechild.com”

Jewels continued,

“The major doctor was Grace Deukmedjian. She was the head of that department. She was horrible! Because she actually fought with me. She yelled at me in front of my child, she yelled in front of the interns.”

Tammi asked,

“Why did she yell at you?”

Jewels responded,

“Because she kept telling me that she was presuming it was an eating disorder and I kept telling her, ‘No it’s not.’ And then the gastroenterologist and neurologist and psychiatrist and all the other doctors are agreeing that it is cyclic vomiting and that she has an issue.

But they’re still coming to me. Grace Deukmedjian, Catherine Ross and Nathan Lee, all from UCLA, the clinicians, they all were saying at the bottom of every entry they made that it was an eating disorder and they would not take no for an answer. Even after Dakotah stopped vomiting and was healed from the surgery.

These people came in and told her that she would have to go to an eating disorder clinic in Ohio, it is a mental clinic. They wanted to do what they did to Justina Pellitier, take my daughter and put her in a mental ward for 16 months like they did her. I kept telling them ‘No, Dakotah is actually

eating.’ “

Tammi exclaimed,

“She wants to eat, she just doesn’t want to keep projectile vomiting!”

Doctors Take Away Medical Rights

Jewels said,

“But she could eat! That was the miracle! And I said to the doctor, ‘Let us show you, she has been eating...’

They came to me and said we are going to put her on a bunch of antidepressants and I said, ‘No.’ What happened was they brought me a piece of paper and said they were taking my medical rights away.

Dr. Grace Deukmedjian, she said that they were going to give Dakotah the medication they wanted to give her, whether I agreed to it or whether Dakotah agreed with it or not.

I called a friend of mine who is a doctor and said this doesn’t sound right. She said to me it is based on the fact that I signed the admission slip in the emergency room. I said I have signed a lot of admission slips in emergency rooms and I have never relinquished my medical rights to make decisions for my daughter.”

Tammi advised,

“Folks, when you take your child to the hospital, it isn’t just a matter of signing. You have to look at what you are signing. You have to cross off that fine print that you disagree with and put your initials there, because that becomes legally binding that you are not agreeing to that and you have to write that. You didn’t think to do that because you had been in and out of the hospital. But it was what cost you.”

Jewels said,

“So they did that and my friend said, ‘Jewels, just shut up go sit in the corner and don’t fight with Deukmedjian anymore, don’t fight with Lee and don’t fight with Ross, just let them have their way.’

In the meantime, the gastroenterologist are coming in, they are saying ‘You are doing fine Dakota. You can start eating whenever you want,’ and treating her like a normal patient should be treated.”

Tammi asked,

“Were they collaborating with this other group?”

Jewels said,

“They weren’t even communicating it seemed, because one

wasn't even listening to the other. And I couldn't understand why there were trying to take my child who is now healed away and send her to an eating disorder clinic where they have to learn how to eat a piece of rice. They tried to get me to change my medical insurance to Med-Cal when we were in the hospital. I found out later, that if I had changed it, they would have sent her off right away."

Tammi asked,

"Did social workers come to the hospital?"

Jewels said,

"During this period, the day before my daughter's surgery, her father, who has not been in her life for seven years, came the day before surgery. I had been calling him this whole time, during Thanksgiving, during Christmas, all this time.

It finally took a friend of ours, who is in a very high place in the movie industry, who has the ability to give him work because my former husband is a film producer. Because I think that person got involved is why he came.

This is when my doctor friend told me to shut up and go sit in the corner and not engage with Dr. Deukmedjian any further. Just let them do what they were going to do with Dakotah and then once I get her out of there we can take her to a doctor of our choosing. At that time, my ex-husband comes in and I had stepped aside, I wasn't going to talk to the doctors at all. One day I heard him saying something and I was like, I thought I heard you through the door saying 'She

this and she that...’ ”

Tammi continued,

“He is talking to the social workers behind closed doors...”

Day Daughter was to be Discharged from Hospital, Mother Escorted Out of Hospital in her Pajamas

Jewels said,

“There was only one social worker that I was told was going to follow up and then close the case. And they asked me to sign everything, so I signed everything. Now in retrospect I would not have signed everything. I signed everything except for my employers, that they couldn’t contact my employers. But I had nothing to hide. But it doesn’t matter, they will turn everything against you.”

Tammi inquired,

“After the surgery were you escorted by security out of the hospital?”

Jewels answered,

“Several days later, we were supposed to be discharged. Dakotah and I were so happy. We were ready to put our lives back together. That’s when they called me to a meeting. They presented me with a piece of paper and said they are taking custody of my daughter.”

Tammi said,

“When Jewels explained this to me in the beginning she explained that she was smiling, like this was a joke.”

Jewels said,

“I really thought ‘Are you guys playing a joke on me, this is not reality.’

I was escorted in my pajamas and flip flops, I did not have my keys I did not have my purse. I was escorted out by the police, I was hysterical. My daughter has gone through hell and back again. Now you are going to take her mother from her. She is trying to heal, I don’t understand. They hand me a piece of paper and say be back here in 72 hours.”

Tammi said,

“In a nutshell, what did they allege that you did wrong that justified the state coming to the hospital and stripping your daughter from you, her mother?”

Jewels answered,

“They said fictitious disorder, but it falls under Munchausen. Fictitious disorder according to them was that I caused my 15 year old daughter to exaggerate symptoms so she could get attention from doctors and get her body probed with tests.”

Tammi continued,

“This attention almost cost you your home, right, because you couldn’t work? This attention cost you many jobs that were great. That’s the kind of attention that they allege that you wanted, that you put on your child. Munchausen by proxy otherwise known as Factitious Disorder.”

**UCLA Medical Doctor, Brenda Bursch, is a
Hired Gun for the State against Parents
Falsely Accused of Munchausen by Proxy**



Brenda Bursch, UCLA Medical Center.

Jewels said,

“I hate Munchausen by proxy. I have been doing a lot of research on this, there is a specialist named Helen Hayward Brown, from Australia, who is the biggest advocate against Fictitious Disease and Munchausen by proxy. Helen Hayward Brown she is a doctor out of Australia, she is an expert witness against these cases.”

There is a person at UCLA and I’ve since heard that UCLA has made a habit of looking at these cases predominantly because they have a doctor there named Doctor Brenda Bursch, who is also the doctor who testified in Justina Pellitier’s case, who has written books on Fictitious Disorder and has made a habit of going after parents.”

Tammi stated,

“Brenda Bursch, and so, Brenda is in UCLA, but she is also in Arizona, she travels all over the country...”

Jewels explained,

“She is the expert witness against the parents when it comes to Munchausen or Fictitious Disorder.”

Tammi continued,

“There was covert recording of attorneys speaking about this Dr. Brenda Bursch and they said she was the hired gun for the state and they were laughing about it.”

Jewels stated,

“One of the things that Dr. Hayward Brown brought up, it is disheartening to me, it paints the characteristics of the mother that has Munchausen or Fictitious Disorder and it says here that the mother makes complaints about medical negligence, that the parent asks too many questions about the child’s medical care and the parent seeks a second opinion.

So, yes, I did ask a lot of questions about my daughter’s medical care, and I did seek a second opinion. It is disheartening to me because it presents a pretty scary

situation and it even talks to that the parents are too assertive and they become involved in their child's care.

In this day and age, I came from being a paramedic in a man's world, I had to be assertive, it's my nature, it's my character, it's who I am... It's presenting a bad situation where parents are going to be afraid to go forth and afraid to ask questions and afraid to take their children to the doctors.

Once you are branded with this Munchausen by proxy or Fictitious Disorder, which is what they say in the juvenile court system, you are guilty until proven innocent. I told my public defender, how do you prove innocence from something that is fictitious? It is fictitious in every way, it's not just fictitious disorder, it is made up and it's basically a witch hunt against parents who give doctors problems. I've even seen on the internet that doctors can negate a malpractice suit by saying a parent has Munchausen by proxy."

Jewels continued,

"The thing I found out when I was at UCLA, when Dr. Grace Deukmedjian started yelling at me and started to be inappropriate, I asked for a medical liaison, every hospital has one. A medical liaison is someone that comes and deals between the doctor and the parent.

What I didn't know until I left, is that Brenda Bursch is that hospital liaison. So when you call and you're in trouble and you're worried sick about your kid and you are arguing with the doctor. You want to have some say here comes Brenda Bursch and she is your friend, but she is not. I was very fortunate she was testifying against another parent across country."

Mother Fights 13 Months to Get Daughter Back

Tammi asked,

“You lost custody of your child, Dakota, for how long?”

Jewels answered,

“I fought to get my daughter back for thirteen months.”

Tammy said,

“Folks, thirteen months. This mom has been taking care of her child above and beyond, willing to put her career aside, willing to lose her home to make sure her child was O.K. and her health was restored. Finally, after her health was restored they take you out of the hospital they take your child away.”

Tammi said,

“She is not a medical doctor, she has a PhD. That is not a medical doctor.”

Tammi continued,

“When you went into court, children’s court, you must have walked in and said, thank God I’m out of there. I am going to approach this judge. I am a professional, I am an upstanding citizen in my community.”

Jewels said,

“I will tell you what happened to me, I was left on the sidewalk at UCLA in Westwood, California without my purse, and I was in my pajamas. I was escorted out, I couldn’t say goodbye to my daughter.

I was crying, it was the worst day of my life. I couldn’t imagine what my daughter was going through. She had gone through hell, this was finally her moment and now she is having her life literally ripped away from her; her home, her bed, her community, her friends, her acting career, everything gone in an instant. Now she is being threatened with foster care.”

**Jewels Stein Established the Organization
“Kidz Deserve a Voice” for the Children
Taken By Child Protective Services**



Tammi said,

“Tell me about the documentary, folks we are going to continue. Now if you want to find out you have to return to listen to more. What happened to you is right out of a horror movie. To think that Child Protective Services protects children. Did they protect your child? Did they hurt your child? I will leave you with this folks there was some medical things done afterwards that really caused your child some damage all under the auspice of Child Protective Services.”

Jewels said,

“I started Kidz Deserve a Voice. We have to change that by creating a bill that will give these children rights. We need to

come together in numbers in masses. We need to protest on city hall, we need to get a better situation for parents that we can do reunification of families.

We don't want children taken out in the middle of the night out of their beds and put into police cars. We should change that warrant to make it a 72 hours warrant where the parents will be able to come to court with their children and plead the case."

Tammi asked,

"Give us the name of your website?"

Jewels answered,

"It's called Kidzdeserveavoice.org"

Trauma of Being Medically Kidnapped Continues After Child Returns Home

Jewels continued,

"My daughter is still healing from her emotional ordeal now."

Tammi quotes Bob Powell, a Northern California attorney,

“One night being removed from your parent’s home could be a lifelong traumatic situation.”

Jewels continued,

“It is PTSD for kids. They don’t know what has happened to them and they don’t know how to get help. We need to be there for them.”

Tammi stated,

“I want to take a moment to dedicate this show to my dad who is very ill and has been told he doesn’t have long. I want to tell you dad that I love you and thank you for all that you have done.”

Jewels closes with,

“I want to put a shout out to MedicalKidnap.com It is a site online that is reaching out to all of these parents that are victimized by DCFS or CPS and they are writing these articles and exposing these stories. Keep up the good work, they are amazing. I subscribe to them and get these stories daily.”

Tammi said,

“You get them daily. Which means that this type of criminal activity that is only established to protect –

MedicalKidnap.com is showing that they are not really protecting. MedicalKidnap.com and kidzdeserveavoice.org.”

Watch entire interview:

<https://youtu.be/WuDPsCqC-tc>

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[Medical Director of LA Child Welfare Testifies Under Oath That He Does Not Know the Law Regarding Seizure of Children](#)

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**Medically Kidnapped Child in LA County DCFS
Care Dies – Father Vows to Expose Criminal
Social Workers**

**Child Sex Trafficking through Child “Protection”
Services Exposed – Kidnapping Children for Sex**

Teenage Girl Speaks Out About Being Medically Kidnapped in Los Angeles



Health Impact News Editor Comments

The week following Tammi Stefano's interview with Jewels Stein on the The National Safe Child show (see: [UCLA Medical Doctors and LA County Medically Kidnap Paramedic and Film Producer's Daughter](#)), she had Jewel's daughter Dakotah on the show to get her perspective on being medically kidnapped and alienated from her mother. This was the first time The National Safe Child show interviewed and published the perspective of a victim who is a minor, and Dakota's mother Jewel gave her consent to allow Dakotah to appear on the show.

Dakotah's inside perspective gives the public an incredible view of a corrupt system of doctors and social workers that destroys families, and she has a very powerful message she

wants heard. Her story also gives hope to the hundreds of thousands other foster children currently trapped in such a corrupt system.

The National Safe Child Show with host Tammi Stefano interviews the daughter of Jewels Stein, Dakotah Hatch

by **Susan Parker**
Health Impact News

Tammi begins:

I want to introduce first, Dakotah Hatch. Dakotah has a story, as you know whoever joined us last week, Dakotah's mom, Jewels, was on the show to give her version of the victimization that she experienced, regarding, for lack of a better term, medical kidnapping. And then at that point in order to solidify, UCLA hospital, making a decision that they knew better, they then contacted and collaborated with Los Angeles Department of Children and Family Services. And from there, a medically diagnosed condition, that caused this young lady to have surgery, where she finally felt relief after a multitude of doctors came in and they couldn't give a diagnosis.

Today, luckily, we have a happy ending, we have so many dark and sad stories, but yours has been resolved. I want to jump right in to Dakotah's story and we did touch base with mom last week. Now we are going to give the perspective of the minor child, and we have permission from her custodial parent to have her on. There is nothing from allowing her to be a voice for other young ladies and young gentlemen, who have been thrown in this system and who do feel victimized. Let's talk about who you are and let's go back, let's take a time machine back a couple of years ago.

Dakotah continued:

When I was about fourteen years old, I got sick. At first I thought, ok it is just the flu. Days would go by where I would hold down food, but at night I would end up throwing up everything I ate that day. I started getting really, really bad abdominal pain whenever I would put anything into my mouth. My mom said, ok she needs to see a doctor.

But it was the weekend and the clinic was closed. So she took me in Children's Hospital, and that's when they ran tests. They said we don't know what it is. Then they let me eat food and they witnessed when I ate food I would get this awful stomach pain and I would projectile vomit. They realized we need to keep this kid overnight. They kept me for a few weeks at Children's Hospital.

Tammi asked:

Did they give you a diagnosis at that time? Did they know what was going on?

Dakotah answered:

They didn't know. They said it was cyclic vomiting, that is what they diagnosed me with... I thought maybe I was just a little run down. Maybe it was food poisoning or the flu or something because it happened so abruptly. Before all of this I was a happy child. I had my acting and singing. I still managed to have a group of friends and a social life. Everything in my life before I got ill was pretty solid.

Tammi asked:

You get sick and the brakes screeched! Before this you weren't sick. Did you have any eating disorders?

Dakotah replied:

No, I was happy with myself. I never struggled with anything like major depression. I managed what was going on, I was still very happy...They could take my mom away from me, but they could never take that relationship away.

It was something, obviously, that's not faking it. The doctor comes in and he watched me projectile vomit and he realized that this kid had issues.

UCLA Medical Doctors Accused Dakotah of an Eating Disorder because She Had Done Some Professional Acting



UCLA Medical Center. [Image source.](#)

Tammi asked:

There were some doctors that kind of questioned you a little bit, isn't that right?

Dakotah replied:

Most doctors didn't know what was going on. So, they were pulling at straws. I told them my story, how I was doing acting before and everything in my life was going well. And they pulled at straws, oh you were acting, you have an eating disorder probably. Oh Hollywood, maybe your uncomfortable at your weight. And I was like no, absolutely not!

Tammi asked:

Did you ever get excessively thin during all the vomiting?

Dakotah continued:

I did at a point when I was taken back, I lost 20 or 30 pounds, because I wasn't able to eat anything. That's when they had to put MJ tubes in me, because they were realizing she isn't getting any better, she can't hold down water, she is getting dehydrated.

Tammi commented:

But the strange thing is, you didn't go in like that. They literally watched you, suffering, in pain. They watched you vomiting your weight out, and then, they blamed you for it!

Dakotah exclaimed:

Yeah, they made it sound like, oh she didn't want to eat, she was withholding the food, because of Hollywood.

Tammi asked:

You weren't self-inducing, but the doctors still labeled you with bulimia, rumination, anorexia. You had a total of three stays in Children's Hospital Los Angeles. The longest stay was how long?

UCLA Doctors Put 15 Year Old Dakotah on Morphine and an Eating Tube

Dakotah stated:

“The longest stay was the second stay, and I think I spent three or four months there,” Dakotah answered, “That is when they placed the MJ tubes. They realized I had issues with digestion, I wasn’t digesting my food properly. They still did not know exactly what that meant though. They placed the MJ tubes, it is basically a tube that connects to your intestines and feeds you.”

Tammi continued:

After that, you ended up going to a pediatrician. Because three or four months, hospital visit after hospital visit, doctor visit after doctor visit and nothing, there is no diagnosis and your still vomiting and the pain is excruciating, you need relief.

Dakotah said:

They put me on this MJ tube and they gave me Ativan twice a day, which is like kid morphine. It was just to knock me out, because when I was asleep I wasn’t throwing up. They kind of sent me home with this MJ tube, and I was still throwing up stomach acid even though I wasn’t eating anything by mouth. I was still in a lot of pain and I was still puking all the time. That’s when I went to a different pediatrician who recommended me going to UCLA hospital.

Tammi asked:

You go to UCLA and the pediatrician that recommended you then began treating you or... but then, I've done some research and rumors have it that the hospital was angered that she made this recommendation. And she wouldn't treat you anymore?

Dakotah replied:

No, she backed off. She was a very good doctor, but suddenly they (UCLA) kind of got the case and were hands up in the air, like why did you send her here again.

Tammi continued:

You kept vomiting, it didn't stop. You're at UCLA now, you have this tube inside of you and your vomiting is so violent it is disrupting the tube!

Dakotah said:

Yes, I was vomiting so forcefully without eating anything, just vomiting stomach acid. I was vomiting so bad that I ended up throwing up my MJ tubes. They would come up in my neck and they would have to pull it out because it would start choking me. The next time I threw up so forcefully, the whole tube came out.

Tammi said:

This was a real issue, just to show, this was real, this was happening to you. You had people that were looking at you, pointing at you. At one point you said, I felt like a criminal!

Dakota:

They did. It was difficult, because you want people to help you. I don't like hospitals. I didn't want to be in the hospital as much as they didn't want me there. It gets hard because you look to doctors for answers and sometimes they want to blame you and say you have an eating disorder, it is all in your head.

I was in UCLA Hospital for 6 months.

Tammi continued:

Clearly they knew something was wrong, clearly. They should have had enough information and enough time. Months, every day, where there was no separation, where you could have been sticking your finger down your throat. They knew it wasn't self-induced. Yet, they still continue to blame you for this. You finally had a surgery.

Dakotah affirmed:

I finally had a surgery from a good surgeon at UCLA. He

basically cut my stomach open. Because at this time I wasn't able to eat anything and I was just deteriorating. My IV, my veins were blowing, they couldn't feed me intravenously. I found out about this surgery and I asked a surgeon about it and he said he would do it. So he cut my stomach open and place a tube that connected to my intestines and another tube that connected to my stomach and basically saved my life.

Tammi noted:

Your mom was by your side all the time. After the surgery, you are recovering. You are hugging each other.

Dakotah said:

I was so grateful to have had the surgery. I was so excited to go back home. Six months in a hospital you just miss your bed. I missed my cat at home, I missed home. I was healthy again.

**My Mom Says I'll Be Right Back but I Didn't
End up Seeing Her until Court**



Tammi continued:

Mom was asked to, someone wanted to speak with your mom...

Dakotah:

“The doctors started acting a little weird. There were some doctors that still wanted to send me to rehab recovery center for rumination.

We said, absolutely not, I’m doing better, there is no need for that.

That morning I’m supposed to go home. I’m recovering as planned, everything is going well.

There was a girl who came in and told my mom, hey you need to go to a meeting. My mom says, ok, I’ll be right back, I love you. I didn’t end up seeing my mom until court.”

Dakotah's voice broke with emotion as she said, "We both just woke up, it was early in the morning and she was there by my side."

Tammi said:

You were so happy, mom was so happy. She said, "I'll be right back, we're going to be packing up and we are finally going home, I love you" and (then she) never came back.

Dakotah continued:

What ended up happening were a few nurse practitioner's girls started coming in and cleaning out my mom's side of the room. I thought, ok, they are just helping us pack up. Then a few doctors came in my room, then a few police officers, a security guard. I was like, what is going on?

Tammi asked:

What were you told and who?

Dakotah answered:

The social worker, Sara, I don't remember her last name. Sara Elizabeth and her last name starts with a K. The social worker who talked to my mom and my dad.

Tammi said:

Your dad and mom were together, at nine years old there was a split and it was very emotional for you. You saw some things your dad did that really hurt you.

Dakotah:

Dad was movie producer, he was gone all the time. When I was nine, my parents divorced and he moved out. I would see him probably once every other year. Through therapy sessions, when I was fourteen years old, I realized I didn't want that relationship with my father because he wasn't going to be the person that I needed him to be.

Tammi asked:

How often did you guys visit in a year?

Dakotah answered:

Maybe one hour out of a year.

Tammi:

When you were in the hospital, mom called your dad because everyone was really nervous that this might not have a good

outcome, so dad then...

Dakotah continued:

Showed up the night before my surgery and I didn't want him there.

Tammi stated:

You're asking for mom, she doesn't come back. There are all kinds of people in your room, law enforcement, and the social worker...

LA DCFS Social Worker Says Your Mother no Longer Has Custody of You, It is Your Dad or Foster Care

Dakotah said:

Sara basically says to me, along the lines of, your mother no longer has custody of you, your dad has 100 percent custody of you, now.

I start crying hysterically. No, my dad has a history of being abusive, I don't want to go with him and they basically look at me and say do you want to be in the foster care system? And I said no, absolutely not. They say, ok, we'll pretend we didn't hear that.

Tammi:

We'll pretend that we didn't hear you, minor child, say that to us because we know what is better for you.

Dakotah continued:

They started screaming at me and they ripped the hospital phone out of the wall and took it with them. They took my computer. They were screaming at me to give them my phone. I was barely able to make a call into my brother to leave him a voice mail what was happening and then they ripped my phone away.

After that day, they had a nurse practitioner sit with me 24/7, all day long. Watch me eat, watch me go to the bathroom. I had to go to the bathroom with the door open as if I was a prisoner, it was like they were treating me like a criminal, like I did something wrong. Obviously, I was very angry and I told the social worker a few not so nice words.

Creating a Generation of Angry Youth Due to Child Social Services



Youth Welcome Center – Brittany, 16, yells: “All you need to know is that I hate this place and I hate the law!” Photo by Barbara Davidson / Los Angeles Times – [Story here](#).

Tammi said:

I want to touch on what the social worker told you your mom said. This is important because we hear so many horror stories. We see this generation of younger people that are very angry.

And we hear about the crimes that happen and we often wonder what happened in this generational change that caused such violence, caused such anger.

When I look at child protective services and the amount of children who are removed from their household, in many of the cases, the children were really happy with their parents and their anger came when they were removed, because they were removed.

And because of the abuse that they experience, not with their parents, but in the system, in the homes they were placed in, the beatings, the violence, dark and ugly things.

These children don't speak with their parents sometimes ever again, not for months and by then the damage is done.

When the social worker approached you, you were told that your mom didn't want to care of you anymore.

Dakotah responded:

She basically said to me, well your mother is relieved. She is glad you are going to go be with your father now. She is relieved she doesn't have to take care of you. I looked at her and said, I don't believe you. But, you know, there is that part of you that wonders, is that true or is that not true and I think for a lot of kids, they just believe it because they are put in that situation that is so unbelievable they don't know what to believe.

Tammi said:

You don't see your mom. Even if you don't believe it at the beginning. An hour goes by, a half a day, a day and your mom still hasn't come and the question does arise. Were they being honest?

Dakotah said:

I felt like they were trying to pick at me to explode and say, oh she is a bad mom. I kept saying the truth, you are taking a kid away from a good home and you are wasting your time on this. I am happy, I am safe. They basically said, you will see your mom in court.

Tammi:

They have a 24 hour nurse and taxpayers beware, that you are paying for that nurse that wasn't necessary. Your mom did not abuse you and you had a great relationship. You were truly sick. You fought for your life.

If there was any violence that was shown it was by them. You came to realize and I want to quote, "I came to realize that I really wasn't safe anymore and that nobody was there to help me," because they took your life source.

Social Workers Reign of Terror

Dakotah answered:

They don't realize how much they take away from these kids. Not just are they taking their mother away, they take away their family, they take away their home, they take away their community of friends, they take away everything they have known to be safe. That feeling of not feeling safe, it is like being thrown into the ocean without a life raft and being told to swim to land.

Tammi:

You remember thinking for a moment that what they are telling you is true and you feel like I don't have anyone. I want to hear my mother tell me this then I'll believe it. There are times when you finally did believe because you didn't see mom. They don't have anything else to believe, they think of course she will come back that is my mom and when time goes by they do start to believe and that is when the anger comes in.

Dakotah exclaimed:

I remember getting really angry with the social worker. Your whole life is being turned upside down and I was crying hysterically and I was angry and I was upset.

Tammi continued:

You told the social worker to screw off and you got scared when you saw this happening and you had no power to have a voice, you were silenced.

Dakotah said:

They took away my voice. It was the realization I had that being in the hospital, I remember apologizing to the social worker because I knew she would write reports. I had to swallow my pride, I said I am sorry for saying "screw off." I was very upset. It is a miscommunication you have with my mother. You have no reason, no evidence. She ended up writing in her report that I was aggressive and dangerous

and angry.

Tammi responded:

You had a tube hanging out of your stomach and you were in the hospital for six months. You cried so you were mentally unstable because normal people don't cry when they lose their lives. You said you came to realize that this social worker held the power of your life.

Dakotah said:

I knew she had the power to keep me away from my mother. She had the power to have the case going. If she had the power to make my mother lose custody then she had the power of my future and it was beyond scary. I was petrified.

Tammi inquired:

You remember hearing her interviewing your dad in the hospital. Before all of this, you felt like when she interviews me I am going to be able to explain to her there has been a grave mistake, but she never interviewed you?

Dakotah responded:

She never interviewed me once. I wasn't on any drugs anymore, the medication they gave me, and I was able to talk

and she never once talked to me.

Tammi said:

She told you she wasn't going to be working on the case. That all she did was take children away from their parents. Imagine, somebody coming in having their life stripped and then having a social worker saying, my only duty here is to make sure that children are taken away from their parents...Another social worker came on your case and you disclosed even more to her. You disclosed some abuse you had experienced as a younger child in the presence of your dad's family and from your dad. You had never disclosed that before, because you were safe, you were with your mom."

One Good Social Worker Finally Takes Action

Dakotah said:

Social workers were already not wanting me to be in his custody because they realized, he is lying to us. I felt safe at that time to disclose it to a social worker.

Tammi said:

So you did have a good social worker on your case. There are so many corrupt social workers that I want them jailed.

But, I don't want to negate the fact that there are some really good social workers. We acknowledge you and all of your

hard work. She helped you and she got you out of your dad's house. She saw clearly and she did an immediate order to remove you from your dad's house. Even though the other ones had done everything to make sure you were in your dad's house, even though they knew the danger that they were putting you in.

Dakotah continued:

I remember she asked me, why didn't you tell anybody before about your dad being abusive? And I said, I did, but nobody listened.

Tammi stated:

As a matter of fact, you were threatened, if you want me to go forward I will do you a favor young child and pretend I never heard that. Otherwise, we will put you in foster care. This plagued your life from 15 years old until April 16, 2015. They finally released you back to your mom. A social worker wrote that...

Good Social Workers Are Removed from Cases

Dakotah said:

A good social worker got removed from my case.

Tammi:

This is a pattern situation when social workers, good, honest social workers who are doing their job, do the right thing, whatever that might be...She did her job, she investigated properly and she saw the urgency to remove you immediately. The Department of Children and Family Services stepped in and removed her immediately, and that was sad for you.

Dakotah exclaimed:

Being through this journey, before that I had a social worker that I would talk to and she said, I am going to tell your dad everything you just told me.

Dakotah Testifies in Court – Judge Apparently Sees the Truth



Tammi:

Imagine, I am going to tell your dad everything you just told me! What the bad social workers are doing, is they are creating such a fear within these children, that they lose their trust, they lose their voice and the only thing they are creating an angry, pissed off child that is enraged and hurt and traumatized. You got out, so many kids, Dakotah, haven't gotten out, they are still stuck there. You were finally allowed to testify in court, tell me about that.

Dakotah responded:

When I was finally able to testify, all my lawyers and the social workers kept saying, don't testify. No, I'm going to testify. I'm going to testify, I'm going to say the truth. I'm going to say what I know, my story, in my eyes. Because it was my story. Once I testified, I think the judge, I lifted my shirt and showed them my tube. I think that was a point when they realized this isn't Munchausen, this isn't rumination.

Tammi asked:

How do you know that word Munchausen?

Dakotah replied:

Because that is what they said your mother is being accused

of Munchausen when I went the first court day. They said your mother is being accused of Munchausen by Proxy. I was like, what is that? Basically they caused you to be sicker. I think once I testified, the judge saw this was a very unjust case.

Doctors Abusing Power



Tammi:

Even though, so many mom's especially have been diagnosed when they go into the system with Munchausen. We never hear the kids talk about what the social workers are telling them that their parents have and we know with everything that is out there, Munchausen is such a rare disorder. They felt like your mom was a mastermind who had the ability to talk doctors and surgeons into performing a medical procedure against any medical diagnosis, they are pretty crazy. Do you remember the doctors?

Dakotah said:

I remember them very vividly. These doctors were reaching for straws, they didn't know what was wrong, and they were just accusing me that it was rumination or it is all in her head. Even psychiatrists came in and said no this kid does not have a mental issue, this is not rumination. They basically told us, you signed your rights away.

Tammi:

You said, Tammi, I felt like I was an experiment for them and they were experimenting with my body.

Dakotah replied:

There are some doctors out there that don't understand that their patients are human beings and they have feelings. They viewed me as their little science experiment.

Tammi:

Let's name the doctors, do you remember their names?

Dakotah answered:

Dr. Lee, Dr. Ross and Dr. Deukmedjian.

Tammi asked:

Those three doctors changed the path that your life was taking. Do you think they just innocently made a mistake?

Dakotah answered:

I don't think that they will ever view themselves as being in the wrong. I feel like they didn't want to admit that they knew what was wrong with me so they just pointed the finger.

Dakotah's Message to Other Foster Kids Abused by the System



Tammi:

The good pediatrician was taken off of being able to take care of you, the good social worker was taken off of your case. You had surgery, you lost your mom, your social life. Your acting career put on hold. You stop believing in a system, you stop believing in adults.

If you could look right into the camera for the kids right now that are not with their parents, what would you tell them to

reassure them? Because you were told, your mom doesn't care anymore, your mom is tired of taking care of you.

Dakotah answered:

What I would say is, you can't trust what they say, you have to trust and believe in your parents. You grew up with these people, you know what they would say, you know what they would do, and you know the difference between right and wrong. The point is, never give up hope, to always believe that even though your voice was taken away now, won't forever be taken away. To understand that, even though you are so filled with anger right now, you can't let them break you. You can't let the system destroy you, because that is what they want, they want to destroy you...I think it is to have hope. Karma will get whoever was in the wrong, and eventually, justice will be brought to your case.

Tammi stated:

You said nobody will ever understand the trauma.

Dakotah:

These social workers don't understand the long term affects. They view these kids as just their job. They don't understand that these kids, when you take them away from everything they have known to be safe.

You take their family, their friends and their home it and

their stability away, and it destroys them. It has these long term affects where they feel as if they can never feel safe again.

I know that I don't feel like I could ever feel safe again. I still get panic attacks when people knock at my door because I think it is DCFS. I don't know if that will go away by the time I'm an adult.

You grow up and you think, I don't want to have kids because I don't want them to be taken away. I don't think people understand what happens to these kids even after they have their happy ending. Even after whatever is gone, I don't think people understand the affects that they deal with to this day.

Watch the entire video interview:

<https://youtu.be/xKKpRXfjrE4>

See also Part 1, where Tammi interviews Jewels, Dakotah's mother:

[UCLA Medical Doctors and LA County Medically Kidnap Paramedic and Film Producer's Daughter](#)

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[Child Sex Trafficking through Child “Protection” Services Exposed – Kidnapping Children for Sex](#)

Medically Kidnapped Disabled Man Held Against his Will in Orange County California



Nate Tseglin being kept restrained while in State Custody.
Photo supplied by family.

by **Health Impact News/MedicalKidnap.com Staff**

Nate Tseglin was born on November 5, 1989 to Ilya and Riva Tsleglin. The parents, now residents of California, are originally from the former Soviet Union. They have a younger son Robert as well.

Nate was diagnosed with Asperger's Syndrome at age 14. He was first taken away from his parents by the State of California on January 12, 2007 at age 17 when a teacher reported his parents to the Child Protective Services (CPS) because Nate was scratching himself on the arms. His family has been fighting for him to be home, and to be cared for at home, ever since. He is currently being detained by the State of California against his own will, and also the will of his family. Nate is now an adult. He is allegedly being forced to take drugs his family does not approve, and is kept locked up like a prisoner.

The Tseglin family would like the public to know their story of medical kidnapping happening in California. They do not believe that having a disability such as Asperger's Syndrome gives the State a right to kidnap their son.

High-Functioning Disabled Youth Became Worse in State Custody

Nate is high functioning on the autism spectrum with many interests that he enjoys learning about. Since being taken from his loving family he has been severely traumatized by the treatment he has received from law enforcement as well as the staff at Orange County Regional Center (OCRC). As a result he developed severe anxiety, PTSD, and now has severe anxiety attacks. According to his father, Nate has never been suicidal nor has he ever been homicidal and yet

he has been hospitalized in a psychiatric facility.

Louis Piccone, an attorney who lives in Canada, represented the Tseglin family during a trial in July 2015 for conservatorship (a legal process to obtain custody or guardianship over an adult.) He states that Nate's family is incredibly loving and are wonderful people.

He explained that before Nate was taken by the state he was doing really well with the services that the county was providing and that the family was also doing well.

This has been devastating to Nate and his family. He explained that "Nate has impulsive behavior" and "likes to touch people's faces." When people are patient, stay calm and let him explore their faces, he stays calm. However if people react strongly and "freak out" he has the capacity to act out and potentially be violent.

When the county paid staff were in the Tseglin home caring for Nate, they allegedly sometimes used inappropriate restraints for Nate like choke holds in response to Nate's behavior. In response to the inappropriate treatment of Nate, Mr. Tseglin took photos to document the abuse.

The Owner of OCRC, Lou Pena, reportedly stated:

"You can't take photos of my staff or I will cancel your contract."

Tseglin Removed from Family's Home by Adult Protective Services



Nate being taken out of his home by force. Photo supplied by family.

He allegedly followed through with the threat and reported Ilya Tseglin to the Adult Protective Services and to the county sheriff, stating that if they would go to the Tseglin's home in three weeks time, they would be able to take Nate into state custody because there would be zero services. The law requires continuous services.

Adult Protective services did just that. The sheriff took Nate away again on a gurney, traumatizing him again, imprisoning him again and keeping him isolated from his family. The family says it was kidnapping.

California Forcing Psychotropic Drug Treatment

The Tseglin's are in a "Catch 22" because they disagree with the IPP (Person-centered individual program planning) set for Nate by the OCRC professionals, and yet the IPP has to be signed by the conservator in order to get funding for services.

The IPP states that Nate needs to be on psychotropic drugs and the Tseglin's do not want Nate on them. They agree with the professionals that say that Nate should be weaned off them and taken care of at home.

Nate is now being held in a group home, which is overseen by OCRC. The Regional Center is one of 21 private, nonprofit organizations contracted by the State of California to coordinate lifelong services and support for individuals with developmental disabilities. The Regional Center has professionals who evaluate the needs of the consumer and make recommendations as to what services the consumer needs in order to live as normal a life as possible.

More Funding Available for Confined Disabled Adults than At-Home Services: Motive for Kidnapping?

In the state of California there is the Lanterman Developmental Disabilities Services Act, known as "The Lanterman Act of California." It states that citizens of California are entitled to have services that will enable them to live a more independent and as normal a life as possible.

This law is the Regional Center's basis for getting funding for

services for their consumers; services that pay them \$600,000 annually for Nate. (The cost of services when Nate was getting services at home was only \$500,000 annually.)

Regional Center psychiatrists and social workers set recommendations for the consumers and then an IPP is written out stating the goals for treatment. The Tseglins disagreed with the IPP set by OCRC which included a cocktail of many drugs including psychotropics. The professionals at OCRC did not include the recommendations made by the expert doctors the Tsleglins chose to follow, therefore the Tsleglin's refused to sign the IPP.

However, in order to receive funding under the Lanterman Act, a conservator's signature is required on an IPP. The doctors that the Tsleglins agreed with, stating that Nate should be home, and be weaned off of the psychotropic medications that are causing permanent damage to his health were not incorporated into the IPP. Therefore, if the Tseglins bring Nate home they will need to be able to pay for services on their own because the state will not provide those services to them at home.

Judge Rules to Let Nate go Home – But State is Hindering His Return

The Tseglins filed a Writ of Habeas Corpus (a legal action for detainees to seek relief from unlawful imprisonment) twice and twice the judge granted it. OCRC said that the Tseglins were welcome to take Nate home, but because they can't afford the services themselves they are unable to follow through and the state will just take Nate back for neglecting to get him services.

As attorney Louis Piccone stated, "This family has had a

tough time.” The Tseglin family came to this country hoping to find the American dream and instead found that “it isn’t there for them.”

He went on to explain that they want to immigrate to Israel now where they can immerse themselves in their own culture and help heal their son with family love.

“Israeli culture is progressive and has cutting edge therapies for Autism.”

Nate is Held Hostage Like a Prisoner – Heavily Sedated



Nate Tseglin in a hospital bed. Photo courtesy of the Tseglin family.

The Regional Center claims to be “consumer driven,” and yet has conservatorship over Nate now. He is living in a group home where when the Tseglin family call to speak with him, most

times they are told he is asleep and that he wants to talk to them later.

They keep him on addictive sleeping medications. He is not allowed to go outside, participate in his Jewish faith, eat nutritious kosher foods, have contact with family, get an education, socialize or have a normal life.

As a result of the psychotropic medications, Nate has now been allegedly been diagnosed with rhabdomyolysis (RAB-DOE-MY-O-LIE-SIS) which is the rapid destruction of skeletal muscle resulting in leakage into the urine of the muscle protein myoglobin.

According to [WebMD](#):

“rhabdomyolysis is due to use of antipsychotics...especially when given in high doses.”

Psychotropic medications have long been known to cause dangerous side effects and permanent damage. According to the [Citizens Commission on Human Rights](#):

“Psychiatrists can’t predict what adverse side effects you might experience because not one of them knows how their drugs work.”

The mental health treatment of our young has become a national epidemic.

“Today, the mental health treatment of our young is a life or

*death gamble and, given the growing number of fatalities, a roll of the dice not to be taken lightly. No longer is it a question of whether children die from psychiatric treatments, but rather whose child will be next. It's a question of whether parents are willing to bet their child's life on subjective psychiatric diagnoses and dangerous mind-altering drugs and treatments." The Silent Death of America's Children presented to the President's New Freedom Commission on Mental Health Nov. 13, 2002 – **Jan Eastgate President CCHR International and Bruce Wiseman National U.S. President, CCHR***

Nate Being Physically and Sexually Abused in State Care

When the Tseglin's have visited Nate in the past, he has reported to them that he was being abused physically which resulted in multiple visits to the E.R. Nate has endured broken bones, internal bleeding, and being choked.

Nate has also reported being sexually assaulted on two occasions in two different facilities. The sexual assault, when reported to law enforcement, was dismissed and the offenders were allowed to continue to work at those facilities.

Nate reports he has been beaten, choked, and isolated in addition to being forced to take medications he is allergic to, and that are causing him to have breathing troubles and seizures.

When his family was allowed to visit they were told that they were not allowed to take any photos of their staff, the other consumers, or their facility. No cell phones or cameras are

allowed.

The family believes that the only reason they are not allowed to take any photographs is because OCRC wants to cover up their abuse of consumers. OCRC states that they do not allow any photographs to be taken because it violates the privacy of the consumers.

Other consumers have informed the Tseglin's that Nate gets particularly harsh treatment there, but that he is not the only one. According to OCRC if there are any abuse claims reported they are much stronger and tend to be taken much more seriously when there are multiple consumers who make the same claims. According to OCRC, when a consumer claims abuse, the offender is then moved to another facility because they cannot fire someone without cause.

Nate was moved to a different facility when he claimed to be sexually assaulted.

Family Speaks Out at City Council and County Board Meetings

Ilya and his younger son Robert have gone to city council and county board meetings to speak publicly about the laws and the abuse of their loved one. The family is in desperate need of an attorney willing to take on their complicated but valid case.

The family and others believe that Nate's civil rights are being violated. According to Rabbi Dov Fischer, Nate's guardian ad litem:

“Nate is an international symbol of government mishandling

of an autistic teen's Asperger's Syndrome with horrific and perhaps criminal results."

Here is a [link to a video](#) of an Orange County California Board of Commissioners meeting that Ilya and Robert Tseglin spoke to on January 26, 2016. They speak at three different times. At 26 minutes, item 24 at 36.55 minutes and again at 1 hour:26 min.

http://ocgov.granicus.com/MediaPlayer.php?view_id=4&clip_id=2216

According to long time family friend, Daniel Sultan:

"They make fun of him, the council members. I go there and speak to them as well. The sheriff doesn't want to hear about the crimes in Orange County. It is corrupt and 'facist.'"

Legal Help Need to Fight for Nate's Civil Rights



Nate Tseglin – restrained like a prisoner. Photo supplied by family.

The Tseglin's have filed cases against the state and federal governments, but deadline's are looming. Rabbi Fischer emphatically states:

“The real crime will be if the government escapes liability for what they did to Nate Tseglin’s life by escaping prosecution on grounds that this Russian-immigrant family got out procedured on court deadlines.”

Rabbi Fischer is willing to assist on the case, as he is a licensed attorney in California, but another attorney needs to take the case on contingency because he doesn’t just represent his people, he also gives religious service to them, and this is not his area of legal expertise.

Louis Piccone has made the same offer to write documents and help in any way possible but again this is not his area of expertise.

The law states that conservatorship should first be with family. Robert Tseglin hopes to regain conservatorship of his brother Nate so this family can go home to Israel and heal from the abusive treatment the United States and the state of California has done to this man and his family.

Someone needs to step up in California and help this family as soon as possible.

How the Public Can Help

Please contact local public officials and ask them to help the Tseglin’s get their son back home, just as a judge has ordered.

The family resides in California district 74, and their assemblyman is [Matthew Harper](#) who [can be reached here](#).

The family resides in State Senate district 37, and their State Senator is [John M. W. Moorlach](#) who [can be reached here](#).

Todd Spitzer is the Supervisor of the 3rd District Anaheim. He has reportedly helped the family in the past. He can be [contacted online here](#).

Whistleblower in LA County DCFS Reveals Corruption in Child Kidnapping



Four California social workers are being charged with “child abuse” and “falsifying public records” in the beating death of 8-year-old Gabriel Fernandez three years ago. [Image source.](#)

by **Health Impact News/MedicalKidnap.com Staff**

This is National Child Abuse Month and we have Tammi Stefano, host of the National Safe Child Show joined by a CPS whistleblower (whose identity remains hidden to protect them) that has worked with the Department of Children and Family Services for over a decade coming forward now to reveal egregious corruption within the department.

This social worker has come forward after being privy to a case where they saw that court ordered family visits were

impeded by the department in an alleged effort to manipulate the judges' ruling in favor of adopting out the child instead of reunification with the family by making it appear that the family was not choosing to visit their child, among other things. This whistleblower says that this family is a safe and loving family who has done nothing wrong yet they are suffering at the hand of a corrupt system, a system that is right now seeing some of its own social workers criminally prosecuted by Los Angeles D.A. Jackie Lacey in the Gabriel Fernandez death.

A department that during business as usual allegedly accepts "orders for children"—taking children away from loving families to adopt them out for financial gain—while on the other hand is caught ignoring the cries of a young boy being tortured to death may not be a department that works in the best interest of children and their families.

LA District Attorney Jackie Lacey Files Criminal Charges Against 4 Social Workers in Gabriel Fernandez's Death



Tammi Stefano opens the show by saying,

The first matter that I want to touch on briefly is Gabriel Fernandez that we have been covering for years now. Three years actually. He died on May 24, 2013, as many of the listeners know.

Well yesterday, District Attorney Jackie Lacey filed criminal charges against four of the social workers that were involved.

I'm not telling anybody anything new. It's big news. The wonderful thing with that folks is it really hasn't been done. It opens up a can of worms for social workers who continue to abide by the wrongdoings within the department, within Child Protective Services.

And I just want to send a message out loud and clear: when you as a social worker—and I know that many good social workers exist and are doing their best—when you as a social worker follow the protocol of wrongdoing, of illegal activities, of altering documents, you now have a scenario where you can be charged criminally—and this is what we all have to push for.

I'm very grateful to Jackie Lacey for opening this up, and whatever prompted her—three years in—whatever pushed her to make this happen I just want to say 'thank you.'

LA County DCFS Whistleblower Comes Forward



Tammi then says,

We have today a social worker on our show, we will keep their identity hidden because they are in fear on many levels. Their voice has been changed. We're going to ask some really tough questions. We encourage our listeners today to come on the chat room, ask some questions, and hopefully we'll be able to get some answers.

We have other social workers who are now stepping up folks so over the next month or so we're going to be covering some really tough situations and we're going to find out about the truth.

Tammi introduces the CPS whistleblower whose identity is being hidden to protect them:

I want to introduce without further delay, the social worker who came across an egregious situation and this person just decided, 'I've had enough, I'm not going to participate in

this. I'm a good person, I'm an honest person. I do my best for the parents. If a parent really isn't safe then I do my best for the child.' But ultimately if the parent is safe, this social worker has pushed to keep children together with their parents. But this social worker has come up against some roadblocks lately. And as we all know, the roadblocks have been prevalent for a long time but when this social worker came up against a roadblock I received a call. I was told about this situation. It's an awful situation. We hope to have the parents come on soon—we will— but I also want to protect the parents while they are going through being away from their children.

As we know, this is National Child Abuse Month. Well, let me tell you, these children that these parents have are being abused in the system. They should be reunited with their parents. These are good parents.

Without further ado, I want to introduce (we will call this person Bob) Bob...thank you for joining us. Bob, I want to jump right in... you have been working for the Department of Children and Family Services for over a decade, is that correct?

Bob replies,

Yes, that is.

Tammi asks,

You have helped many parents—and made sure that their cases were handled properly—you've been the social worker

on the case and in fact—this is the first time I’ve heard—you’ve shown me some letters where parents have actually praised you and thanked you for helping them in their case, isn’t that correct?

Bob answers,

That’s true.

Tammi states,

But recently, you have reached your limit because you’ve seen some really bad things happening, is that correct?

Bob answers,

It is.

Tammi inquires,

And what you told me, I don’t know if you recall telling me, you need to sleep at night and you need to look at yourself in the mirror and you’re not going to participate in illegal activities, is that right? Illegal activities such as taking a child away from a safe parent and having them adopted out or kept in foster care.

Bob responds,

Yes.

Putting Orders in for Children, as Easy as Online Shopping?

Tammi asks,

Have you ever heard of a foster parent who makes a decision that they want somebody else's child and regardless of the safety of the biological parent a decision is made to give that child to the foster parent simply because the foster parent wants it?

Bob replies,

Not until this case, I haven't.

Tammi states,

You have actually heard of that scenario now, intimately.

Bob replies,

Yes.

Tammi states,

You are not the only social worker to disclose this situation to me, there have been other social workers/whistleblowers who have told me—and National Safe Child has actually been working on this for about two months now. Do you feel bad for the parents...?

Bob answers,

Yes, I do.

Tammi asks,

Are the parents desperate?

Bob replies,

Yes.

Tammi asks,

Are the parents crying out to be helped because they don't understand what's happening and they don't understand why they're not getting their children back because they followed and jumped through hoops over and over again?

Bob replies,

Yes. She [the mother] is very desperate.

Tammi asks,

And you feel that this is a safe parent?

Bob replies,

Yes, absolutely.

Tammi clarifies,

Absolutely, like 100% safe?

Bob affirms,

Yes.

Is DCFS Committing Fraud?



Tammi asks,

So when it comes to drug issues, have you ever heard of or been part of a situation within DCFS that it is alleged that there are dirty drug tests when you know for certain that there are not dirty drug tests?

Bob replies,

Not until this case.

Tammi explains that in some cases a parent will have a dirty drug test but later it is discovered that the name on the test is not their name or in other cases the parent is called in to take a drug test on very short notice—while they’re at work, trying to catch a bus, etc.—and they are unable to show up for their test on time on such short notice so then their test is deemed a “dirty drug test.”

Tammi asks,

Would it be fair to say that one of these case scenarios happened with the case that you're familiar with?

Bob answers,

It was similar.

Tammi asks,

There was a dirty drug test, or more that came up with this case, correct?

Bob answers,

Yes.

Tammi asks,

Was it proven to be inaccurate?

Bob replies,

It [the drug test] was not accurate.

Tammi asks,

So at that point when the department had evidence that there was a drug test that came up positive but in fact it wasn't positive, did the department correct that?

Bob replies,

No.

Tammi then asks Bob to tell us about facilities that are set up to help children, or so-called facilities that are set up to help children that collect money for years but do not ever help children.

Bob states,

I only know about one program, I don't know what the name of it was, but it was for children from birth to three years old.

Tammi inquires,

So to understand, a program was established that appeared... that it was a program for ages newborn to three years old—for children that needed assistance—and this program was funded and kept going for a period of three years, however, it became apparent—not to the public but internally—that within this three year time span that this program was being funded that only one child was ever in the program?

Bob says,

I'm pretty sure.

Tammi asks,

And a social worker was given the task of overseeing this program, would that be fair to say?

Bob replies,

The social worker was overseeing the one child that was in the program.

Tammi asks,

The social worker was overseeing the one child—one child for how many years?

Bob replies,

I think three years.

Tammi inquires,

In your opinion, would other children under three years old have benefitted from maybe going into this program?

Bob answers,

I would imagine. That is why it was set up...

Tammi asks,

Are you familiar with supervisors who ask social workers to alter their reports from one direction to a whole different direction even when it isn't true...?

Bob replies,

Yes.

Tammi asks,

Was it just typos; was it the language wasn't very clear, or was it flat-out-blattant-lies that the supervising social worker was suggesting happen within any particular case?

Bob replies,

Yes.

Tammi clarifies,

Yes, what?

Bob answers,

Yes, the information was made as though the parent had failed. [She was not eligible to get her children back.]

Tammi asks,

Tell us a little bit about sanctioning of social workers—internally—is there a sanctioning process for social workers within the agency?

Bob answers,

Only if you want to include children's court. The only sanctions that I have ever heard of come from children's court. Like if you don't have a report in on time... missing... or that kind of thing.

Social Workers Being Asked to “Take the Fall” for the Department

Tammi asks,

Have you ever heard of any social worker being asked by a supervisor to take the fall for another social worker who had too many sanctions and would be in trouble?

Bob replies:

Yes.

Tammi asks,

Could you explain that just in a generalized sense, please?

Bob states,

[inaudible] the department speaks with one voice.

Tammi asks,

What does that mean?

Bob explains,

That means that whatever the social worker is feeling doesn't matter, it's whatever the higher-ups decide that they want... that's the way it has to be.

Tammi asks,

Have you ever been asked to take the fall for another social worker who was being sanctioned?

Bob replies,

Not for another social worker, for a clerk. ...and I refused.

Tammi then inquires of Bob about what happens when a social worker refuses to follow the orders of supervisors and higher-ups. Bob explains that you get shunned, cases are taken away from you, you can get demoted, and they try to get rid of you...

Tammi asks,

So when social workers are scrutinized, when they're shunned is there a fear that they might be terminated or something perhaps might be made up to ensure that they're not part of that 'We Speak With One Voice' group? Are you fearful of that?

Bob replies,

Yes.

Tammi asks,

*Do you think that other social workers are fearful of that?
Have you ever heard of that?*

Bob replies,

Yes.

I Want to Encourage More Social Workers “Do the Right Thing”



Tammi inquires,

So even social workers that don't want to participate, that want to be able to sleep at night, that can't fathom being part of stealing children from safe parents who may have made a mistake—and show me a person who hasn't made a mistake—that they are fearful that they are going to lose their jobs and not be able to feed their families themselves.

Bob replies,

That is true.

Tammi says,

I want to send a message out to each and every social worker that is good, that has this feeling—and I know that I’ve spoken with two others beside yourself right here in Los Angeles who don’t want to participate anymore—I want to encourage more of you through this show...

Do the right thing.

The D.A. Jackie Lacey is going after people now. Social workers who are participating, who are altering these reports, you’re going to be responsible, you’re going to be the one who is culpable for something that you’re actually being told to do. Now I know that there’s many social workers who actually enjoy this. They enjoy the power. They enjoy intimidating parents. They enjoy watching them run through hoops/jump through hoops. They enjoy seeing their suffering for whatever evil reason. I’ve seen it with my own eyes. A lot of social workers, they cry, they are petrified, they don’t want to participate. I want to encourage you good social workers to come forward now.

Tammi encourages listeners to go to www.nationalsafechild.com and use their contact form here to come forward and speak up and do the right thing.

Tammi says,

You can remain anonymous. We actually have a group that is helping. We are encouraging social workers because we have a group of attorneys that is willing to help you—to stop wrongful termination—or to stop you from having to be put in a situation where you don't want to be simply because you have to continue eating or feeding your family.

Tammi then encourages listeners,

I encourage you, honest social workers, honest people who are privy to bad situations to call the D.A. Flood her line now so that we can put a stop to the illegal activity of stealing/kidnapping children.

A Corrupt System is Tearing Apart Good Families

Bob then explains that the reason facilities exist that specifically are set up for children newborn to three years old is because children under three can be fast-tracked to adoption in the system. Even in cases where the biological parents are safe, as in the case this whistleblower is was privy to, there are ways within the system that a good family can still be torn apart by a corrupt system with the power to fast-track children out of their parents home and into a waiting foster parents home.

Tammi asks,

Do you think that the system called Child Protective Services or Department of Family and Children Services... do you think

that it's a system that runs well or is it broken?

Bob states,

It's definitely broken.

Tammi asks,

Do you think that children have a better chance if we had a system in place that worked with parents that did have problems...? ...helped them and supported them and gave them... invested the money in the parents vs invested the money in ensuring that the parents never see their children again. Do you think that we'd have better communities?

Bob answers,

Yes, absolutely.

Tammi asks,

This mother that we have been discussing today... she's not a family member, right?

Bob replies,

No. No, she was a client.

Tammi inquires,

Did she have to do more programs than other case plans normally lay out for a parent?

Bob states,

It appeared to me that she did. She volunteered to do more programs to prove that she wasn't doing anything wrong.

Tammi asks,

Were any of those volunteered, successful, graduated programs... did mom get a pat on the back/good job?

Bob replies,

Not since I've had her case. Had her case. I did see that there was quite a few certificates of completion in her file.

Tammi asks,

Tell us a little bit about parents who have court ordered visitations with their children. Have you ever been privy to

any cases at any time—even one—where the court ordered that a parent see their child (they have these visits) but somebody with an evil push, with a controlled power trip made a decision that it doesn't really matter what the courts say because you're not going to see you're children?

Bob replies,

That's what I felt was happening with this case.

Tammi asks,

Why did you feel like that?

Bob explains,

Because mother had so many obstacles put in her way to see the child that they want to adopt out.

Tammi wonders,

Would it be fair to say that the least amount of visits would be better for, not the child, not the parent, not the family but for the foster mother and the agency that was backing the foster mother and foster father?

Bob affirms,

Yes, because the court looks to see if the visitation from the parents has been consistent.

Tammi clarifies,

So the court takes that into consideration when making determinations as to return a child to their biological families, is that right?

Bob says,

Yes.

Tammi inquires,

So if it appears or it is presented falsely to the court that the parents have not made any efforts to visit their children then the court frowns on the parents and veers/could veer more towards adopting the child out, is that right?

Bob replies,

Yes.

Tammi says,

So an easy way that the foster parents—if they are corrupt and they have an in with the department—an easy way to get that foster parent to get that child that they want would be just to interfere with a parent’s court ordered visitations.

Bob affirms,

Yes.

Advice to Parents – Hire a Private Attorney

Tammi says,

Wow. It’s incredible. What can a parent do when that happens... do you have any suggestions?

Bob replies,

We always say the parent is told to talk to their attorney. Talk to their social worker to arrange the visits but if the parent doesn’t get any response... other than going to court and raising your hand and saying you want to say something (sometimes they will let you tell your side).

Tammi asks,

The parents that you have had on your cases, do they have money for private attorneys or are they really given court

appointed attorneys?

Bob answers,

They're given court appointed attorneys.

Tammi asks Bob whether or not it seems that low-income families without the resources to hire private attorneys to fight for their children are easy targets for the department.

Bob explains,

My only hope is that there are some children's and parent's attorneys that are willing to go the extra mile.

Tammi states,

There's very few.

Tammi then asks,

Have you ever seen a case where an attorney just might have a lot to say... but that attorney really doesn't speak up for the parent too much?

Bob says,

Yes.

Tammi says,

Everybody has to ask themselves the question, what if it were your child, how would you want people to handle your case? Right?

Bob agrees,

Yes.

Tammi explains,

I speak about the targeting of people who have less money or harder situations but I do not negate the fact that there are people who have lots of money and are thrown into this system as well. It just seems like the majority are people that have less money, less ability to be able to financially afford the professionals that are needed/the experts that are needed to fight for their own children.

Bob agrees,

It's true.

Bob explains that when parents have stated that they would

get an attorney and fight the department that the fact is they don't have as much money as the department does.

Tammi states,

That's for sure. We're dealing with a multibillion dollar industry. That's a hard monster/that's a hard machine to shut down that's for sure.

69 Calls to DCFS Went Unchecked by Social Workers and Cost a Little Boy His Life



[Image source.](#)

Tammi then talks about the torture and murder of Gabriel Fernandez and the failures of 4 social workers in his case. Tammi mentions a teacher who made many calls to the department that went unheeded.

Tammi states,

...69 calls made to the department... and yet this child ended up being tortured and murdered by his mother and her boyfriend. Do you feel that Jackie Lacey the head of the DAs is just in going after the social workers?

Bob says,

Yes.

Tammi asks,

Do you feel that the social workers when they just ignore cases they do what I refer to and many others refer to as a 'drive-by' meaning they go by the house however they never stop and they put it in their report as if they did. Do you think that they are responsible?

Bob says,

Yes. I'd be responsible if I did that.

Tammi agrees,

Right, I'd be responsible too.

Tammi then takes some questions from listeners who have emailed in.

Q. Is there anything that the parent can do to make the social worker not even open up an investigation?

Bob answers,

There's different social workers. When they get a referral from a hotline, they send out emergency social workers. They're the ones that make the first contact. If no one answers the door they usually leave their card and from what I've heard they'll leave the card maybe 2 or 3 times and if no one answers well then they close it. But nobody saw the child.

Tammi asks,

So if nobody sees the child and there is no contact you can't open up a case, isn't that right?

Bob replies,

I'm not an expert on that because I've never been an emergency social worker but the one that decides whether there's a case or not is the emergency social worker's supervisor. A social worker doesn't have that much say, it has to go by whatever the supervisor says.

Tammi and Bob then discuss the protocols for case reports that are required to be written by social workers.

Tammi inquires,

Is there a new rule regarding these reports?

Bob replies,

Yes. The children's court mandated that we have to turn in court reports 30 days before the hearing to our supervisors.

Tammi asks,

Once you turn in the report 30 days before the hearing then what happens?

Bob states,

It's being approved by the supervisor—if there's any corrections to be made it's returned to the social worker to make the corrections—and once it's signed off by the supervisor then the report is ready to be processed to deliver to court.

Bob explains,

We have a new system now where they barcode the reports to prove that they were handed in to the supervisors by 30 days and then I think they get barcoded at the 20th day when court is supposed to receive the court report.

Tammi asks Bob if parents receive a copy of the report and Bob explains that it is mandated that social workers provide a copy of the report to the parents 10 days before court, however, sometimes parents are not given these reports and they do not always know it is their right to demand that they obtain a copy.

Tammi asks,

You always give the reports [to the parents]?

Bob replies,

Yes.

Tammi says to Bob,

Tell the listeners what you'd like to say.

Bob says,

I would say be cooperative and work with your social worker. If you feel the social worker is not helping you can always contact the supervisor–

Tammi says,

[interposing] –wait a minute, but the supervisors though are the ones that might play very dirty so contacting them might not be helpful for the parent.

Bob responds,

Right. So then you contact the ARA which is the supervisor of the supervisors. I don't think there is any chart that shows... up the ladder who you're supposed to contact.

Tammi states,

Well, we need to make a chart.

At this point in the program the connection to the caller is lost.

Tammi says in regards to the criminal prosecution of 4 negligent social workers in the Gabriel Fernandez case,

I just want show the pictures of the social workers that are being criminally charged here in Los Angeles County based on their lack of helping, protecting, visiting, caring for—gosh they did nothing for little, beautiful Gabriel Fernandez—a little boy who fought harder than these people could ever dream about, who had the will to fight for his life until monsters came in and literally tortured him to death.

Take a look at these people, folks. These are people that have to look at themselves in the mirror everyday and I hope every

day that they do they think about the little boy.



One of the four social workers criminally charged in the death of Gabriel Fernandez. [Source](#).



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Tammi says this ought to be a lesson to every social worker,

Now I'm not saying that that was their intention. They never thought about it but you know what, let this be a lesson to every social worker who is ignoring children who are in

danger. Here they are. They don't look like criminals, right? They don't look like they would lie on social worker reports; don't look like they would say that they would visit somebody and then make up a whole case scenario about the visit – but they did and it cost little Gabriel Fernandez his life.

Tammi then encourages honest social workers to come forward,

If you don't want to be responsible and face jail time for a department that is telling you to lie, come forward.

MEDICAL KIDNAPPING:

*A Threat to Every
Family in America*



by Brian Shilhavy

Tammi concludes,

MedicalKidnap.com, I am very pleased and honored to have

assisted in a very small way but I feel honored—Medical Kidnapping: A Threat to Every Family in America—there's a book out now folks. Look at this book. This book really says it all.

What You Can Do

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Contact Los Angeles District Attorney, Jackie Lacey here: 818 439 3081

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Watch the entire show here:

<https://youtu.be/3sKoDZhbJyA>

Medical Kidnapping in California Results in Infant Death



Danielle kissing her baby Hayden in the hospital. Source: [Prayers for Hayden's Heart](#) Facebook page.

UPDATE 5/20/2016

Danielle joined Tammi Stefano on the [National Safe Child Show](#) Friday, May 20th.

<https://youtu.be/pKj5mNZ4smM>

Medical Kidnapping in California Results in Infant Death

by Health Impact News/MedicalKidnap.com Staff

It is hard to imagine a mother hearing more difficult words than those Danielle Hines from Riverside, California heard after her ultrasound at 6 1/2 months of pregnancy. Doctors told her that her new baby would be born with a severe heart defect, and they advised her to abort her baby. She refused. There was a lot of love in her heart, and she was determined to meet the challenge, giving everything that she could to help her baby. After all of this, Child Protective Services swooped in and seized her baby before she was even two months old. In Danielle's words:

CPS removed her from our beautiful home because I have too many children and were fearful I could not care for her due to Hayden having Hypoplastic left heart syndrome.

Though Danielle was able to regain physical custody, she was told that the state retained medical rights over Hayden. Now, Hayden is gone, and her mother is left asking, "Why?" She truly believes that:

If CPS hadn't taken my daughter from me, she would still be alive.

She tells Health Impact News that, had they not taken her medical rights away from her, she could have researched medications and procedures and had a voice in decisions that

were made. As it was, there appear to have been several medical missteps that could have been avoided, and Hayden might still be alive. The prognosis for babies with Hypoplastic left heart syndrome is a 70% chance of [survival into adulthood](#). Hayden only lived 4 months, and Danielle believes they were using her baby as a medical guinea pig.

Doctors Told Her Twice to Abort Her Baby

Danielle was 5 weeks along in her pregnancy when she found out that she was expecting her 4th baby. Her oldest 2 children are 12 and 9, and she had given birth to her 3rd child just 6 months before. She says that her doctor recommended that she abort her baby from the very beginning:

You just had a baby 6 months ago. I recommend an abortion. And also because of your postpartum cardio myopathy (heart failure), it'll just be best to terminate now.

The doctor made the “exceptions” argument, pushing her to have an abortion “for the life of the mother.” Danielle says that wasn’t even an option for her:

Although I knew having Hayden could ultimately end in my demise, I still chose LIFE for my child.

Her choice was again challenged by doctors when she went for an ultrasound appointment when she was 6 1/2 months along. It was the scan to determine if the baby was a boy or a girl, and Danielle was thrilled to see that she was having another daughter.

Danielle was the one who noticed that something wasn't quite right on the ultrasound. She told the tech that she only saw 3 chambers on the baby's heart, not 4. When she spoke with the doctor, he told her:

Oh sweetie, your baby has a bad heart. I will get the abortion paperwork started for you. No child should be born with this, it is not conducive for life.

Again, Danielle chose life for her baby, no matter how long that life might be. She sought another opinion, and learned a few days later that the condition affecting her baby was called Hypoplastic left heart syndrome (HLHS), a rare congenital heart defect in which the left side of the heart is severely underdeveloped.

She was told that her baby may only live 5 hours or 5 days. Regardless, she believed that her baby deserved every chance at life, and that if her baby was going to die, it would be in her arms, knowing she was loved.

Hayden Is Born – “Love at First Sight”

Danielle gave birth to Hayden Nicole Hines-Blake on October 7, 2015. She had her first open heart surgery at only 8 days old. Day 14 was the day of the magical moment when Hayden first opened her eyes and saw her Mommy for the first time. It was love at first sight.



Newborn Hayden – Born with a broken heart. Source: Hines family.

Danielle kept a photo journal of her baby's life, posting daily photos and videos to chronicle Hayden's life. Despite her physical challenges, Hayden was a happy baby who brought joy to everyone who saw her, both in real life and on social media, where Danielle connected with many people who were praying for her little one's heart.

Life wasn't easy, certainly, as a single mom of 4, but Danielle was determined to make it work. Hayden exceeded all initial expectations, and was surviving. Danielle managed to care for all of her children, providing home-cooked meals and

keeping up with countless doctors' appointments. She breastfed Hayden and pumped her milk. There were 17 different medications to keep track of. She organized everything and maintained 2 separate calendars to ensure that she met all the demands of her baby's health condition.

Danielle took classes and became certified on how to care for the medical needs of her daughter.

Concerned "Friend" Calls CPS Who Takes Away the Baby from Her Mother

Somehow, all that wasn't enough in the opinion of a friend of the family who was also a nurse. Instead of offering practical help and support to a mother who had a lot on her plate, this person decided to call Child Protective Services out of "concerns" about Danielle being a single mom. Child Protective Services is part of the Department of Family and Child Services (DCFS) in this area.

DCFS showed up on her doorstep based on these concerns. While most parents fear that their homes are too messy or cluttered to make social workers happy, the Riverside County, California, social worker allegedly told Danielle Hines that her house was "too clean." Danielle learned that she had already interviewed her oldest 2 children at school, without her knowledge or permission, asking such questions as, "Does your mother spank you with objects?" (She doesn't.)

The social worker reportedly decided Hayden could be better cared for in a foster home with a mom and a dad, as opposed to being cared for by her own biological mother with whom she shared a sacred bond, because Danielle was a single mom.



Danielle and baby Hayden. Source: Hines family.

On November 25, 2015, the day before Thanksgiving, DCFS seized custody of Hayden, who was 7 weeks old that day. The other children remained in the home. Hayden was placed in a foster home with a foster mother and father, and 5 children who were all younger than Danielle's oldest 2 children. Danielle asks:

How dare CPS come in when I'm doing all I can for my daughter?

The warrant for removal states that the “circumstances of the minor’s home environment may endanger the health, person, or welfare of the minor.”

But it wasn’t in her own home that Hayden suffered; it was in the foster home.

Poor Care in Foster Home

The day after Danielle was medically kidnapped, the foster mother’s father died. Though she was somewhat trained in caring for special needs children, her husband was not. Nonetheless, she left Hayden and her children in the care of her husband for days while she drove an hour and a half away to tend to her family issues.

Danielle was horrified at what she says she found when she was able to have a supervised visit with her baby. (The first visit was cancelled by the foster family.) No one had bothered to ask the mother about any allergies, and the foster parents had been applying lotions and creams that Hayden was allergic to. Hayden’s vagina was “swollen, purple and bloody.”

The foster father had also allegedly been feeding spoiled milk to Hayden.

During the visit, Danielle asked about the formula that he was going to give the baby in her gastrointestinal tube bag. She wanted to know why there was so much milk in the bag. He said it was because they feed her from that for 24 hours. Danielle asked how it was refrigerated.

In front of the social worker supervisor, he admitted that he didn’t realize that the formula had to be refrigerated, and

that they didn't warm it for feeding. So the baby had been receiving spoiled milk for the past 5 days.

False Allegations in Court Stating the Mother did not Want Her Baby

According to Danielle, the court hearing a week later was quite bizarre. It is not uncommon for parents to report strange allegations and outright lies against them being used in family court. With parents who report their stories to *Health Impact News*, this appears to be the rule rather than the exception.

However, in Danielle's case, the accusations were too absurd to be ignored. Social workers reportedly told the judge that she did not want her **son** and wanted **him** placed for adoption because "it was too much to care for **him**." (emphasis added)

Judge Returns Child to Mother

Danielle spoke up politely and informed the judge that Hayden is "a beautiful baby *girl*," who was very much wanted. (emphasis added)

With that pronouncement combined with the foster parents' admission of feeding Hayden spoiled milk, the judge immediately placed physical custody of Hayden back with her mother.

Danielle says:

Even the judge was confused as to why they took my child.

However, the court allegedly retained medical rights over Hayden. Even though Danielle later was unable to find any documentation of such a decree, doctors and hospital staff made it clear to her that the state had the medical rights, not her.

That is where the real problems began.

Mother Denied Medical Rights



Hayden in the hospital. Source: [Prayers for Hayden's Heart](#) Facebook page.

On the day that Hayden was returned, Danielle discovered that the foster parents had removed the tubing from the G-button feeding tube, even though that was the only way to feed her and administer her medications. This was December 2, the day of the San Bernardino shootings, and there was chaos in the area. By the time they were able to get some tubing, her feeding and medicines were significantly overdue.

No one knew at that time how much time that Hayden would live on this earth. She lived 4 months, 1 week, 2 days, 17 hours, and 40 minutes. Precious time with her family was stolen from them because DCFS got involved. Danielle will always wonder how much of an impact the time Hayden spent in foster care had on her life.

The time she was gone could have been spent with us.

Because DCFS got involved and did not return medical rights back to Danielle, things progressed very differently than they would have had Danielle been able to have a voice in her daughter's medical care.

6 Vaccines Injected – Hayden's Condition Declines

On December 23, doctors injected this baby with an already compromised medical condition with 6 vaccines at once. Danielle was not given the right to refuse. She was afraid

that DCFS would come after her other children if she fought the mandate.

During December, Danielle says that doctors disregarded things that were concerning to her, such as a bout with bloody diarrhea. She said that she kept taking her baby back to the doctor because her heart did not seem to be functioning properly and her oxygen levels were desaturating.

Once, when Hayden was in Loma Linda University Medical Center, the hospital called DCFS to report her when she didn't want the baby to leave the hospital because she was concerned over Hayden's oxygen levels.

Hayden's condition continued to decline, and on December 29, she had a heart attack. Danielle posted a photo of Hayden taken the next day:

Just as happy as she wanted to be. She smiled even through the pain. I love her beyond words. Thank you God for allowing me to meet Hayden. She has made a significant difference in my life.

At one point her oxygen saturation levels were down to 20. Normal is 95 or higher. She underwent 3 balloon procedures, but only 2 of them worked. During surgery her heart stopped, and a defibrillator was used twice to bring her back.

During all this time, doctors changed her medications frequently. Danielle was not permitted to refuse medications for her child, even when they were "trying to see" what works, even with new drugs.

She observed that other children in similar situations, but who were not under CPS control, were not given such a wide variety of drugs, and the medications did not change as frequently. They would not let her consent for life-saving treatments; instead, either the court had to be consulted, or they could obtain the consent of 2 separate physicians. Hayden's own mother was forbidden the right to give consent or refusal.

Whenever Danielle tried to question the medications or procedures, doctors were quick to remind her that she didn't have medical rights over her child.

Danielle is still trying to get all of the medical documents, but she believes that they were testing medications and procedures on her baby because the hospital told her that they retained all medical rights.

It is a tragic reality in the United States that children who are wards of the state may be legally used as medical lab rats, and be parts of medical research and drug studies without the parents' knowledge or consent.

See:

[Medical Kidnapping in the U.S. – Kidnapping Children for Drug Trials](#)

[The Medical Kidnapping Business: Bilking Medicaid](#)

“She’s Just her Mom – She Doesn’t Have Medical Rights”

Danielle writes:

On Sunday February 7th 2016 @1:26pm...I walked in to see my baby like this. How?! I was just there and she was fine! I wanted to celebrate the 1st day of [#CHDAwareness](#) [ongenital Heart Defect] week with her, but I couldn't. Look at this?! I was devastated. This literally was the last footage I captured of Hayden where she was actually still HERE with me (before surgery the next day & Life support).

My baby turned 4 months this day.



Hayden on February 7, 2016. Source: [Prayers for Hayden's Heart](#) Facebook page.

Doctors had taken Hayden in for a catheter procedure, but there were complications. Danielle is still seeking answers for exactly what happened. Because she did not have medical rights, she hasn't been able to find out exactly what they did to her baby.

The following day, doctors performed open heart surgery on Hayden. As the baby was being wheeled into surgery,

Danielle overheard someone say:

She's just her mom. She doesn't have medical rights over her.

Something went terribly wrong during surgery, and Hayden was on life support. Danielle posted on Facebook that day:

On my LIFE I'd give my LIFE so my baby won't feel this pain anymore. I wouldn't wish this on my worst enemy. Oh God in heaven! Watching them wheel my paralyzed child out just broke every piece of me.

A couple days later, as Danielle approached Hayden's room unannounced, she overheard some things said by hospital staff that were alarming. It was shift change, and doctors were giving their report to the next doctors on duty. She overheard a doctor say that the patient's lungs collapsed because a drainage tube was not properly sealed during the surgery.

Doctors told the court that they wanted to take Hayden off of life support after 3 days against Danielle's wishes. The devastated mother wasn't ready to let her go. Only a few days before, she had been relatively fine, and now they were telling her that her baby wasn't going to make it.

DCFS Dismisses Case – Just Before Death

Danielle called the DCFS social worker crying on February 10, telling her that they were killing her baby, and begging for them not to take her daughter off of life support.

The social worker filed an emergency petition with the judge, who ruled to dismiss the case. After everything Danielle had been through at the hands of DCFS, the petition stated that there was:

insufficient evidence to substantiate that the mother has failed to adequately care or provide proper medical attention to this baby. The mother has continued to ensure the safety and well being of her child as she has continued to ensure Hayden received consistent and appropriate medical attention to include necessary hospitalizations. ...

Therefore, it is respectfully recommended the child remain in the care of the mother, Danielle Hines, and the petition for Dependency be dismissed without prejudice at this time.

The damage was already done, but Danielle was free to leave Hayden on life support in the hopes that she would recover.

On the night of the 11th, something happened and Hayden started bleeding. One of the doctors told her that she may as well say goodbye to Hayden now, because she was bleeding to death. Even so, they were able to get the bleeding under control, and Danielle once again had hope.

Letting Go

Hayden held on until February 16th, and they took her off of life support that morning. Fifteen minutes later, she coded, but they were able to revive her, and her heart was beating on its own. That evening, she crashed again, and doctors repeatedly injected epinephrine directly into her heart over and over.

Finally, Danielle said, “stop.” The bitter realization made

itself real. Her baby was not going to make it. All the interventions stopped at 6:26 p.m., except pain medications.

A special bed was brought into the room so that Danielle could lie down next to her baby girl. For the next two hours, she cradled her baby and sang to her. She sang Hayden's song, "The Makings of You" by Curtis Mayfield, a song she first heard in her early pregnancy, and that she sang to her every day of her life.

She begged her daughter:

Hayden, don't leave me. Keep fighting. I love you and I need you.

As she talked and sang to her, Hayden's heart rate and blood pressure went up. Finally, after 2 hours, Danielle asked her sweet baby:

Hayden, are you fighting for mommy, or are you fighting for Hayden?

If you are fighting for mommy, you don't have to fight anymore. If you are tired, I will let you go.

At that moment, Danielle says that Hayden looked at her and she let go. She saw her soul leave her body as her heart rate declined. 5, 4, 3, 2, 1, —————

She was gone.

My baby! She left me! I was so hurt. I know the entire unit heard my screams. My baby's gone. She has no heartbeat. She left me!!!

Mama loves you Hayden...Rest in Heaven my love.

<https://youtu.be/ubxHgMNo8Go>

What You Can Do

Hayden is gone, and she leaves behind a devastated mother and siblings who are grieving. Hayden's short life has touched many hearts. Her family needs love and compassion. There are already people who are criticizing Danielle and telling her that she needs to stop grieving. She lost a part of her own heart, and it has only been 3 months since the day she had to let go. Grief takes as long as it takes, but the hole left in a parent's heart when a child is gone is a wound that will never completely go away.

The broken Child Protective System must stop putting parents through the additional hardship and grief that Riverside County, California, DCFS put this family through.

Danielle still wants answers, and she wants justice for her baby. According to the medical websites discussing Hypoplastic left heart syndrome, about 70% of babies born with this condition live to adulthood. Medical advances have extended the life expectancy of these children.

But, Hayden didn't experience any of that. Was her life cut short, as her mother believes, because of the interventions of the CPS system? How can we allow any other family to experience this heartache?

The grief is still raw. Danielle would like to consider filing lawsuits against those who hurt her baby, but she needs a good attorney to come forward to help her.

There is a Facebook page set up with beautiful pictures and precious videos posted of Hayden's short life. Danielle is in contact with other "heart moms" – mothers of children with congenital heart defects, and she hopes to start a non-profit organization to help families facing Hypoplastic left heart syndrome and other heart defects.



California Governor Wants to Shield Corrupt LA County Social Workers by Making Child Death Files Secret



Gabriel Fernandez was killed after breakdowns by Los Angeles County Department of Children and Family Services. [Image source.](#)

by [Garrett Therolf](#)
[LA Times](#)

Excerpts:

Gov. Jerry Brown's administration has quietly drafted a bill that would gut key portions of the state's landmark law requiring child protective services agencies to release records when a youth dies of abuse or neglect. A vote is expected within the next week.

It is the second time in two years that California Department of Social Services Director Will Lightbourne has introduced the bill on an emergency basis through a “trailer bill,” introduced as part of the state’s May budgeting process. That approach bypasses the usual committee review and fast-tracks the proposal for a vote.

Since the state implemented the law to increase transparency in 2008, reporters have accessed social worker case notes and other files that revealed inadequacies in the state’s child welfare system, including instances of social workers disregarding policies and allowing children to remain in conditions that proved fatal.

In response to news stories based on those reports, state and county officials implemented a battery of child protection reforms that child welfare advocates credit with reducing the number of children who die because of abuse and neglect.

Earlier this year, Los Angeles County prosecutors filed criminal charges against four social workers who handled the case of 8-year-old Gabriel Fernandez in the months before he was tortured and killed. The case was first reported in The Times based on information that included documents released through the disclosure law.

The social workers union has staged protests against the criminal charges and worked with the administration to craft the bill that would reduce public scrutiny of the case files for child fatalities. The state child welfare directors association also supports the administration’s bill.

Read the Full Story at [the LA Times](#).

Parents with "Ruined Lives" Protest Against Corrupt Family Court Commissioner in Los Angeles



Parents collecting signatures to remove Rocky Crabb from the bench at the courthouse in Pomona, California.

by **Health Impact News**

Why have parents in Pomona, California been able to gather more than 2000 petitions to remove Commissioner Rocky Crabb from the bench in Family Court?

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rights by Commissioner Rocky Crabb, who functions in the same capacity as a judge. The primary difference between a commissioner and a judge is that a commissioner is appointed and voted on by judges, not the public, and therefore holds less accountability to voters.

Rocky Crabb [ran for office](#), as Superior Court Judge in LA County in 2008, [but lost](#), having obtained just 37% of the vote while his opponent won with 63%. He remains on the bench, however, as an appointed commissioner.

The website [RobeProbe.com](#) rates judges, and Commissioner Rocky Crabb has 44 ratings. A user can rate a judge on a variety of qualities, ranging from “Very Bad,” “Bad,” “Adequate,” “Good,” or “Excellent.”

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Los Angeles Man Denied Parental Rights - Loses His Daughter



Journey James – Image supplied by father.

Commissioner Crabb first came to the attention of Health Impact News because California father Joshua James approached us with his story of fighting to protect his 3 year old daughter, Journey. His story suggests that there is much wrong in Commissioner Crabb's courtroom. Parents like

Joshua are left wondering how justice can be served, when there appear to be so many abuses of power and signs of corruption when facing Commissioner Crabb.

Journey's mother allegedly has mental disorders that, if not treated, cause her to have violent and sometimes suicidal outbursts. Joshua has reported violence and neglect to child protective services on multiple occasions, to no avail.

According to Joshua, both Journey and her sister have witnessed their mother's suicidal attempts when she has cut her arms with knives and razor blades. The incidents have been documented and shown in court.

Journey was born in 2013, but in October of 2015 Joshua discovered that Journey's mother had actually been in a custody battle with her first husband over their daughter the whole time she was pregnant with Journey. Journey's mother started a paternity lawsuit against Joshua that turned into a long and ugly custody battle. In reading the court case between her and her first husband, Joshua found that her ex-husband, the father of their child, was fighting to protect Journey's sister from their mother in the same way that Joshua is trying to protect Journey.

Much to Joshua's surprise, he found out that *the same Commissioner, Rocky Crabb, was on both cases without disclosing that fact to Joshua.*

Evidence Not Allowed to Be Submitted

Joshua reports that during his case, Commissioner Crabb has denied him the right to submit evidence, including videos of violence being witnessed by the children, audio recordings of her yelling and the girls crying, medical documents, and

witnesses to testify to violence and neglect. Everything has been denied by Commissioner Crabb as being “hearsay” or claiming that Joshua “fabricated” evidence.

Witnesses who have flown across the country to testify were denied a chance to give testimony to the court on multiple occasions.

Joshua has hired attorneys who say they cannot go up against Crabb and have given him his money back.

Joshua has tried to get Crabb to recuse himself after making prejudiced comments.

Attorneys have told Joshua that his civil rights are being denied and that this commissioner has it in for him. Unless Crabb steps down, they tell him that he will not have a chance of getting custody back.

Joshua has not seen his daughter for almost a year now.

Biased Treatment in Court by Crabb

In court Joshua reports that Commissioner Crabb coaches the petitioner and her witnesses, while he is rude and accuses Joshua’s witnesses of lying. Joshua says:

Even though she has an attorney Crabb plays defense attorney for her.

Joshua’s sister flew to LA from Colorado three times. Each time Commissioner Crabb refused to let her testify. On the third time, Joshua pointed out to the judge that she was

missing work and could not afford to do it a fourth time. Crabb finally allowed her to testify but redirected her answers, insinuated that she was lying and made her cry.

According to Joshua, Crabb is very polite to the petitioner's witnesses, including scheduling hearings around their schedules, but is rude and accusatory towards his witnesses. He has a friend who has come to many hearings, has witnessed things he wants to tell the commissioner, but the commissioner refuses to allow him to testify. Crabb claims that he will just lie.

Joshua reports that during their custody trial the petitioner accused him of assault. Joshua questioned the petitioner and states that, when he asked her for any physical evidence of the assault, she admitted that she had none. The commissioner interjected that her testimony was "physical evidence."

Crabb allegedly also sided with the petitioner who claimed that Joshua had bad mouthed her to their daughter and threatened to kidnap their daughter despite not having any evidence of the claim. According to Joshua, that was the basis of Crabb making his contact with his daughter supervised after that at his own expense. He has since revoked all of Joshua's visitation rights.

Commissioner Crabb ignored the fact that Joshua had photos and a medical report of Journey having been returned to him with a black eye. He states:

I submitted an 'Our Family Wizard' conversation where the Petitioner threatens, if I report the incident to anyone, she would be filing court papers to have my custody taken away, which is exactly what happened.

Crabb allegedly stated that the black eye happened in the care of Joshua.

In a hearing on September 25, 2015, Joshua claims that the Statement of Decision was based solely on hearsay, false testimony, unproven facts, and biased opinions of the commissioner.

Crabb removed all of my custody and visitation, allowing me now only 30 minute phone calls once a week with our daughter.

The petitioner accused Joshua's witnesses of harassing her and claimed to the judge that they impersonated a court employee, but the witnesses were not allowed to testify where they would have explained that was not the case. Commissioner Crabb sided with the petitioner, refused to allow them to testify and based solely on the words of the petitioner used that incident as a reason for preventing Joshua any visitation. It has been almost one year now since Joshua has seen his little girl.

According to Joshua there have been multiple incidents where the police have been called because of violent outbursts in front of his daughter. One such incident occurred at the pediatrician's office where the police were called. Witnesses spoke to the police, describing what they saw and yet nothing was done. When those witnesses came to court, they stated that they did not know this family at all prior to the incident in the pediatrician's office.

Commissioner Crabb questioned the witnesses and implied that they were not telling the truth. Commissioner Crabb has accused Joshua of fabricating evidence and lying at every

hearing.

Joshua submitted an audio recording of the petitioner, and she stated that it was not her voice on the recording. Commissioner Crabb then stated that Joshua had falsified evidence and committed perjury, based solely on her statement. Joshua asked that the recording be analyzed to prove his innocence. Commissioner Crabb denied that request. Joshua asked that his witness testify to the authenticity of the recording, and that too was denied. Commissioner Crabb now opens every hearing with the statement that the court needs to make note that the respondent has been found to have committed perjury and to have fabricated evidence.

Joshua Confronted in Public at Coffee Shop by Law Enforcement – Civil Rights Violated

Joshua recently appeared on the National Safe Child show to give an update on his case. He reported that while he was at the court house recently collecting signatures to remove Commissioner Crabb, that three law enforcement officials approached him in a coffee shop. They knew his name, and all about his case. They claimed that he was violating a court order, and discussed his case in public. Watch the full interview here:

Video no longer available.

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A California Father Pleas for Justice: Wheelchair-bound Son Kidnapped and Allegedly being Tortured in State-care



Nate Tseglin. Photo courtesy of the Tseglin family.

by Dale Theresa
Health Impact News

Earlier this year, Medical Kidnap [covered the story of Nate Tseglin](#), a young man diagnosed with Asperger's syndrome who was strapped to a wheelchair and removed from his parent's care by the state of California against his will and the will of his family and then allegedly force-medicated with various drugs.

In a heartfelt plea for justice, Ilya Tseglin, father of wheelchair-bound Nate Tseglin, exposes what he and so

many others believe to be the slow debilitation of his son by chemical dependency during his conservatorship by Orange County Regional Center (OCRC) and what Ilya describes as their vendor, NOM (No Ordinary Moments).

According to the Tseglin family:

Nate was absolutely healthy, had had no EPS and seizures, because he was free from the harmful toxic, inappropriate, and unrelated drugs. Nate was provided with a kosher, healthy diet, lifestyle, appropriate treatment and family's support and care. Nate was daily participating in religious services, physical and mental stimulation, education, and community affairs when he was with family.

The Tseglin family explained that Nate has Asperger's syndrome which according to Autism Speaks:

... generally considered to be on the 'high functioning' end of the spectrum. Affected children and adults have difficulty with social interactions and exhibit a restricted range of interests and/or repetitive behaviors. Motor development may be delayed, leading to clumsiness or uncoordinated motor movements. Compared with those affected by other forms of ASD, however, those with Asperger's syndrome do not have significant delays or difficulties in language or cognitive development. Some even demonstrate precocious vocabulary – often in a highly specialized field of interest.

limited or inappropriate social interactions

“robotic” or repetitive speech

challenges with nonverbal communication (gestures, facial expression, etc.) coupled with average to above average

verbal skills

inability to understand social/emotional issues or nonliteral phrases

lack of eye contact or reciprocal conversation

obsession with specific, often unusual, topics

one-sided conversations

awkward movements and/or mannerisms ([Source.](#))

The Tsegilins are outraged at what has happened to their son since he was kidnapped by Orange County authorities.

See original story here:

[Medically Kidnapped Disabled Man Held Against his Will in Orange County California](#)

Ilya informs us that after they threatened to take Nate out of their home by force, they then did have Nate arrested and removed under allegedly false pretense espoused by OCRC's witnesses.

Instead of using Nate's doctor's instructions on his treatment while being placed in NOM, Ilya stated in his email, *To Whom It May Concern*, that OCRC brought in their own doctor, a psychiatrist named Waknine, who began treating Nate with psychotropic cocktails despite another court psychiatrist's testimony that Nate should not be treated with anti-psychotics.

Court Ordered Nate Released – OCRC Allegedly Defies Court Order

The psychiatrist, Dr. Nathan Lavid, Ph.D., testified in court on December 31, 2013, after which Nate was released on habeas corpus 2 weeks after being kidnapped. He explained that Nate has autistic spectrum disorder, Asperger's syndrome, which rule out psychiatric diagnoses and the administration of drugs, and should prevent the prescription of the drug Zyprexa (which) should not be prescribed if it causes allergic reactions such as seizures, trouble swallowing, agitation, etc.

Nate was forcefully repeatedly removed against his wish from his family, and again in December. The OCRC allegedly objected to providing services at home after Judge Martinez declined the DDS's petition to remove conservatorship from parents on Dec. 31, 2013. Also, Judge Shulte ordered to release Nate to his family on her decision on Dec. 31, 2013. All these court orders were ignored by OCRC's management when OCRC's CEO personally objected to provide services at home in violation with court's orders, IPP, Lanterman act.

Powerful Drugs Have Been Nate's Forced-cocktail for 2.6 Years

During the brief time Nate was out of OCRC and NOM custody, Ilya tells us that Nate was then refused the home health care provisions necessary to allow him to stay at home, and OCRC would take Nate again based on neglect (caused by OCRC's denial of home benefits to the family). The family tells us that Nate has been given psychotropic cocktails that are debilitating him. Zyprexa, Depakote, Ativan, and sleeping pills all prescribed for short term use not to exceed 7-30 days (according to medical suggested

usage) have been Nate's cocktail for the past 2.6 years.

Ilya sees the symptoms of the side-effects of the cocktail overdose, but states that OCRC doctors and NOM workers ignore them while using **Depakote** to treat the adverse effects of the Zyprexa. ([Source](#).) Ilya states:

This drug is used to treat seizures and convulsions that have been caused by Zyprexa and other psychotropic drugs. Instead of discontinuing the toxic drug Zyprexa and sleeping pills, as well as other psychotropic tropic drugs which are unrelated to Nate's condition, the Depakote was prescribed in addition to the forbidden cocktail of drugs that cause Nate harm by the extremely poisonous effects to Nate's health. The family requested the discontinuation of this drug in accordance with the previous harmful effects to Nate, and the recommendation of the expert doctors. OCRC and his vendor disregard the family as well as doctors' expert recommendations.

The OCRC and their vendor's owner Luis Pena threatened the family many times to drop the services when the family objected to Nate's abuse, choking, and mishandling. The owner, vendor NOM, Mr. Pena withdrew his services with the agreement of the OCRC's management, in defiance and violation of the Lanterman Act, after the family made a photo of the staff choking Nate while Nate was being restrained by NOM's staff. They told us that if we used the pictures, Nate would be denied services.

In their email, the Tseglin's plea for Nate's return describes the family's ordeal as Ilya insists they never gave OCRC or NOM any permission to use psychotropic drugs on their son. The family claims that in fact the doctors had ruled against

it, but somehow, NOM staff state they were able to obtain Nate's signature:

On opposite page to prescribed medication site is a blank page. The staff stated that it is Nate's signature and date: 02.26.16

At home Nate was allegedly taking the minimum amount of Kepra (a seizure medication). Approximately a few mg that is a fraction of 500 mg in one tablet.

This minimum amount of drugs was sufficient to keep Nate free from seizures. There were allegedly no more medications needed.

Nate's treatment prescribed by Dr. Maloff, Dr. Lavigna, and Dr. Lin consisted of psychological approach with full engagement in faith services, (Nate daily attended Synagogue), sport activities (Nate was attending Yeshiva in L.A.), sport activities, diet, counseling.

The family claims that Nate's emotional condition gradually had been improving; physically Nate was healthy and active. Nate was better able to control his out of control behavior. Nate reduced his out of control behavior to 1 or 3 episodes daily.

Nate was able to retreat most of the time to his room when he felt that he is losing control and stay at his room until he felt better to return back to his usual activities. The door with locks from his room was removed.

Psychologist Dr. Baker-Ericzon allegedly didn't consider that Nate needed any medications.

All of the doctors-experts as psychologists Dr. Maloff, Dr. Lavigna, Dr. Hunter, Dr. Cohen allegedly declined treatment with psycho-drugs.

Dr. Maloff, in his research based on Nate's reactions to psycho-drugs, allegedly concluded that psycho drugs are harmful for Nate and do not address Nate's issues but are counter productive.

The same allegedly was the conclusion of expert-neurologist Dr. Baughman.

The same conclusion was also allegedly stated by Nate's supervised family's physician and expert in autism medical doctor Lin, M.D., who supervised Nate's treatment for many years until Nate was removed from family.

The same conclusion was made by psychiatrist Dr. Lavid at the court hearing when he testified that Nate doesn't have psychosis and doesn't need psycho drugs.

Another psychiatrist, Dr. Schlesinger, allegedly prescribed to taper off Nate from psycho drugs and sleeping pills after analyzing Nate's prescriptions since Nate was removed from his family, and placed in the group home where he was allegedly forced on to sleeping pills and psychotropic drugs Zyprexa and Ativan.

Below is Mr. Tseglin's list of Nate's current medication (and a blank page-not shown). The blank page was allegedly supposed to contain Nate's signature authorizing the following pill regimen:

Current Medication list

Nate Tseglin – 02.23.16

1. Zyprexa: 5mg Tab (Agitation)

1tb, 2X a day (Am, PM) (Daily 10mg)

2. Divalproex Sod: Tab (Seizures) (Daily 2,000mg)

2tbs, 2x a day (Am, Pm)

3. Zolpidem: 10mg Tab (Insomnia)

1tab. 1x a day (HS) (Daily 10mg)

4. Lidocaine 5% patch to lumbar sacral space 1X a day(AM)

5. PRN Medications

Lorazepam: 2mg Tab (Agitation)

1 tab, 2x a day as needed for anxiety

Father's Heartfelt Plea for His Son's Life

Ilya also insists that moving Nate to the NOM facility is costing tax-payers 600k dollars per year for services that Nate is not receiving. While at home, Nate was put into social settings that stimulated his well-being and growth. While living at NOM, Nate is drugged and left immobile. Ilya tells us the court was told that he was instructing his son to shake (as though he was having seizures) and that Ilya was

causing Nate's agitation which caused a decrease in their already limited visits, and Nate's solitary confinement. Ilya believes that the control of the money for Nate's care was the motivation for Nate's kidnapping. Ilya stated the following in his plea:

THEY ARE EVIL AND WILL CONTINUE IN THE COVER UP AND EXTERMINATION OF MY SON WITHOUT ANY RESTRICTIONS.

THE REGIONAL CENTER IS A TRAP FOR ITS CLIENTS, OWNING CLIENT'S LIVES, SINCE OCRC STARTED TO PROVIDE "SERVICES" FROM PUBLIC FUNDING:

- 1. Considering that OCRC orchestrated kidnapping Nate on the basis of false accusations.*
- 2. Considering that OCRC is a cause of embarrassment to DDS and County Public offices in order to trap their clients as slaves for financial gain.*
- 3. Considering that OCRC disregards the constitution and law and violates the Lanterman Act to extract public money for the OCRC and their proxies for profiteering.*
- 4. Considering that OCRC orchestrates kidnapping, financial fraud, perjuries, habitual lying, and engaging public offices in organized crime.*
- 5. Considering that Nate's health has been deteriorating rapidly since Nate was removed from the family and placed into a group home.*
- 6. Considering that staff was instructed to avoid recording and reporting that Nate has seizures and EPS daily.*
- 7. Considering that staff was instructed to decline Nate's*

medical assistance when requested and staff was instructed to call for medical assistance only when Nate has stopped breathing and is in unconsciousness.

- 8. Considering that staff withheld the information from the doctors in order to misinform the doctors about Nate's true condition of daily EPS and seizures resulting from medical experiments on Nate.*
- 9. Considering that Nate is beaten, choked, strangled until he passes out, deprived of humane treatment, and in full isolation with guards around the clock.*
- 10. Considering that Nate is being deprived of treatment, education, faith, mental and physical stimulation and kept for the sake of continuous income for OCRC, its vendor and his proxies.*
- 11. Considering that Nate's complaints and wishes are ruled out, and vital information on Nate's life has been concealed from the family and public.*
- 12. Considering that Nate is denied from appropriate diet, kosher foods, and basic needs for human survival, we may conclude:*

Nate is subjected to cruel and unusual punishment and extermination in order to retaliate against the family for freely speaking, and exposing the Organized Crime and inappropriate services, declining to submit to OCRC's intimidation, violation of constitution and law, in retaliation for defending clients' rights.

We parents have legitimate reason to be deeply concerned about Nate's health and life.

I declare under the penalty of perjury under the laws of the state of California that the forgoing is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Sincerely,

Ilya Tseglin

Nate's father

Ilya, like so many other family members want to know, where is my child, son, daughter, wife, mother, father, brother,...sister? How is state confined care an improvement over what he/she was receiving at home? Why can't my loved one live out their years among people who love and interact with them, and not bedridden among strangers? What can be gained by destroying a family's life?

How You Can Help

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California Kidnaps Elderly Brother of Medical Malpractice Attorney



Image provided by family.

by Dale Theresa
Health Impact News

“I feel dead.”

The words of Jonathan Sussman haunt his sister Nancy who came to Medical Kidnap with his story. In another adult kidnapping and elder abuse story, Nancy has lost custody of her brother to the State, which has allegedly committed him to a dementia facility.

It seems Jonathan is a genius who attended Harvard. He later would graduate with an honors degree in Mathematics from San Diego (even after his teenaged diagnosis of bipolar disease).



Nancy Sussman. Image by Joe Klein. ([Source.](#))

Nancy, a prominent medical malpractice attorney who was rumored to be retired by the courts which is causing her a loss in status and clientele, was and still is Jon's POA (power of attorney), but Scripps Mercy Hospital in San Diego, California has allegedly ignored her along with the courts in her pleas for Jon's release. Nancy reported that Jon is being held in a locked dementia facility.

My brother age 66 is bipolar. He is non violent and never homeless. According to Mercy Hospital, he had used hospital intake too much for his medical care being that he only had Medical, and his out-patient Psychiatrist Dr. Highem only spent two minutes with him, essentially giving him his prescriptions. He is not a criminal and never had problems with the law or homelessness and lived with me. I supplied third party support. Dr. Lian felt they had enough and threatened Jonathan that if he ever appeared at Mercy Hospital again they would see it would be his last time. They did.

In August, he did not have proper follow-up in a self care facility and forgot about his lithium which necessitated hospitalization at Mercy, again. This time Dr. Lian (a ...psychiatrist) planned to get a permanent conservator. Jon did not need a permanent conservator. I acted as his conservator once in his lifetime for three months. Due to a corrupt court trial (and jury trial where he was brought to Court on a gurney strapped down with a nurse and two paramedics making him appear to be 'dangerous' or 'gravely disabled'), the court appointed a conservator, but would not allow me to act as Jon's conservator, or as his attorney.

The judges were rude, loud and dishonest in regards to Jon, knowing he did not meet the criteria of gravely disabled, but they had got an agreement with Judge Stone and Judge

Shore.

Nancy believes the reasons behind what she describes as “Jon’s retirement to a dementia facility” are due to her career as an attorney in which she won her clients over 33 million dollars in awards for medical-malpractice. She, in fact, sued the same Scripps Mercy Hospital on behalf of several clients, and won.

Scripps Mercy was allegedly sanctioned and lost a lot of Medicaid funding. Nancy tells us she has always fought for what was right on behalf of those who could not. She has a 33 year legal career, but says “They retired me too.”

Nancy went on to describe how she is disrespected in court by judges and even the bailiffs who command her to “shut up!”, when trying to shed light on Jon’s case. Nancy Sussman was a whistle-blower who reported several California judges for misconduct. They then began reporting Nancy as having “retired.” She doesn’t believe she is well liked and says,

“It’s all about the money for them and they unofficially retired me. I am still legally eligible and still practice law in California.”

Nancy tells us that Jonathan was functioning well on his own, but needed what is referred to as stabilization. The NIMH (National Institute of Mental Health) website recommends that bipolar disorders be treated with medication and psychotherapy (also known as “talk therapy”). Jonathan is wheelchair-bound now because, the family tells us, his walker was taken away and he has

developed an ulcer on his foot. Jonathan is in a dementia facility with patients who cannot speak, or interact. ([NIMH page on Bipolar Disorder.](#))

Nancy states:

Mercy and Dr. Lian (the psycho-psychiatrist) sent Jonathan to a locked demented ward at Vista Knoll where he is surrounded by demented people who can not talk. I have tried desperately to get him out, but to no avail.

Meanwhile he lost his ability to walk as they have him strapped in a wheelchair with an ulcer on his foot. Before that he could walk very well with a walker.

He thinks he is dead as he is so depressed. He was locked up, not to protect the public, nor himself, but so he could not go back into Mercy Hospital (like he ever would). They have effectively changed a man with a brain disease into a second class citizen and shoot him up with Zyprexa, a very dangerous antipsychotic.

People do not understand that mental illness is just another form of physical illness and this type of treatment went out with one flew over the Cuckoo's nest. He has a home and should not be there.

Not only did Jonathan graduate from college with top honors, but also worked and lived a normal life with treatment until his retirement in later years. Mercy Hospital's actions seem to be telling the public that when they believe you are no longer viable, or have become a nuisance to their definition of "care," they can have you placed where you can no longer bother anyone.

What Nancy wants to do is bring her brother home, and make sure that no-one is force-medicated at Scripps Mercy Hospital again.

“He was fine, never violent, nor criminally active. The family was happy and caring. Jonathan was doing well.”

Bipolar-disorder is considered to be a lifelong treatment necessity. Jon knew that and went to Scripps Mercy Hospital to get himself stabilized. When Nancy entered the hallway for check-in, she says she saw her brother being pinned down to the floor by two security guards and being shot up with Zyprexa against his will, and certainly without her permission as she was then, and is still, his legal power of attorney.

Scripps Mercy Hospital’s last words to Nancy and Jon were, “We are going to break the pattern,” as though Jon was abusing the use of the hospital. Nancy related that the hospital told her Jon was coming in too much. She further explained that Jon had only been hospitalized 30 times...in the past 47 years for various health reasons and not all of those stays were with Scripps Mercy Hospital.

Nancy is asking for help from an attorney whom San Diego cannot ignore. She is angry that her brother was forced medicated against their wills. The hospital received a citation from the Advocates Office for that action, and there is another conservatorship hearing coming up. Nancy believes she was removed as Jon’s attorney without valid legal reasoning.

Who will be the attorney who fights for Jon?

The family is allowed to visit Jon once a week. Nancy stated that since now being wheelchair-bound, Jon has begun to deteriorate “unbelievably.”

“Jonathan has been locked up at Vista Knoll for a year with dementia patients, yet he does not have dementia.”

If you or a loved one is suffering from bipolar-disorder and are hesitant to contact adult services, there are federally sponsored studies that can assist in treatment and care if you qualify. If bipolar-disorder is a part of your reality follow the links below for more information on care and some no-cost medical studies provided.

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<https://namisandiego.org/services/education/>

California Family Traveling Through Texas Loses Children to CPS After Autistic Daughter Drowns in Accident



Image from video at myhighplains.com

Health Impact News

Local Texas media has been reporting the story of the Wartena family, who recently had been returning to California from vacation and stopped in Texas along the way. Tragically, their oldest daughter who was autistic wandered away from their hotel and drowned in a nearby lake. Wandering or “eloping” is a common issue parents of children with autism are familiar with.

Local police intervened and the parents' other four children were immediately taken away by Texas social services and held for over a week. On one of the visitations, the parents noticed that one of their children had bruises all over his body, as he had suffered in foster care. Thanks to local media's coverage of the situation, CPS quickly returned the other children and the parents went on their way back to California.

Here are some local media reports of this tragic situation and state-sponsored kidnapping of children from a grieving family.

[Amarillo officials investigate fencing around lake after drowning](#)

[Parents of Alexis Wartena allege 'mental torture' by police](#)

[Wartena children returned to family amid injury accusation](#)

Local Texas attorney Jesse Quackenbush represented the family, and **[filed an official complaint](#)** against the Amarillo Police Department for detaining the parents while they were still searching for their daughter, and aiding CPS in abducting the remaining children.

Medical Kidnapping in Los Angeles: 2 Day Old Infant Seized at Hospital From Mother



Photo supplied by family.

UPDATE 9/19/2016

[Los Angeles Mom Watches in Horror as Medically Kidnapped Baby Taken Away by Angry Woman \(Video\)](#)

UPDATE 8/9/2016

Lori appeared in court on Monday August 8th, and afterwards posted this on her Facebook Page, before taking it down:

So, due to the fact that our trial has been continued until August 19, and the judge basically told me to shut up today (they had printed out copies of the medical kidnap article with them in the courtroom today, too) – I need to temporarily deactivate my account...So, I will be doing so tonight.

Please pm me if you want my email address to stay in touch over the next couple weeks, and you can also visit www.mommyishere.com for updates (as soon as I learn how to effectively navigate the updates on that website!??)

Thank you so much to everyone who has been so supportive through this past month. This part of the nightmare will be over soon, InshaAllah. God bless all of you, and to every family going through this same horror – you are in my prayers non-stop!!

Health Impact News has learned that the judge presiding over Lori's case, and who apparently is trying to gag Lori, is Los Angeles County Commissioner Stephen Marpet. LaCourt.org lists Commissioner Marpet's phone number as (323) 307-8010.

Lori apparently has no idea where her baby is at this time.

Medical Kidnapping in Los Angeles: 2 Day Old Infant Seized at Hospital From Mother

Health Impact News/MedicalKidnap.com staff

A California mother had her newborn child kidnapped in Los Angeles earlier this month (July 2016). Lori Ibrahim had her 2-day old infant seized from her right after giving birth at Kaiser Permanente South Bay Medical Center. Apparently, Los Angeles County Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS) and doctors at Kaiser determined that this mother, who already was parenting a five year old son that she was awarded sole custody in a divorce case, was a danger to her newborn son, and removed him from her care while she was trying to breast-feed him.

Why?

That's the question that Lori and her husband have been asking the past couple of weeks, as not only has DCFS taken away their newborn baby, but also her 5 year old son in what appears to be another tragic case of State-sponsored medical kidnapping, where the State steps in and takes children away from good parents for reasons other than abuse.

Unbeknownst to her, Lori was given a urine drug test at the hospital that she was never informed about, nor had given consent. Since she had been prescribed medications by her OB Gyn during pregnancy, and because she had received drugs from the hospital during the birth of her baby who was delivered by a surgical cesarean procedure, it is not surprising that the drug test was positive.

A drug test was then taken for the baby, and the baby tested clean for the presence of any drugs. Nevertheless, doctors ordered DCFS to take custody of the baby away from his mother, and treat the baby with methadone, a powerful drug used to wean people off of drugs like heroin. Lori was not only robbed of her children, but declared to be a child abuser with no formal charges, no proper investigation, and no trial or chance to defend herself, effectively ending her 15 year

career as a child educator.

Lori contacted [National Safe Child](#) and Health Impact News recently, as she wants the world to hear her story, and to understand the injustice done to her family with LA County DCFS apparently conspiring with medical professionals to kidnap her children.

Prescription Medication OK'd by Physicians While Pregnant, but Used Against her After Baby is Born



Photos supplied by family.

The reason given to Lori by doctors and social workers as to why they were taking her 2-day old infant away from her, was that her urine had tested positive for opioids, and that therefore, she was a danger to her children. According to DCFS documentation, a neonatal intensive care unit (NICU) nurse made a complaint against the mother, and did so anonymously. Medical professionals are “mandatory reporters” when it comes to alleged child abuse, and anonymous reports of abuse by *mandated reporters* is not the normal course of action. So why was it allowed in Lori’s case?

In addition, Lori states that she was never asked to take a drug test, and that she never gave permission for them to take a drug test.

Lori’s birth was by cesarean surgery, during which she was under general anesthesia and given various drugs by IV, including pain medication and blood pressure medication. Lori states that even after the surgery and birth, they were giving her dilaudid by IV drip. According to Lori, this was the first time she had ever received this drug, and she was not clear why they were giving it to her.

When she was told that her urine tested positive for opioids, she stated that they should talk to her OB-Gyn physician who prescribed medications to her during her pregnancy. She says that she never took any medications that were not prescribed to her, and deemed safe for her unborn baby.

Medical Marijuana

She was also prescribed medical marijuana for alternate fibroid pain care and nausea, which would not show up as an opioid in a urine test, but nevertheless was used against her in the DCFS report. Medical marijuana is legal in the State of

California, and can be prescribed like any other drug by a physician.

Oddly, the medical marijuana usage was used against her husband in a DCFS report, which stated:

The Department is concerned with father's ability to protect given he has no concern about mother using marijuana during pregnancy and completely denies mother has any mental issues....

It is another strange twist of logic to be accused of both “mental issues” and medical marijuana usage prescribed by a doctor, when in fact medical marijuana is commonly used today as a replacement therapy for mental disorders, as it is much safer than almost all other anti-psychotic medications which have terrible side effects, and are highly addictive.

Baby Tested Clean for Presence of Drugs, but Prescribed Withdrawal Medication Anyway



Photo courtesy of family.

On July 11th, just 3 days after his birth and 2 days *before* DCFS took custody, a drug test showed that the baby was completely clean of any drugs.

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ROI LAB AND RESULTS

BOY A LORI
MRN: 000025213207
DOB: 7/8/2016, Sex: M
Adm: 7/8/2016, D/C:

DRUG OF ABUSE SCREEN (AMP, BZD, COC, OPI, PCP, OXYCOD, MDMA, THC) USING AUTOMATED ANALYZER [927038700]
(continued)

Resulted: 07/11/16 1440, Result status: Fir
res

AMPHETAMINE, UR, QL, SCREENING TEST	Negative	Negative	-	956
BENZODIAZEPIN ES, URINE SCREEN	Negative	Negative	-	956
COCAINE, UR, QL, SCREENING TEST	Negative	Negative	-	956
OPIATES, URINE, QL	Negative	Negative	-	956
PHENCYCLIDIN E, URINE SCREEN	Negative	Negative	-	956
THC, URINE	Negative	Negative	-	956
MDA/MDMA, URINE, SCREEN	Negative	Negative	-	956
OXYCODONE, UR, QL, SCREENING TEST	Negative	Negative	-	956
PH, URINE	5.6	5.0 - 8.0	-	956

Comment

ph <= 3.0 or >= 11.0 = Adulterated
ph between 3.1 and 4.9 = Abnormal Low
ph between 5.0 and 8.0 = Normal
ph > 8.0 = Abnormal High

Not only did the drug tests on the new baby turn up negative, other hospital reports showed that he was in good health. This is the hospital report from July 9th, the day after his birth:

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BOY A LORI

MRN: 000025213207
 DOB: 7/8/2016, Sex: M
 Adm: 7/8/2016, DIC:

Progress Notes by Pun, Priti (D.O.), D.O. at 7/9/2016 6:19 PM (continued)

U	Unmeasured Urine (#)	1x	1x	2x	1x		1x
	Other						
	Unmeasured Stool (#)	1x	1x	2x	2x		2x
	Shift Total						

Last wet diaper: Unmeasured Urine (#): 1 (07/09/16 1400)
 Last stool: Unmeasured Stool (#): 1 (07/09/16 1400)

Physical Examination:

Pulse 144 | Temp(Src) 98.9 °F (37.2 °C) | Resp 68 | Ht 44 cm (17.32") | Wt 2218 g (4 lb 14.2 oz) | BMI 11.46
 kg/m² | HC 32 cm | SpO₂ 98%

General: Well appearing, vigorous infant, infant SGA, alert, but calm

Chest/Lungs: Chest: symmetrical and clavicles intact, Respirations: regular without retractions, nasal flaring or grunting. Breath sounds: clear and equal bilaterally

Cardiovascular: regular rate and rhythm, no murmur

Abdomen: soft, non-distended, no masses, no organomegaly

Skin: no cyanosis or pallor, mild jaundice noted

Neurological: Normal muscle tone, no high pitched cry or irritability noted

Labs: No results found for this basename: aborb, datcord, tbill:3, wbc, rbc, HGB, HCT, mcv, RDWBLD, PLT, NEUT, NEUTpc, BANDpc, RBCNUCAUTO, LYMPH, LYMPHPC, MONO, BASOPC, EOS, EOSINOPC
 Biitool™

PROCEDURES DURING THIS HOSPITALIZATION:

none

NEWBORN SCREENING:

Metabolic:

Newborn Screen: COMPLETED Newborn Screen ID#: 3091043573

TCB

TCB Reading: 1 Hours of Age: 24

Infant Pulse Oximetry Screen:

First Pulse Oximetry Screen: Pass (07/09/16 1330)

Final PreDuctal (Screen): 98 (07/09/16 1330)

Results PostDuctal (Screen): 100 (07/09/16 1330)

NEWBORN HEARING SCREENING:

Newborn Hearing Status: Needed

Nevertheless, on July 13th the baby was put on methadone, a powerful drug used to wean people off of drugs like heroin. Lori was shocked.

**5 Year Old Son Also Taken Into Custody -
 Removed from the "Only Home He Ever
 Knew"**



Lori visiting both children who are now under the control of DCFS.

When DCFS social workers asked Lori, while still in the hospital and recovering from surgery, where her 5 year old son was, she refused to tell them. But they found him anyway, and took him into custody also.

On July 27th during a supervised visit with DCFS, her 5 year old met his newborn brother for the first time.

https://youtu.be/MU6hV98k_oU

Outstanding School Teacher of Young Children for 15 Years

Lori has never been arrested, and has a 15 year employment history as a school teacher of young children. She has received numerous awards and accolades throughout the years, and was known as a teacher that exceeded the standards of her employment. She is known as an exemplary role model for her young students.

Communication with Co-workers (Staff member's communication with co-workers is constructive in nature. Staff member does not engage in gossip and stops gossip when it occurs)

The employee:

- Exceeds requirements
- Meets requirements
- Sometimes meets requirements
- Needs improvement
- Unsatisfactory
- Not Observed

Comments: Lori does not engage in gossip, rather she promotes a gossip-free environment that is rooted and grounded in biblical truth and teachings. We commend Lori for her leadership in building and modeling a positive, productive and gossip-free work environment.

Directors and Assistant Directors Comments and Goals

Lori is a committed member of the Bel Air Preschool Staff. She has completed her first school year at Bel Air Preschool as a CO Teacher. Lori makes every effort to meet the individual needs of each child while providing a developmentally appropriate and engaging environment. Lori is admired by parents in her class. She gives value to each parent and child and respects each family's individual choices for their child. Lori has a great discernment when working with parents to help them through their last year of preschool. Lori is a fantastic teacher and we are blessed to have her share her knowledge, gifts and talents with the children at Bel Air Preschool.

Lori survived and prevailed through a difficult and strenuous year with her teaching partner. From the beginning Lori sought mentoring and advice from Andrea and Teri; she did her best to be objective, compassionate and grace-oriented in her relationship with Karen. As mentioned in the review questions, the only specific area we would like to see improvement next year is in Lori recognizing and being aware of her tendency to be challenging and defensive when in conflict. Her recognition and awareness of this tendency will help her to become an approachable, objective mentor who models and facilitates the highest professional standards in communication and resolution.

It is an honor and pleasure to work with and know Lori. We look forward to another year of partnering with her to offer the best quality in education, relationships and ministry together.

I acknowledge that I have received this review and contract from my administrator and that all information and contents are to remain confidential from all Bel Air Presbyterian Church and Preschool staff. My signature acknowledges that I have received a copy of this review and contract.

Employee's Signature

Date



6-28-07

Assistant Director's Signature

Date



7/24/07

Director's Signature

Date

**Total Disregard to Due Process of Law –
Career and Life Ruined Overnight**

NOTICE OF CHILD ABUSE CENTRAL INDEX LISTING

NAME OF ALLEGED SUSPECT Lori Ibrahim	COUNTY OF Los Angeles
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The Los Angeles County Child Welfare Services agency has completed an investigation of alleged child abuse or severe neglect and determined that the allegations of abuse or severe neglect are substantiated. Pursuant to Penal Code Section 11169(b), this notice that the finding of substantiated abuse or severe neglect was sent to the California Department of Justice (DOJ) for inclusion in the Child Abuse Central Index (CACI). The CACI contains certain information that enables authorized entities to locate investigations of alleged child abuse or severe neglect conducted by county child welfare departments.

Law enforcement agencies, court investigators, probation departments and district attorneys may use the CACI when investigating allegations of child abuse or neglect. The CACI is also used by licensing agencies and county welfare agencies to investigate persons who apply for licenses or employment to care for children in licensed facilities. If any of these agencies receive information from the CACI that there was a prior investigation of child abuse or severe neglect, they are required to conduct an independent review of the child abuse or severe neglect investigation.

REPORTS OF SUSPECTED CHILD ABUSE MAINTAINED BY DOJ ARE CONFIDENTIAL AND MAY ONLY BE DISCLOSED TO STATUTORILY AUTHORIZED PARTIES (PENAL CODE SECTION 11167.5)

The County has determined that the allegation of child abuse or severe neglect against you is substantiated

A substantiated finding is defined by Penal Code section 11165.12(b) to mean that the investigator who conducted the investigation determined that, based upon the evidence, it was more likely than not that child abuse or neglect occurred.

The term child abuse and neglect is defined by Penal Code section 11165.6. This determination is based on the following information discovered during the investigation:

NAME OF ALLEGED VICTIM(S) Baby Boy
DATE(S) AND LOCATION(S) THE ALLEGED ABUSE OR SEVERE NEGLECT OCCURRED [REDACTED]
THE SPECIFIC ACT(S) OF ABUSE OR SEVERE NEGLECT ALLEGED AGAINST YOU BEING AS FOLLOWS Substantiated: Severe Neglect (Baby Boy [REDACTED])
REFERRAL NUMBER D487-8726-5886-0088416

No action on your part is required at this time. However, if you want to challenge your listing on the CACI, you must complete the enclosed Request for Grievance Hearing form, and mail it to the following address:

Department of Children and Family Services
425 Gatto Place
Los Angeles, CA 90020
Attn: Michael Watrobski, Chief Grievance Review Officer

You must mail the completed Request for Grievance Hearing form no later than 30 days from the date of this notice. As part of the grievance hearing procedures, you may inspect all records and evidence related to investigation of the referral, except signature line of the Request for Grievance Hearing form. For more information, you can contact:

COUNTY STAFF PERSON	PHONE	DATE
Jwanetta Mateos	(213) 639-4500	07/13/2016

Lori gave birth to a healthy (according to Kaiser medical records) baby boy at Kaiser Permanente on July 8th, 2016. On July 9th, social workers and doctors began to question her while still in the hospital, 1 day after the birth of her baby boy, because they took a drug urine test from her without her knowledge or consent.

Then 3 days later on July 13, 2016, as can be seen by the date on the document above, with no formal charges filed in a

criminal court, with allegedly no home investigation, with allegedly no interview with family physicians, with no trial or chance to see the charges or defend herself against those charges, LA County “substantiated” a charge of “severe neglect” and removed the baby from the custody of his biological mother who was breastfeeding him in the hospital.

Just two days earlier, as can be seen above, lab tests had shown that the baby was clean of any drugs. There was no signature on the notice. Only the typed in name of *Jeanette Mateos* as “County Staff Person.”

Lori’s 15 year career as a respected and loved teacher is now basically over. She is now listed as a “child abuser,” and it is highly unlikely that she will ever be able to teach again, due to the actions of LA County DCFS. Even if she fights back and wins her case, it can take many years to get taken off of a child abuse registry.

Baby Taken Away from Mother with No Trial – To Be Put Into Foster Care

Only July 13th, doctors ordered that the baby be taken away from Lori, and a court apparently upheld that order. Dr. Rohit Passi of Kaiser signed the initial recommendation for DCFS to take the child, and Dr. Cathy Hwang stated that a court upheld this decision, and that the baby was to be put into foster care “when medically cleared.”

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IBRAHIM, BOY A LORI
MRN: 000025213207
DOB: 7/8/2016, Sex: M
Adm: 7/8/2016, D/C:

Progress Notes by Hwang, Cathy (M.D.), M.D. at 7/14/2016 8:56 AM (continued)

7/13: Court has upheld hospital hold. Infant to be placed in foster care when medically cleared.

Please direct all questions about placement to her CPS worker.

Dr. Hwang had a long discussion with mom regarding medical management, specifically the methadone. Mom believes "the methadone is poison" and does not want her child to receive it. She is requesting it to be stopped. I explained that methadone needs to be weaned and cannot be stopped suddenly. She is requesting for her personal non-Kaiser pediatrician to examine him and review his records. I explained to her that she is free to share with her pediatrician the medical records she has requested. In terms of her pediatrician visiting, I advised her to talk to her CPS worker first.

Electronically signed by:

CATHY HWANG MD

7/14/2016

9:01 AM

Progress Notes by Passi, Rohit (M.D.), M.D. at 7/15/2016 8:22 AM

Author: Passi, Rohit (M.D.), M.D.	Service: Neonatology	Author Type: Physician
Filed: 7/15/2016 11:29 AM	Note Time: 7/15/2016 8:22 AM	Note Type: Progress Notes
Status: Addendum	Editor: Passi, Rohit (M.D.), M.D. (Physician)	
Related Notes:	Original Note by Passi, Rohit (M.D.), M.D. (Physician) filed at 7/15/2016 8:28 AM	

NICU PROGRESS NOTE

DEPARTMENT: NICU

AGE: Gestational Age: 38w6d + Current Age: Day of Life: 7 = Corrected Gestational Age: 38

PAST MEDICAL HISTORY

None

PROBLEM LIST & CHIEF COMPLAINT:

Patient Active Problem List

SUSPECTED NEGLECT CHILD ABUSE MANDATORY REPORT [ADMIN CODE]

Date Noted: 07/09/2016

Electronically signed by:

MARISOL BARRAGAN, MSW

Medical Social Worker II

Spanish QBS level II interpreter

Department of Social Medicine

Hospital Office: 1014

All of this happened within 5 days of the baby being born.

How could a healthy baby be prescribed powerful drugs, be taken away from his breast-feeding mother while still in the hospital, and the mother have her life and career destroyed, all in the span of 5 days?

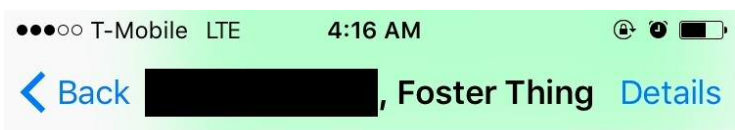
Baby Suffering in Foster Care

After the hospital released the newborn baby into foster care, Lori went for a supervised visit with her baby and the new foster parent, but they never showed up. She did not know if her baby was even alive at that point.

<https://youtu.be/2yl1w-inE-E>

Lori has stated that her baby is no longer as alert as he had been, when she has had a chance to see him during supervised visits. The foster parent allegedly recently stated that the baby had to be taken to the emergency room for “breathing fast.” The hospital allegedly could not find anything wrong with him, but gave him oxygen and albuterol anyway. Chest x-rays were allegedly taken as well.

Lori states that she had arranged to have a phone call with the foster parent Saturday night (July 30th) to discuss the medical condition of her son. The phone number for the foster parent, however, just connected to a fax machine. The foster parent apparently works outside of the home, and has “other kids to care for,” as can be seen by this text message she sent to Lori at 3:22 a.m. in the morning.



Today 3:22 AM

Lori, it's me [REDACTED]. I want you to know I do have a job and your baby is fine. I got home about [9:30](#). Your son is fine. I apologize about having my fax machine still plugged in. I remove it when I got home. I am very tired and sleepy from work. I can't take calls from you all the time as I have my life and other kids to care for. So you can call once or twice a week. You will see your baby at visitation. Thanks for the call.



Mother Interviewed on the National Safe Child Show

Lori was interviewed by host Tammi Stefano of the National Safe Child show on Friday July 29th. Listen to Lori give details about this incredible medical kidnapping, and judge for yourself if this is a woman who deserves to be labeled as someone who is a drug addict and suffering from mental disease.

After watching this shocking interview, it is unlikely that you will ever view the United States of America the same again.

https://youtu.be/qq1U1_sQcCc

Supporters of the family have put up a blog to follow the progress of this story:

MommysHere.com

Want to read more about the lawlessness and horrors of LA County DCFS, *the largest child social services agency in the world?*

Here you go:

[Medically Kidnapped Child in LA County DCFS Care Dies – Father Vows to Expose Criminal Social Workers](#)



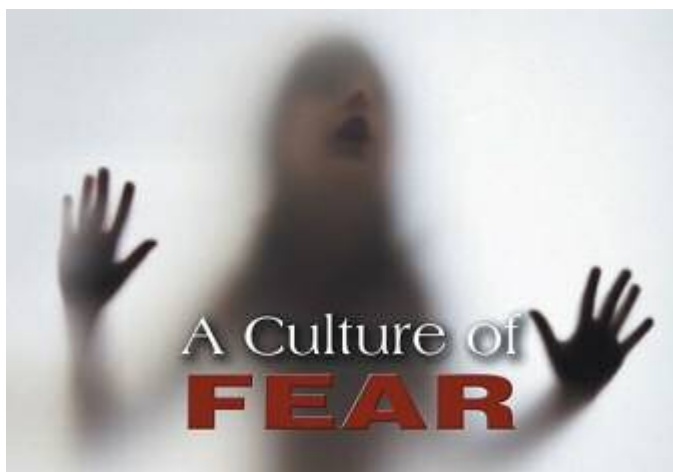
Medical Director of LA Child Welfare Testifies Under Oath That He Does Not Know the Law Regarding Seizure of Children



Child Sex Trafficking through Child “Protection” Services Exposed in LA - Kidnapping Children for Sex



Former LA County Social Worker Reveals Corruption in Child “Protection” Services



LA County DCFS Whistleblower Reveals how Parents are Losing Their Children to a Corrupt System



Whistleblower in LA County DCFS Reveals Corruption in Child Kidnapping



LA County Bribing Judges Declared Illegal: But Who Will Uphold Justice in LA?



Los Angeles Father Loses Daughter to Corrupt Court – Thousands Petition to Remove Rocky Crabb from the Bench



Harvard-trained Beverly Hills Doctor Mom Has 4 Children Kidnapped by LA County DCFS



UCLA Medical Doctors and LA County Medically Kidnap Paramedic and Film Producer's Daughter



Teenage Girl Speaks Out About Being Medically Kidnapped in Los Angeles



Los Angeles County DCFS Horror Story: Baby Kidnapped for Two Years and Innocent Mother Incarcerated



Breastfed Babies Kidnapped by CPS Because Parents were "Homeless" Living out of RV



California Columnist Exposes Corrupt Practices of Child Protection Services



California's Crisis: 1 Out of Every 4 Children in California's Foster Care Prescribed Powerful Psychiatric Drugs



Youth in L.A. County's Foster Center Recruited for Prostitution: Should be Closed Immediately



LA County DCFS Continues to Allow Corruption in Foster Care System



Los Angeles County Sued for Millions in Medical Kidnapping Case



CA Jury Awards \$3.1 Million in Damages to Mother Whose Baby Was Seized Without a Warrant, Accused of Munchausen Syndrome by Proxy

by **Monica Mears**
Health Impact News

After a six-year court battle, a mother in Los Angeles who lost custody of her 15-month-old baby through false abuse charges won a major battle for parental rights last week.

When Rafaelina Duval's son Ryan was seized by L.A. County Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS) in 2010, she was falsely accused of intentionally starving him. He had

been diagnosed by a pediatrician with “failure to thrive,” but the doctor at the time also noted that the child was in no immediate danger, according to Duval’s attorney, Shawn McMillan.

Not only did DCFS seize her baby, but they ordered no reunification because they claimed Duval would starve her baby to get attention due to Munchausen syndrome by proxy (MSBP) a rare, widely discredited mental disorder often used (and misused) against mothers by social workers across the country. The basis for DCFS’ claim – that Duval’s baby was underweight and she was taking him to doctors to find out what was wrong with him – sounds more like what any concerned, responsible mother would do, not some twisted form of child abuse.

See:

[World Renowned Medical Anthropologist Compares Munchausen Syndrome by Proxy Labeling to Witch Hunts](#)

In a stunning blow to Los Angeles County, the jury found that its DCFS social workers “intentionally and willfully” seized her child without a warrant, and did so “with malice.” Additionally, the jury found that the county DCFS had “an official custom and/or practice of seizing children from their parents without a warrant” and failed “to enact an official policy or procedure when it should have done so.”

See:

Mom stripped of son wins \$3M from social workers

“The law is very clear, and they (social workers) get special training on this. You cannot seize a child from its parents unless there’s an emergency,” stated McMillan in an interview with FOX 11, a local TV station.

The jury awarded Duval \$2.94 million in compensatory damages, plus \$165,000 after finding in a separate verdict that she was the victim of discrimination, since she suffers from a lifelong tremor disorder, which social workers wrongfully claimed interfered with her ability to feed and care for her child. The money awarded for punitive damages will come directly from the social workers.

“Money is not everything. And no money can satisfy how I feel,” Duval told FOX 11’s reporter as she choked back tears. The win is bittersweet, since she is still pursuing custody of her son. ([Source.](#))

Suing a county’s child protective services agency is extremely rare, notes Duval’s attorney, Shawn McMillan, who specializes in civil rights cases against child protection agencies. He has been awarded the “Street Fighter of the Year” award for defending family rights and taking on the abuses of social service agencies in California.

“You have to have a fire in your belly,” to fight CPS, he said in an interview with Medical Kidnap. “It’s not considered ‘sexy’ or high profile.”

McMillan was a highly successful lawyer prior to taking on CPS cases. “I was like a mercenary. I was good at it – very good.”

But when he took Deanna Fogerty’s case in 2007, his eyes were opened. Deanna had her daughters taken from her wrongfully for six years, and sued Orange County. McMillan fought her case all the way up to the Supreme Court, where Fogerty finally won.

Now, he says:

“I don’t trust these guys (CPS) farther than I can throw them.”

“No one does this,” McMillan pointed out, noting the lack of lawsuits against CPS agencies nationwide, despite the widespread abuses of power.

“I hope other parents, other attorneys will take up the fight with these guys,” he said. “Taking kids is a one billion dollar industry – do you really think they’ll just stop? These cases will hopefully show others that the government does bleed.”

McMillan acknowledges that Duval’s case has a fairly narrow Constitutional application: specifically defining parents’ 4th amendment (freedom from unreasonable searches and seizures) and 14th amendment rights (due process).

“This case demonstrated that our community still places a high value on the Constitution. They cannot seize a child

from a mother without a warrant.”

Duval’s successful case may positively affect several other cases McMillan is pursuing, including class action lawsuits against Orange County and Riverside County in California, both of which are also accused of kidnapping thousands of children without a warrant.

See:

[California Orange County CPS Sued for Kidnapping More than 5,000 Children](#)

[“Street Fighter” Attorney Takes On Riverside California CPS with Class Action Lawsuit](#)

“Nobody, especially the government, is above the law,” McMillan said in a recent local news interview. “You don’t seize a child from a mother until there is a life-threatening emergency.”

California Attorney Shawn McMillan on Why He Fights CPS: "They're Stealing Kids"

<https://youtu.be/N61hPVD38rw>

Health Impact News

California civil rights attorney Shawn McMillan recently sat down and spoke with [Tammi Stefano of the National Safe Child](#) show regarding his work in litigating against corruption within Child Protection Services (CPS).

McMillan gained national headlines at the end of 2016 in a case against Los Angeles County Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS) when a jury awarded his client, Rafaelina Duval, \$3.1 million in damages for wrongfully seizing her child. See:

[Los Angeles County Sued for Millions in Medical Kidnapping Case](#)

In this interview with Tammi Stefano, McMillan explains how he makes his living by exclusively suing county and state agencies that are involved in child abuse investigations, and violate parents' and children's Constitutional rights by misrepresenting facts to the court, either when they remove the children from the home, or afterwards.

He states that he does his work reluctantly:

*Because I make a business out of [this], that's a bad thing.
People like me should not be able to exist in a free society.*

McMillan states that the handful of attorneys like him in California that make their living from suing CPS because they are violating the civil rights of children and parents are all busy, and that this is indicative of a very deep rooted problem. McMillan believes that the problems in CPS are symptomatic of problems in all government agencies:

Because they just have too much unchecked power, and nobody can do anything about it.

County Agencies in California Oppose McMillan's Work



While there is always more work than McMillan's firm can handle, he stated that some cases require a lot more effort than others, and he referenced [Rafaelina Duval's case](#) that he had just finished at the end of 2016:

The county put a line in the sand, and they just said “we are not going to resolve this case, or any more cases [with you].”

It was a personal issue, which was fine with me. When I get into a fight, I am going to fight. And that’s why I am there...

So when they draw a line in the sand, and say “oh, no more,” that’s good. Because then we all know where we’re going and what we’re doing. There’s no more playing Mr. Nice Guy.

At one point in the interview McMillan admitted that when he first started his work, Orange County was not happy with what he was doing, and he had concerns that they would come after his kids. They actually had plans to quickly leave the country if the government came after his family. His children are older now, and he no longer has that fear.

“They’re Stealing Kids” – Corrupt Social Workers the Norm – Good Social Workers Don’t Last

When Stefano asks McMillan why he does this, why he is so passionate about it, McMillan states:

They’re stealing kids.

He goes on to state that he knows there are some good social workers out there who are truly needed, and are doing their best to look out for the interest of abused children.

But these are not the types of social workers he comes across in his practice. According to McMillan, the good social

workers don't last. The good ones only last a year or two, and McMillan said that when he deposes social workers in a lawsuit, he can usually tell within the first 20 minutes which ones are new and will be gone in a year or two, and which ones are "lifers" who will stay in the system long term, and he states that this later group is "rotten to the core."

You can't stay there and not be tainted. And those ones generally... I'll get them. They don't know – they don't prepare well, and they don't know what's coming. And we'll get them. We'll lay little traps for them, and they'll step right into them, and we'll nail them.

CPS Agencies Inherently Corrupt

He explains why the system is difficult for good social workers to stay in the agencies:

What we have is a system that is inherently corrupt, in that the entire funding scheme, where all these county agencies... are funded by the same federal funding schemes. And those federal funding schemes are tied to the number of kids in the system... If they don't take children [into custody], their agency dies.

Stefano asks McMillan:

Are children on a daily basis removed wrongly from their parents? Is it a daily activity of the agency?

McMillan replies:

In my view it is. And this jury (Duval case), and this part of the verdict was unanimous, all 12 jurors agreed that the County of Los Angeles, as a matter of custodian practice, regularly snatches children from their parents [illegally] without a warrant when there is no emergency. So, yeah, it happens every day!

(See: [Medical Director of LA Child Welfare Testifies Under Oath That He Does Not Know the Law Regarding Seizure of Children](#) which is a recorded deposition taken by Shawn McMillan in the Duval case.)

Watch the entire interview:

<https://youtu.be/N61hPVD38rw>

Other articles on Attorney Shawn McMillan:

[Los Angeles County Sued for Millions in Medical Kidnapping Case](#)

[Medical Director of LA Child Welfare Testifies Under Oath That He Does Not Know the Law Regarding Seizure of Children](#)

[California Orange County CPS Sued for Kidnapping More than 5,000 Children](#)

San Diego Police: “We’re Not Changing Anything”
- Seizure of Children to Continue

California Mom Who Lost Newborn Baby at Hospital Cleared of Drug Charges, but Still Does Not Have Children Back



Lori and her boys at a visit. Source: www.mommyishere.com blog.

by Health Impact News/MedicalKidnap.com Staff

A beloved California schoolteacher is still fighting to get her children back 9 months after they were ripped away from her by Child Protective Services. Lori Ibrahim's two-day old breastfeeding baby was seized by Los Angeles County Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS) after Kaiser Permanente South Bay Medical Center accused her of drug abuse. The only drugs in her system were properly prescribed medications, but social workers used the positive drug screen as grounds to seize baby Youssef and his 5-year

old brother Kian.

See original story:

[Medical Kidnapping in Los Angeles: 2 Day Old Infant Seized at Hospital From Mother](#)

Lori recorded this video shortly after her baby was taken away from her:

<https://youtu.be/2yl1w-inE-E>

Since that time, Lori has allegedly cooperated with every demand that DCFS has placed on her, including submission to a gag order to be silent and take down her Facebook page.

Social workers have created an image of the mother to present to the court which seems to serve their apparent agenda of keeping the family apart.

The reports, however, from the psychologist and other therapists that Lori has been compelled to see paint a vastly different picture. That picture is consistent with the reports from those who have worked with Lori and the parents whose young children Lori has taught in school during her 15 year career, a career that is now closed to her because of the DCFS allegations.

Lori Ibrahim presented evidence to *Health Impact News* and to the court that she was innocent of the charges that were used to seize her children. The court has reportedly dismissed the substance abuse allegations, finding that, as she said from the very beginning, she was only taking properly prescribed medications.

Yet, it hasn't made a difference – her boys are still not home.

Therapists Confirm Lori's Exemplary Record – DCFS Ignores It

When *Health Impact News* first reported Lori's story last July (2016), we reported what our investigation found about Lori:

She has received numerous awards and accolades throughout the years, and was known as a teacher that exceeded the standards of her employment. She is known as an exemplary role model for her young students.

Since that time, *Health Impact News* has received documents which confirm that assessment and contradict the accusations that DCFS social workers used to justify the seizure of her children.

One report comes from a social worker with a parenting class that Lori was ordered to participate in. She describes Lori as a “welcome addition” to the group. According to the report, the social worker found Lori to:

communicat[e] well with other members and group members and group facilitators....While Mrs. Ibrahim was the only mother in the group who did not have her children present, Mrs. Ibrahim persevered and was observed as being interactive and comfortable while utilizing both her teaching and parenting skills with the children. The children were observed as being receptive and enjoying the activities.

Another report comes from a Licensed Clinical Psychologist with over 30 years experience who has worked with more than 500 custody cases. The psychologist is on the list of Child Custody Evaluators accepted for court cases.

Her evaluation presents a stark contrast to the DCFS report and is based upon interviews and a battery of psychological tests.

Regarding the DCFS allegations that Lori abuses drugs, the psychologist states:

It was found that Lori does not have an addiction problem. This would be strongly against her religion, her behaviors, and daily living.

Lori has a prescription for medical marijuana. She has suffered with a painful fibroid during pregnancy. She informed her doctor about her medication and trusted that it was prescribed by Kaiser [hospital], therefore it would be viewed as temporarily necessary until the birth of her child.

There was no evidence that Lori was abusing prescribed medications. Lori was prescribed medications for her severe pain that she experienced when pregnant. She took her doctor's advice regarding her medication and was relieved of some of her pain.

After her baby was born, the pressure of her uterine fibroid was relieved and she stopped the medication. A urine screen was given (that would not [be] admissible in any court) after the birth of the baby. The results were positive for [the medications that she was prescribed].

Despite the lack of evidence, Lori was mislabeled a drug

addict who would not be able to care for her baby.



Lori and Kian have always had a close bond. Photo source: Ibrahim family.

After Lori's children were taken from her based on these properly prescribed medications, DCFS accused Lori of being mentally ill. The psychologist refutes that assessment, stating that there is "not enough evidence to support" such diagnoses. She reports:

Lori Ibrahim does not have a mental illness. She presented as a mentally stable individual who is currently experiencing the traumatic event of losing her children. She has provided a

healthy and loving home environment for her son and has given birth to a healthy newborn. She has been placed on monitored visitation, lost her teaching job and income, and has been facing the trauma of her losses.

She describes Lori as having:

a long and constant history of working with young children, while raising her son with her husband. Her colleague [name redacted] reported that she has been an excellent teacher and parent guide, but after social services became involved, she could no longer teach.

Additionally:

She has no history of being a danger to herself or to her child.

There have been no negative reports from family members, teaching colleagues, parents she has treated, or friends. There has been no concerns about her mental health. She has often been requested to be their child's teacher by the parents. She has been a tutor who has a following of students.

Psychologist – Separation Is Traumatizing to Children

The psychologist recognizes a basic fact that seems to elude virtually every person working within the Child Protective System and adoption and foster care industry – that is,

separation of parent and child causes trauma to the child.

Regarding Kian, she says:

A five-year-old who has been removed from a stable environment can be traumatized when taken from the primary parent.

The trauma may be even worse for baby Youssef, she continues:

The research that has been achieved on newborn infants is limited, but reveals that both the mother and the child are significantly wounded when separated.

Cutting-edge research indicates that the experience in the womb and the early moments of birth and infancy are the most formative moments of our lives, shaping who we become. Many professionals who work with families do not realize the significance of the mother-baby bond. It is well-known an infant becomes aware while in the uterus as development occurs.

Child Development Specialist, Susan Hois, stated, "Separation from or loss of parents due to death, divorce, incarceration or removal to foster care will have a major impact on the child's psychological development and possibly on his cognitive and physical development as well."

These statements are consistent with the findings of experts in the relatively new field of prenatal and perinatal psychology, who confirm that the events in the "primal

period,” as Dr. Michel Odent calls it, have a deeply profound impact on the rest of a person’s life.

The Association for Prenatal and Perinatal Psychology and Health (APPPAH) states that:

APPPAH educates professionals and the public, worldwide, that a baby’s experience of conception, pregnancy, and birth creates lifelong consequences for individuals, families, and society.

The late Dr. David Chamberlain, one of the founding members of APPPAH and author of the groundbreaking book, *Babies Remember Birth*, wrote:

Babies know the destructive impact of rejection and separation. Ever since the pace-setting work of pediatricians Klaus and Kennell on maternal-infant bonding in 1976, attention has been repeatedly drawn to the destructive effects of untimely separations.... Separation is both a physical and emotional experience for a baby and can begin anytime in the womb or after birth. Whenever it occurs, it is a stroke of violence. Few things can compare with the oneness between mother and baby during gestation. The connections are total and holistic, embracing mind, emotion, and sensation. ([Source](#))

Suzanne Arms, author, speaker, and founder of Birthing the Future, wrote:

If we hope to create a non-violent world where respect and

kindness replace fear and hatred, we must begin with how we treat each other at the beginning of life. For that is where our deepest patterns are set. From these roots grow fear and alienation or love and trust.

Lori Ibrahim is aware of the great harm that separation of mother and child can cause in her children, and she desperately wants to get her children back home with her and her husband. Since the children have been taken, they have been placed in separate placements. They have been reportedly denied sibling visitation and have not seen each other since August 10, 2016. Here is a video with pictures of their first meeting last July:

https://youtu.be/MU6hV98k_oU

The baby has been moved 4 times since he was taken last summer.

In this video captured by Lori last year, an angry foster mother runs away with Lori's baby as she looks on with horror:

<https://youtu.be/MMSqFfBoowc>

Lori reports that the only thing she said to the woman before the recorded events happened was:

What location are we going to?

Lori retains medical rights and was supposed to meet the foster mother and the baby at the appointment. The social

worker can be heard attempting to smooth things over, but he did not stop the foster mother from getting into her car and driving off with someone else's child while she was in a clearly agitated state.

Conclusions of Psychologist

The report from the psychologist is very clear that, in her clinical assessment, Lori Ibrahim is a good mother. However, the court has refused to look at the favorable assessments, even though they come from sources with which DCFS often works.

DCFS has reportedly insisted that Lori is evaluated by the provider of THEIR choosing.

This begs the question: are they looking only for a specific result? Alabama attorney Lisa Chasteen recently testified to former Governor Bentley's DHR Task Force that an attorney for the state complained in a court hearing that a particular provider did not "find the way we want them to," and thus rejected the services of that provider.

Is that what is happening here?

The psychologist with over 30 years experience dealing with parents just like Lori who are battling for their children believes that her family should be reunited and that there were no valid grounds for the removal of Lori's children:

Lori has been a devoted mother who misses her children. She presented herself as a strong and well-educated woman who has been a valued and respected teacher and tutor. Her attitude has been healthy, but she has not understood why her children have been taken from her based on no evidence

of poor parenting or self-destructive behaviors.

She and her husband were looking forward to providing a loving home for their newborn. Kian was waiting to welcome home his new baby brother Youssef....

Being a sensitive parent, she understands how much damage is occurring to her children as they experience the loss of their mother....

Nothing that would lead to the loss of her children was found in her background or her present lifestyle.
[Emphasis added]

...This evaluator has serious concerns for the welfare of newborn Youssef who has been separated from his mother since his birth. The separation of mother and newborn can become a greater danger to children than the reasoning for separation. There was no evidence found that would keep Lori from uniting with her children.

After studying documents regarding the reasoning for this mother to be separated from Youssef and Kian, it does not make logical sense regarding the current status of Lori Imbrahim. This appears to be a mistake that has morphed into a disastrous and devastating situation for Youssef Ibrahi, newborn, and Kian Abedi, a kindergartener, and their mother, Lori Ibrahim....

In my professional opinion, this family needs to be reunited immediately before more damage is created by the trauma of an unnecessary separation.

Lori told her story to Tammi Stefano on the National Safe

Child Show:

https://youtu.be/qq1U1_sQcCc

How You Can Help

Governor Edmund G. Brown, Jr., may be reached at (916) 445-2841, or contacted [here](#).

Assemblyman Patrick O'Donnell represents Lori Ibrahim's district. He may be reached at (916) 319-2070, or contacted [here](#).

The Senator for the family's district is Ricardo Lara. He may be reached at (916) 651-4033, or contacted [here](#).

California Mom Fights to Get Child Back Removed from Hospital at Birth



Melinda Garrett. [Image Source](#).

Parents Against CPS Corruption fights ‘medical kidnap’

by [Michelle Chan](#)
[San Francisco BayView](#)

Excerpts:

Eight years ago, Melinda Garrett was induced into labor a month and a half before her due date.

To Melinda, the baby represented a new beginning, a way to right all the wrongs and trauma and abuse she herself had endured as the survivor of childhood sexual and physical abuse, sex trafficking and a previously stillborn birth. She swore to break the cycle of abuse and to give everything she never had as a child to her newborn baby.

She was never given that chance.

Shortly after Melinda finished successfully breastfeeding the baby for the very first time, CPS removed the newborn from her custody. She never left the hospital with her baby.

The charges were domestic violence, medical marijuana use and allegedly low birth weight. Except Melinda had a note from her obstetrician recommending the use of medical marijuana due to low appetite, and the labor was induced early, which contributed to the low birth weight.

And though Melinda had been the victim of domestic violence by the father, there had not yet been any incidents in which the baby was exposed to domestic violence.

Read the full article at [San Francisco BayView](#).

California Parents Lose Custody of 2-Year Old Daughter When Asking for a Second Opinion Before Removing Child's Kidney



Grace Alleluia – taken from her parents when they seek a second opinion. Photo provided by family.

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2 Year Old Medically Kidnapped Child Forced to Receive Chemo and Surgery When Parents Seek 2nd Opinion – Part of Medical Experiment?

California Parents Lose Custody of 2-Year Old Daughter When Asking for a Second Opinion Before Removing Child's Kidney

by Health Impact News/MedicalKidnap.com Staff

They thought they had the right to get a second opinion. They thought they had the right as parents to have proof of a diagnosis before agreeing to a treatment plan.

When California parents Leah Beabout and Christopher Vega asked for medical evidence before doctors remove their 2 year old daughter's kidney, the hospital called Child Protective Services and seized custody of their child.

Leah and their daughter Grace Alleluia had been visiting in Las Vegas when Leah felt a lump in her daughter's side. An emergency room doctor told her that it was a mass that might be cancer and that she would need to have her kidney removed immediately. Asking for a second opinion triggered a nightmare cascade of events that they never saw coming.

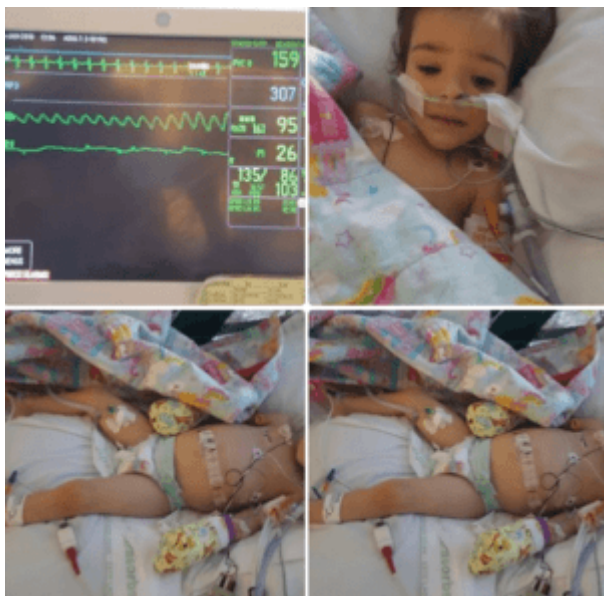
It is the kind of thing that they, like most parents, thought "couldn't happen in America."

But as we at *Health Impact News* have seen and documented, medical kidnappings like this happen regularly all over the

United States of America.

Meanwhile, little Grace Alleluia Beabout-Vega underwent major surgery on Thursday, January 25, 2018, that may not have been necessary, one which her parents only agreed to under great duress and the threat of never getting their daughter back.

Leah and Chris are thankful that the surgeon at UCLA Mattel Children's Hospital did not remove their daughter's kidney yesterday, even though that was the hospital's plan. Doctors did a biopsy during the surgery, but the parents say that could have been done as a minimally invasive laparoscopic surgery rather than the major surgery which has left a scar across her entire belly.



Grace – after surgery. Was this necessary? Photo provided by family.

According to Leah Beabout:

I brought my daughter Grace Alleluia to the ER on vacation. Two weeks later, she has NO MOTHER, NO diagnosis, NO symptoms other than having lost 2 lbs, a large incision in her belly and a PORT hole in her chest for chemo she might not even need, a catheter in urinary tract, a breathing tube!??

A child who has never even had a baby-sitter before has been separated from her parents at what may be the most frightening time in her life, the very time that she needs her mommy and daddy the most.

Why?

Leah says:

The hospital just didn't want us interfering with what they wanted to do and we were asking too many questions.

As Grace's parents who love her and want the best for her, Leah and Chris simply wanted:

- 1. a valid second opinion,*
- 2. the ability to make an informed decision as to treatment plan, including the right to choose the facility to treat her and the course of action to take, and*
- 3. the right to have evidence of a diagnosis before agreeing to treatment.*

Do parents no longer have this right? If doctors don't want to provide these answers to the parents responsible for their child's care, is the new normal to call Child Protective Services and do the procedures they want to do anyway?

Cancer Allegedly Diagnosed Without Biopsy

The family lives in Ventura County, California. They were forced to evacuate their home on December 6, 2017, after the Thomas Fire broke out in their area. The fire which damaged their home and which ultimately burned 281,893 acres, was not completely contained until January 12, 2018, according to the City of Ventura's [website](#).



Photo from the Ventura County Fire Department ([Source](#))

Christopher stayed in California, while Leah, a professional hip hop singer, took Grace with her to Las Vegas during this time to work on recording a children's album.

When Leah noticed a lump on Grace's side, she took her to the emergency room at University Medical Center (UMC) in Las Vegas on Wednesday, January 10, 2018. She said that they did an x-ray and a CT scan and found a mass on her kidney. On that basis, Dr. Alan Iketa came in and said that Grace most likely had a Wilms tumor.

Before she could begin to process what they were telling her, Leah says that the doctor came in and said that they were scheduling Grace to have her kidney removed.

She could not understand how they were diagnosing cancer without even doing a biopsy or further testing first. Her little girl showed no symptoms of any problems – no fever, no pain, no lethargy or reduction of activity. There was only the lump that had just recently appeared.

Yet, the doctors wanted to remove a vital organ.

Leah asked doctors at UMC if she could drive her daughter home with Christopher to California so they could be closer to home and family in case it really was cancer and so they could get a second opinion. The doctors refused.



Leah, Christopher, and Grace. Photo provided by family.

Dr. Alan Ikeda of UMC reportedly told the parents that he had a colleague at UCLA Mattel Children's Hospital in California, and they would be permitted to transfer there. Dr. Ikeda previously worked as a doctor of hematology and oncology at UCLA.



Dr. Alan Ikeda ([Source](#))

However, Grace was not allowed to go with her family. She had to be flown to UCLA with a private company that works with the hospital, at a cost of \$9,500.

Grace arrived at UCLA hospital on Friday, January 12. Leah says that she thought that they were going to do more testing to find out what was wrong, but she was horrified to see that her daughter's name was already on the surgery board at the hospital showing that she was going to have her kidney removed on Wednesday.

Doctors told the parents that they planned to start chemotherapy within a few weeks, after removing her kidney. They later said that the tumor and the kidney were "one and the same," thus the kidney had to be removed in order to get the alleged tumor.

The parents were told that Grace's kidney had failed, but that didn't make sense to them. Leah says that the kidney function tests were normal.

Leah asked the staff to provide them with medical evidence that Grace had cancer and that her kidney needed to be removed. She requested a second opinion and copies of her daughter's medical records, so that they, as parents, could make an informed decision.

Christopher said:

We were asking questions about alternative options and less invasive procedures.

She told *Health Impact News* that she didn't want to agree to any procedures until they could see written documentation of a diagnosis.

2 Year Old Daughter Medically Kidnapped

For that, the hospital staff called Child Protective Services.

Leah and Christopher attended a cancer team meeting with doctors and staff on Tuesday, January 16, at 11:30 a.m. in which, again, they asked for documentation. They reiterated that they did not want their daughter's kidney removed without proof of a diagnosis, and they wanted less invasive options.

That very afternoon, Ventura County social workers came into the hospital and seized temporary custody of Grace Alleluia.



California dreaming – until you question your doctor? Photo provided by family.

UCLA Hospital social worker Marla Knoll had reportedly petitioned the Ventura County Court for custody of Grace on the grounds that Leah refused treatment – an allegation that was not true. She simply wanted proof that it was truly necessary for such drastic steps, as removing a major organ, to be taken.

A court order had been signed at 8 a.m. that morning, before the team meeting even took place.

According to Star Squires, an advocate for patients with rare

diseases, social workers:

told her IF she would sign a 10-day consent to treatment, that she MAY be able to keep her parental rights. She signed under duress, and is only being allowed supervised visits.

Social workers also reportedly told the court that Leah Beabout was homeless and unemployed in an apparent attempt to paint the mother in a poor light. The family had been displaced by the fires, but they were not homeless. As a musician, she doesn't work for an employer, but she does work.

Traumatized and Frightened

Grace has never been separated from her parents before. She has heard doctors and nurses talk about cancer in her presence, yet in this most terrifying time of her life, she is alone.

She is in a hospital, in a frightening situation, with strangers poking and prodding her, but she is not allowed to have her parents with her when she needs them the most.

Leah says that Grace is showing signs of being traumatized. She is self-harming – scratching and biting herself, which is something that she has never done before.

Her lips are chapped and her fingernails are jagged.

She has also lost weight. Leah says that the hospital staff have not been feeding Grace. Food that the parents bring to the hospital for her is still there the next time they come to

visit.



Grace at the beginning of her hospital stay, compared to just 10 days later. Her mother says, “They aren’t feeding her!” Photo provided by family.

CPS denied Grace the ability to have her mother with her

before and after the surgery, further adding to her trauma. Her father was allowed to be with her, but she was not able to see her mother till midday the day after the surgery.

Do They Know Yet What Is Wrong with Grace?

In the meeting with the cancer team, Leah says that doctors said they don't know what is wrong with Grace. The doctor in Las Vegas diagnosed a specific kind of cancer – Wilms tumor.

Leah found in the court papers that there are other possible syndromes that it could be. Besides the mass on her kidney, Grace's parents have recently learned that doctors are saying there are tiny spots on her lungs.

The family has consulted with Dr. Sami Espinoza, a pediatric oncologist in Mexico, where Christopher has relatives. She questions the wisdom of removing the kidney:

There is no way to diagnose cancer without the proper tests.

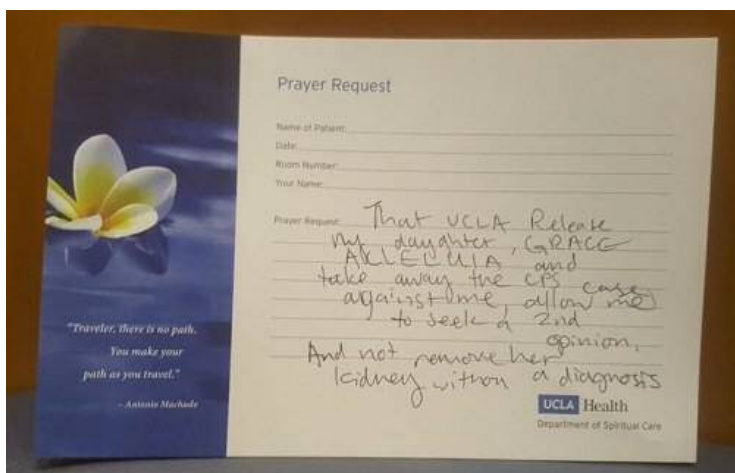
If there is no proof of cancer, he [the doctor] can't diagnose cancer.

Dr. Espinoza called the Director of UCLA Health the night before Grace's surgery to request Grace's records and to request a transfer.

The requests were denied because Grace is in state custody.

All along, doctors have told the parents that they were going to remove Grace's kidney, but thankfully, that didn't

happen. That was an answer to many prayers.



Leah Beabout's prayer card at UCLA hospital. Photo provided by family.

After the surgery on Thursday, Leah and Christopher learned that the surgeon did not remove the kidney or the mass, but she did a biopsy. They are awaiting results.

A port was installed into her heart through which they can administer chemotherapy.

The parents want the court to stop the hospital from moving forward with chemo or any other treatment until they have evidence that Grace actually has cancer. They want the right to consider alternative treatments.

The hospital's website lists questions to ask the doctor if you are diagnosed with cancer. ([Website](#)) These questions include:

- *What lab tests were completed, and what did they show?*
- *What are my treatment choices?*
- *Where can I get more information?*

These are the questions that Leah Beabout and Christopher Vega are asking, but their child has been taken from them because they are asking these very questions, and not getting answers.

The new CPS caseworker told the parents that it is illegal for them to post anything about their child's case on Facebook.



Grace Alleluluia – cherished and loved. Photo provided by family.

Courts Again Affirm Parental Rights

In a ruling issued this week by the 9th Circuit Court of Appeals in California, the rights of families to be together was reaffirmed.

See:

[9th Circuit Court Upholds Parents' Constitutional Rights: Rules Against Arizona Social Workers Removing Children without a Warrant](#)

The ruling of the court was made by a 3-judge panel at the 9th Circuit. Judge Marsha S. Berzon was the leading concurring judge.

The court stated:

As this court has stated repeatedly, families have a “well-elaborated constitutional right to live together without governmental interference.”

Wallis v. Spencer, 202 F.3d 1126, 1136 (9th Cir. 2000); accord *Kirkpatrick v. Cty. of Washoe*, 843 F.3d 784, 789 (9th Cir. 2016) (en banc); *Burke v. Cty. of Alameda*, 586 F.3d 725, 731 (9th Cir. 2009); *Rogers v. Cty. of San Joaquin*, 487 F.3d 1288, 1294 (9th Cir. 2007); *Mabe v. San Bernardino Cty.*, 237 F.3d 1101, 1107 (9th Cir. 2001); *Ram v. Rubin*, 118 F.3d 1306, 1310 (9th Cir. 1997).

Judge Marsha S. Berzon in her concurring opinion addressed the issue of traumatizing children by removing them from their home:

I concur in the per curiam opinion in full. I write separately to emphasize why it is essential that the courts scrupulously guard a child's constitutional right to remain at home absent a court order or true exigency.

Taking a child from his or her home, family, and community constitutes a separate trauma, in and of itself. Our cases so recognize, and so ordinarily permit that trauma to occur only after a court determination that the alternative is worse.

How You Can Help

A Facebook page has been set up for supporters to follow the family's story – [Saving Grace Alleluia Beabout](#).



Calls may be made on the family's behalf to Governor Edmund G. Brown Jr. at (916) 445-2841, and he may be contacted [here](#).

U.S. Congresswoman Julia Brownley has helped Christopher Vega in the past as his representative in Washington, D.C. He was awarded a Purple Heart for his service to the United States Army in Afghanistan. Congresswoman Brownley helped him to get his medical records. After being injured in service to our country, it is our country's turn to help him to get justice for his family. She may be reached at (202) 225 5811 or contacted [here](#).

Assembly Member Monique Limon represents the family's district in California. She may be reached at (916) 319-2037, or contacted [here](#).

Senator Hannah-Beth Jackson is their state senator. She may be reached at (916) 651-4019, or contacted [here](#).

Doesn't this family deserve to get a second opinion or learn about alternative treatments without losing custody of their child?

Father Convicted of Shaken Baby Syndrome 16 Years Ago for Daughter's Death has All Charges Dropped



Zavion Johnson and Paige Kaneb – attorney with the Northern California Innocence Project. Photo [source](#).

by **Health Impact News/MedicalKidnap.com Staff**

A father accused of shaking his baby to death has been exonerated, but not until after he spent 16 years of his life in

prison for a crime that didn't happen.

Zavion Johnson of Sacramento, California, was just 18 years old and the oldest of 7 children at the time that a tragic accident happened. He and his wife were parents of 4 month old Nadia. While he was bathing her in the shower, he dropped his baby and she hit her head on the bathtub.

Nadia died not long afterward from her injury. Her father was arrested at her funeral and was charged with "second-degree murder and assault on a child resulting in death."

Doctors and investigators testified that the short fall could not have caused her death. They argued that the only explanation was that she had been violently abused. Shaken Baby Syndrome was their verdict.

According to the [National Center on Shaken Baby Syndrome](#), there are about 1300 cases of Shaken Baby Syndrome (SBS) reported every year in the U.S., and about 25% of those result in death.

Their organization and the American Academy of Pediatrics assert that there is medical consensus on the science of Shaken Baby Syndrome.



Medical organizations would have us believe that there is consensus on the science of Shaken Baby Syndrome. It simply isn't true.

As we have reported numerous times at *Health Impact News*, the science is NOT settled.

A growing number of medical and scientific experts dispute the SBS theory, and there is increasingly more evidence that there are frequently other explanations for the symptoms that have been chalked up to abuse.

Convictions are being overturned on an ever increasing basis as courtrooms are presented with evidence that there are other conditions and situations that can account for the "triad" of symptoms that doctors have long asserted were undeniable proof of abuse.

Other conditions that can cause brain bleeding, brain swelling, or retinal hemorrhage include induced labor, stroke, short falls, prematurity, vaccine injury, oxygen use,

or even a difficult labor.

See:

[Are Parents Going to Jail for Vaccine Injuries?](#)

[Is Shaken Baby Syndrome Often Misdiagnosed and Caused by Vaccine-Induced Rickets?](#)

[Common Childbirth Practice Could Lead to Later False Diagnosis of Shaken Baby Syndrome](#)

[Vaccine Induced Scurvy and Shaken Baby Syndrome](#)

[Massachusetts Prosecutors Withheld Exculpatory Evidence in Shaken Baby Case](#)

[Supreme Judicial Court of Massachusetts Opens the Legal Door to Retry All Shaken Baby Syndrome Convictions](#)

[Ruling Alters Legal Landscape in NY Shaken-baby Cases](#)

[Swedish Health Agency Rejects “Science” of Shaken Baby Syndrome](#)

[Mainstream Media Finally Exposing Shaken Baby Syndrome as False Diagnosis – How Many Innocent Parents Have Suffered?](#)

Same Doctor Behind Two Wrongly Convicted Shaken Baby Cases in Massachusetts

University of Michigan Law School Awarded \$250K to Learn How to Defend Shaken Baby Syndrome Cases

Neuropathologist Rejects Theory of Shaken Baby Syndrome

Shaken Baby Syndrome Expert and World Renowned Neuropathologist Banned from Practicing Medicine

350 Doctors and Scientists Appeal to Bring Back Skeptic 'Shaken Baby' Doctor

Dr. Squier Wins Appeal but Banned from Telling the Truth in Court about Shaken Baby Syndrome

Dr. Waney Squier Speaks out on Faulty Shaken Baby Science Used to Condemn the Innocent

Abuse Was Out of Character for the Accused

Zavion Johnson's devastated family testified in court on his behalf, describing him as loving, gentle, and patient, with plenty of experience in caring for children. They couldn't believe that he would have intentionally harmed his baby.

According to [*The National Registry of Exonerations*](#):

The judge said the case was "one of those situations where

an otherwise decent individual has one moment in their lives when they act out of character.” The judge also said that the medical evidence “was overwhelming that this was not an accident.”

The judge then sentenced Johnson to 25 years to life in prison.

Conviction Based on “Junk Science” Thrown Out – Many Years Later

After years of fighting as his own attorney (pro se) for his freedom, the Northern California Innocence Project got involved. Evidence was presented showing that there are other scientific explanations for the symptoms of Shaken Baby Syndrome. According to a petition filed by the Innocence Project:

It is now...indisputable that scientific research and medical advances since the time of trial have undermined the prosecution’s two claims that were the basis for Mr. Johnson’s conviction...that Nadia’s injuries could not have been the result of an accidental short fall and that only SBS could have caused Nadia’s injuries.



Pro-bono attorney Khari Tillery, Paige Kaneb – attorney with the Northern California Innocence Project, and Zavion Johnson. Photo [source](#).

The conviction was vacated on December 18, 2017, and Zavion Johnson was released from prison. On January 19, 2018, the prosecution dismissed all of the charges against him.

Zavion Johnson is now a free man, exonerated from a crime that he didn't commit, a crime that didn't actually happen.

Not only did he lose his baby girl, he lost his freedom based on a medical theory that is now considered by many to be “junk science.”

How many more innocent fathers, mothers, and caregivers will be sentenced to prison, or lose their children to Child Protective Services, based on the medical myth of Shaken

Baby Syndrome?



Joe Whitaker was convicted in 2017 of Shaken Baby Syndrome. CPS took his child and the state took his freedom. See [story](#). Can his conviction be overturned, too? Photo from [Justice for Joe](#) Facebook page.

Excerpts:

On November 24, 2001, 18-year-old Zavion Johnson called 911 in Sacramento, California when his four-month-old daughter, Nadia, stopped breathing. Emergency personnel managed to get the girl breathing again and rushed her to the hospital.

When Nadia arrived, doctors discovered she was suffering from serious head trauma. They suspected she had been physically abused and notified police.

... he admitted to his wife, Racquel, that Nadia slipped from his grasp and hit her head on the bathtub when he had been bathing her in the shower.

By the next day, Johnson had told the rest of his family. He was crying and extremely distraught. His family believed him because they knew how well he cared for his own siblings as well as for Nadia. When Johnson said he wanted to tell the doctors, his family advised him to speak to a lawyer first.

However, before that occurred, a nurse told police that Racquel's aunt reported that Johnson had admitted that he dropped Nadia in the shower. By then, the baby had been declared brain dead. Johnson was holding her in his arms when life support was disconnected and she died. Johnson fainted on the spot.

In November 2002, Johnson went to trial in Sacramento County Superior Court. The prosecution's case consisted primarily of the testimony of three medical experts who concluded that Nadia had been violently shaken—that she was a victim of Shaken Baby Syndrome.

Shaken Baby Syndrome (SBS) is a term coined to describe a condition first articulated in 1971. SBS arises when an infant is shaken so hard that the brain rotates inside the skull, causing severe and potentially deadly brain injury, but often without any external signs of harm. SBS is said to involve a telltale “triad” of symptoms—brain swelling, brain hemorrhaging, and retinal hemorrhaging. When present in an infant who has no outward signs of abuse, this triad of symptoms indicates that the child has been violently shaken.

According to prevailing medical wisdom at the time of the incident, no other injuries or pathologies could cause these three symptoms to occur at the same time. Moreover, it was thought that a victim of SBS became unresponsive immediately, and therefore the last person to have physical care of the baby must have caused the injuries.

Dr. Gregory Reiber, a forensic pathologist who performed

Nadia's autopsy, testified that he found bleeding behind her eyes, which was associated with a "rotational head injury, what some people call Shaken Baby Syndrome." He was unequivocal in saying that the injuries could not have been the result of a fall.

Dr. Claudia Greco, a neuropathologist, testified that she found a brain injury near Nadia's spine that was the "most convincing" evidence that the baby died from SBS and not from a fall of four feet.

Dr. Kevin Coulter was the pediatrician at University of California Davis Medical Center who treated Nadia in the hospital. He testified that physicians only see the constellation of injuries observed in Nadia in SBS cases, falls from "great heights" of 10 feet or higher, motor vehicle accidents, or similar events where there is a "really significant high velocity impact."

There were no grip marks or broken bones associated with grabbing and shaking an infant, but the prosecution experts pointed to Nadia's bruising as evidence of abuse. They did not mention, however, that the bruising only appeared after medical intervention, in locations consistent with that intervention.

The defense called one expert, Dr. Richard Robertson, a biomechanical consultant who spent five hours preparing for his testimony. He told the jury that the injuries were consistent with a short fall onto a hard surface—such as Johnson had described. Robertson based much of his opinion on an article that Greco testified had been "torn apart basically because of the poor quality."

... Johnson testified and denied shaking Nadia. He

maintained that she had slipped out of his hands while he was bathing her and fell, striking her head on the tub. He said that she did not have any mark on her. Because her breathing seemed raspy, Johnson asked his mother, Gatoi, to examine the child. She assured him Nadia was fine.

Nadia took a nap and when she awoke, she seemed tired. By the early afternoon, Johnson and his mother decided to take Nadia to a clinic near the home of Racquel's stepmother. However, that clinic was closed. They tried another clinic, but it was closed too. By the time they arrived at the stepmother's home, Nadia was nonresponsive and Johnson called 911. He attempted CPR, but broke down crying. The paramedics arrived at 3:20 p.m. and grasped Nadia by the head to intubate her.

Johnson was convicted on December 12, 2002, almost a year after his baby's death.

The California Court of Appeal upheld the convictions in 1994. Over the next several years, Johnson, acting without a lawyer, filed several state law petitions for a writ of habeas corpus challenging his conviction on various grounds, primarily related to his trial defense lawyer failing to properly investigate the case. All were denied without a hearing.

In April 2017, lawyers from the law firm of Keker, Van Nest & Peters and the Northern California Innocence Project filed a state law petition for a writ of habeas corpus. The petition asserted that medical research had subsequently shown that the same triad of symptoms said to be SBS could be caused by a fall.

...two of the prosecution experts at Johnson's trial provided sworn affidavits recanting their trial testimony. Dr. Greco, the neuropathologist who examined the brain and spinal cord after the autopsy, repudiated her testimony that only shaking could have caused the microscopic injury she observed in Nadia's spinal cord.

In a report submitted in support of the petition, Dr. Reiber, who conducted the autopsy, said, "While the consensus view at the time of the autopsy, which I shared, led to a conclusion that the manner of death was homicide, the current reassessment has led me to conclude that accidental injury cannot be excluded and therefore the manner (of death) should be considered as undetermined.

In addition, Dr. Judy Melinek, a forensic pathologist who reviewed the case under the most recent medical and forensic standards, also concluded that Nadia's injuries were consistent with the fall Johnson described. She said there was "insufficient medical evidence based on the most current forensic science to support a determination of an intentionally inflicted traumatic injury."

A fourth expert, Dr. Roger Haut, director of Orthopaedic and Biomechanics Laboratories at Michigan State University, reviewed the evidence in light of his studies on skull fractures. He concluded that Nadia's skull fracture was consistent with a three-foot fall onto a hard curved surface.

Read the full story at [The National Registry of Exonerations](#).

See stories of other families impacted by allegations of Shaken Baby Syndrome:

[Doctor Destroys Ohio Family with Shaken Baby Syndrome Accusation](#)

[Another Medical Kidnap in Illinois: Infant Twins Seized from Parents over Medical Dispute](#)

[Nurse Vaccinated During Pregnancy with Flu Shot Accused of Shaken Baby Syndrome](#)

[Accusations of Shaken Baby Syndrome in Tennessee Destroys Family - Lands Parents in Jail](#)

[Did Tennessee Father Convicted of Shaken Baby Syndrome Get a Fair Trial?](#)

[Will Massachusetts Doctor Send Another Innocent Parent to Prison Over Shaken Baby Syndrome Accusation?](#)

[Mom Falsely Accused of Shaken Baby Syndrome for Brain Damage Caused by Vaccines](#)

[Texas Parents Accused of Child Abuse but Claim Medical Evidence Overlooked](#)

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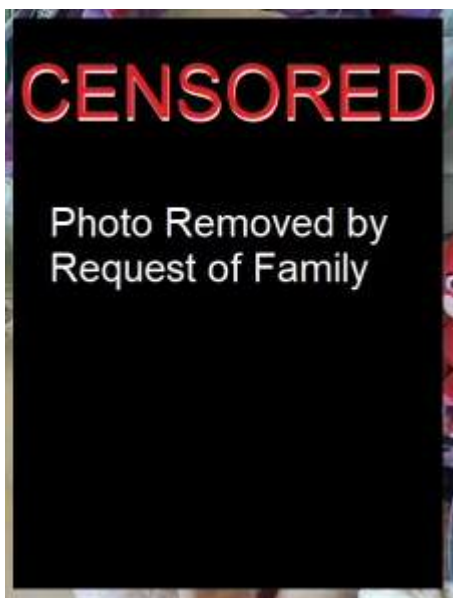
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2 Year Old Medically Kidnapped Child Forced to Receive Chemo and Surgery When Parents Seek 2nd Opinion - Part of Medical Experiment?



Grace has a swollen belly and a scar across her entire body after doctors planned to remove her kidney. Was this necessary? Photo provided by family.

by **Health Impact News/MedicalKidnap.com Staff**

Just one month ago, 2 year old Grace Alleluia Beabout-Vega

of Ventura County, California, was a happy, thriving little girl. She had just celebrated Christmas with her family, and she was recording a children's album with her mom. Wide-eyed, innocent, and trusting, she took comfort in the love of both her mother and her father, with whom there was obvious mutual adoration. She had no fear. Her world was good.

A trip to the emergency room over a mysterious lump in her side turned their lives upside down. That was Wednesday, January 10, 2018.

When her parents simply said that they wanted a second opinion and to explore treatment options, Child Protective Services swooped in with incredible speed and took her from them.

Today, Grace lies in a strange hospital bed at [UCLA Mattel Children's Hospital](#). A huge gash stretches across her entire belly. Her tiny body hasn't even had time to recover from the surgery, yet toxic chemotherapy chemicals began being injected into her less than a week after major abdominal surgery.

Her parents have been denied the ability to seek out any alternative treatment options even though they exist. They have been denied "informed consent" at every turn.

Social workers and doctors decide her fate while strangers surround her. Her parents, once her entire world, are forcibly kept away from her except for occasional short visits.

Her mother Leah Beabout says of her daughter:

She's just getting worse and worse. It's like a horror movie.

This may sound much like a futuristic sci-fi horror flick, but it is the present reality for Grace and her family, as well as for thousands of others across the United States of America.

Grace has been medically kidnapped, and she is caught in an epic battle between Child Protective Services and the parents who truly want to protect her.

Her story shows the power of doctors and social workers to take away her liberty, her family, and quite possibly – her very life.

See their original story:

California Parents Lose Custody of 2-Year Old Daughter When Asking for a Second Opinion Before Removing Child's Kidney

Chemotherapy Started – No Other Options Given

When Grace's family celebrated the Christmas and New Year holidays, the word "cancer" was the furthest thing from their mind. There was no sign that Grace was anything but a healthy, happy child, as shown by a video that Leah Beabout posted on YouTube.

<https://youtu.be/HzooUnL5VT8>

On January 10, Leah Beabout took her little girl to the emergency room and their nightmare began.

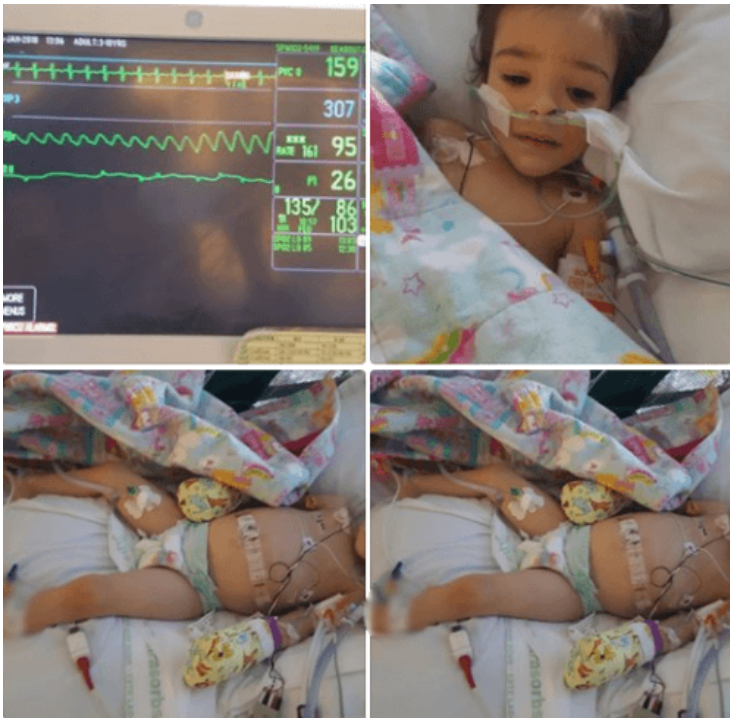
In less than 24 hours, doctors were talking about removing Grace's kidney and beginning chemotherapy. No biopsy had been done and her kidney function tests were normal.

Her parents' normal questions, the ones listed on numerous medical websites about "what to ask your doctor," were thwarted. The request for answers led to the unthinkable – their child was seized from them.

Leah Beabout and Christopher Vega are not abusive, nor are they neglectful. They never said or indicated that they were not going to seek treatment. They simply wanted a diagnosis before an organ was removed, and they wanted to learn what options were available for treatment.

Isn't that their right as parents?

When we reported their story on January 26, Grace had come out of surgery the day before. Though doctors had told her parents that they planned to remove her kidney and the mass that was on her kidney, that didn't happen. Doctors performed a biopsy of the mass on her kidney.



Grace after surgery, where she was forced to recover without her mommy. Photo supplied by family member.

Though a biopsy is generally done through a tiny incision, UCLA doctors opted not to do that, leaving a huge scar that stretches all the way across her body.

During the surgery, a port was installed into her chest to facilitate chemotherapy. Her parents were alarmed because they were under the impression that standard protocols called for the body to be given several weeks to heal before subjecting the body to the trauma of chemotherapy.

They went to court the following Wednesday, January 31, still

hoping that the judge would allow a halt to the plans of chemotherapy until the biopsy results came back and they could investigate other treatment options.

That did not happen. UCLA doctors began chemo that very day – less than a week after major surgery.

One doctor reportedly told Leah not to “go down the rabbit hole” of other possible treatments.

There were no other options given. An American pediatric oncologist who lives and practices in Mexico, Dr. Sami Espinoza, was willing to work with the family to explore other possible treatments. She requested records and a transfer, but her requests were denied because Grace is under state custody.

Leah Beabout has learned that there are other doctors in the United States who would have worked with them and helped to educate them about other treatment options.

Grace did not have to go this route.

So why did she?

At this point, there are more questions than answers as to why loving parents lost the right to make medical decisions for their child when they stepped into a hospital.



Grace playing at the beach – before Child Protective Services.
Photo taken from [YouTube video](#).

Las Vegas Doctors Didn't Want Them to Go Home

The loss of their parental authority began even before before they got to UCLA. The hospital in Las Vegas made the first call to Child Protective Services, but Leah and Chris had no idea at the time that they could actually lose custody of their child or lose the ability to be involved in decisions for her care. They thought it would all be cleared up when they got home. They were wrong.

The loss of their decision-making ability began days before they arrived at UCLA. Leah Beabout, a professional hip-hop singer, was visiting Las Vegas, Nevada, with Grace. They were using their time to work on recording a children's album there because the home they shared with Grace's

father Christopher Vega was damaged in the Thomas fire in Ventura County, California.

Shortly after Leah noticed a strange lump on her little girl's side, she took her to the emergency room on January 10, 2018. There were no other symptoms, so she was stunned when Dr. Alan Iketa told her the mass they saw on the CT scan and x-ray was likely a Wilms tumor, for which they wanted to do surgery.

Christopher drove up from California to take them home to Ventura County. A doctor they hadn't yet met came into the room the next morning, less than 24 hours after their arrival at the hospital, and told the couple that they were going to prep Grace for surgery, because they had her on the schedule that day.

Leah told the doctor that wasn't going to happen because they were going to take her home to get a second opinion and seek out treatment options at home. They don't live in Las Vegas. The doctor told her that, if they tried to leave, it would be "against medical advice" (AMA) and she would call Child Protective Services.

Leah and Chris saw no reason to fear CPS, because they weren't doing anything wrong.

Leah told *Health Impact News* that they wanted to be involved in their daughter's care and "seek out the BEST care available." She said that the hospital room was dirty and she didn't want her child to have surgery there. Grace was stable, and her parents wanted to take her home.

It was a brief, two-minute conversation, but things went wrong very quickly.

Nevada Child Protective Services

The doctor reportedly turned around and walked outside the room, called security to come put a monitor on the baby, and then called Child Protective Services.

“Just like that” a doctor who hadn’t even examined Grace was able to step in and change her life.

Yet, even then, Grace and Chris had no idea how bad it could get. They knew that, as parents, they have the authority to make medical decisions for their child. They had a right to get a second opinion and to insist upon evidence of a diagnosis of cancer before surgery or chemotherapy, and they had the right to seek out everything they could find about treatment options. After all, this is America, and we have the freedom to make our own decisions about medical care, right?



They were a happy family before a trip to the ER changed their lives. Photo supplied by family.

A CPS social worker came to the hospital and spoke with the doctors. On her report, she reportedly wrote that there was a “present danger” to Grace because she had Stage 4 Wilms tumor cancer. This was the first time that Leah and Chris were told that their baby had stage 4 cancer. There was no biopsy at this point, and her kidney tests showed normal function.

They had no time to process this information. This was all happening the day after Leah took Grace to the ER.

The couple explained to the social worker that they simply wanted to go home to get a second opinion. After some discussion, they agreed to a “present danger plan” whereby they would go home to California for diagnosis, evaluation, and treatment.

Leah says that the social worker seemed satisfied and she agreed to sign off on the plan, with the understanding that the case would be revisited in their county after they got home. They believed that the next hospital would make sure to have evidence of a diagnosis and that they would be involved in the decision-making process as far as treatment options.

They didn’t expect that the next hospital would continue the trajectory set by UMC Las Vegas.

Doctor Tells Them – “Don’t Tell Anyone”

Dr. Ikeda told the couple that he used to work at UCLA Mattel Children’s Hospital, and they needed to transfer there. This was not the parent’s first choice of Los Angeles area hospitals, but it was the only option that anyone at UMC would accept.

Chris and Leah planned to drive their daughter home in their car, but the doctors at UMC refused to hear of it. Instead, they were told that they must utilize a private transport company that works with UMC hospital to fly her to UCLA, at a cost of \$9,500, payable immediately.

They didn’t have that kind of money available. Even credit card companies rarely allow customers to charge that much money at one time. The transport company refused to allow them to make payments since they were uninsured and lived

out of state.

The hospital refused to allow them to leave with Grace any other way, even though she was stable enough for ground transportation.

After going around and around about the conundrum, Leah reports that Dr. Alan Ikeda finally said that the administration would pay the \$9,500 for the transport, but he also told her, “Don’t tell anyone.”

That statement has bothered her ever since. Why did he tell them not to tell anyone? Is there more to this than he told them?

CPS Seizes Custody in Los Angeles

Leah and Chris drove to Los Angeles to meet their daughter who was flown by the private transport company to UCLA Mattel Children’s Hospital on Friday, January 12.

Though UCLA was not their hospital of choice, Dr. Ikeda had given them no other option. Even so, Leah and Chris believed that the treatment that they received in Las Vegas was behind them.

They were stunned when UCLA treated them the same way that UMC did – doctors at UCLA immediately jumped to plans to remove Grace’s kidney and start chemotherapy. There was still no biopsy and no proof that she even had cancer. Because the parents wanted answers, UCLA doctors called Child Protective Services.

Social workers filed to seize custody of Grace at 8 a.m. on Tuesday, January 16 – hours BEFORE the midday team

meeting between doctors and the parents, alleging that Leah and Chris were refusing treatment for their child with cancer. Custody of Grace was seized that afternoon.

The papers were filed hours before they even had the opportunity to consent or refuse.

It is important to point out that they did not refuse; they simply wanted facts so that they could make an educated decision. They wanted a biopsy before organ removal and other drastic steps that would impact their child for the rest of her life.

The doctors who performed the surgery that Friday were not even in the team meeting on Tuesday.

Is This About a Medical Research Study?

As Leah and Christopher fight the legal battle to try to get their baby back, Grace lies in a hospital with tubes and monitors – without her parents by her side.

There are now at least 13 doctors involved with Grace's case. The biopsy is back but Grace's parents have not been able to see the results. They were told that "the pathology is consistent with stage 4 Wilms tumor." Standard protocols, however, are not being followed.

Meanwhile, Leah is limited to a single 2-hour visit per week with Grace. Christopher's visits are also limited. Grace apparently believes that she is somehow being punished because all of this stuff is happening to her and she cannot be with her family.

There are still more questions than answers.

Both UMC and UCLA are teaching hospitals involved in many clinical studies. Dr. Ikeda is the common link between the 2 hospitals.

According to the Cure 4 the Kids Foundation [website](#), Dr. Alan Ikeda was recruited to work for the Children's Specialty Center of Nevada in 2011. He is now the Chief Medical Officer. Before that, he was the Assistant Director of Pediatric Blood and Marrow Transplant program at Mattel Children's Hospital at UCLA.



Dr. Alan Ikeda. Photo [source](#).

According to [CureSearch.org](#):

Clinical trials are standard practice in cancer treatment for children, adolescents and young adults, and the primary

*treatment option for children facing cancer. About **60% of children with cancer are enrolled in a trial, as opposed to less than 5% of adult patients.** Participation in clinical trials spans an average of two to three years and **requires a lifetime of follow-up care.** [Emphasis added]*

The website asserts that participation is voluntary, but the law permits children who are wards of the state to legally be entered into medical research trials without their parents' knowledge or consent. Social workers and workers for Child Protective Services can legally consent in lieu of the parents.

See:

Medical Kidnapping in the U.S. – Kidnapping Children for Drug Trials

It is not known whether or not Grace has been entered into a medical research trial. Because she is in state custody, her parents don't have to be informed. They were never consulted or given the option to consent or dissent to any study.

See the story of an Arizona boy with leukemia medically kidnapped for medical research. He has since been adopted out to strangers:

Phoenix Children's Hospital Seizes 8 Year Old Boy Because Mother Seeks Second Opinion

Informed Consent

This entire story revolves around the concept of “informed consent,” something that Leah Beabout has requested all

along.

According to a paper entitled “[Informed Consent: An Ethical Obligation or Legal Compulsion?](#)” on the National Institute of Health website:

- *Legally – “No one has the right to even touch, let alone treat another person. Any such act, done without permission, is classified as ‘battery’^[3] – physical assault and is punishable. Hence, obtaining consent is a must for anything other than a routine physical examination.”*
- *Ethically – “The concept of consent arises from the ethical principle of patient autonomy^[1] and basic human rights.^[2] Patient’s has all the freedom to decide what should or should not happen to his/her body and to gather information before undergoing a test/procedure/surgery. No one else has the right to coerce the patient to act in a particular way. Even a doctor can only act as a facilitator in patient’s decision making.”*

In case of children, consent must be obtained from a parent.

Informed consent must be preceded by disclosure of sufficient information. Consent can be challenged on the ground that adequate information has not been revealed to enable the patient to take a proper and knowledgeable decision. Therefore, accurate, adequate and relevant information must be provided truthfully in a form (using non-scientific terms) and language that the patient can understand. It cannot be a patient’s signature on a dotted line obtained routinely by a staff member.

The information disclosed[9] should include:

- *The condition/disorder/disease that the patient is having/suffering from*
- *Necessity for further testing*
- *Natural course of the condition and possible complications*
- *Consequences of non-treatment*
- *Treatment options available*
- *Potential risks and benefits of treatment options*
- *Duration and approximate cost of treatment*
- *Expected outcome*
- *Follow-up required*

Patient should be given opportunity to ask questions and clarify all doubts. There must not be any kind of coercion. Consent must be voluntary and patient should have the freedom to revoke the consent. Consent given under fear of injury/intimidation, misconception or misrepresentation of facts can be held invalid.

This has not happened. Grace's life is at stake, and her parents are not allowed to explore options that could save her life.

4th Amendment Violation

Grace was taken over false allegations that her parents were refusing treatment. They were not. They simply wanted the

right to know the facts.

One of our readers drew a correlation between what Child Protective Services does every day to parents across the country and the current investigation over the FISA warrant scandal in Washington, D.C.

Malinda [commented](#) on the previous article about Grace's story:

With the current discussions and investigations in Washington regarding the 4th Amendment violations by the FBI and its operatives to disrupt the elections of our leaders... we must shine the light with the same intensity on the gross violations of rights of the American family in this country or all will be lost to us as citizens!

Mistakes, miscalculations, improper drugging, misdiagnosis, medical malpractice happens every day in American hospitals...That these parents have NO rights to question a doctor's decision to open the body of their child and perform major surgery without satisfying the reasonable questions they have is an OUTRAGE and a gross violation of the values we hold dear as Americans. Any Judge who would uphold these decisions to withhold this little girl's parents from her is a participant in her abuse and trauma.

Thank you Medical Kidnap...seems clear the arrogance of the medical community carries on.

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family's story – [Saving Grace Alleluia Beabout.](#)



There is a petition [here](#).

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California Christian Homeschool Family Torn Apart as Children are Medically Kidnapped, Forced into Public School, and Mother is Forced out of Family Home



This photo of the Daugherty family was taken on the Whidbey Island Bridge in Washington while the family was on vacation. Photo supplied by family.

by Health Impact News/MedicalKidnap.com Staff

When the Daugherty family decided to visit Seattle, Washington, for a 4 day whale watching trip to celebrate their son's 10th birthday, they had no idea that a trip to the emergency room would turn into a nightmare that would rip their family apart.

They were more than a thousand miles from home and from their own doctors, when chronically ill Zachary began running a fever and showing signs of an infection.

When his parents took him to the emergency room at Seattle Children's Hospital, they blindly walked into a web of controversy involving some of the most notorious Child Abuse Specialist doctors in the country, with connections to Medical Kidnap stories we have published spanning from Boston to Arizona, California, and Washington.

California parents Kevin and Erin Daugherty learned that the conflict between Boston area doctors involved with the notorious Justina Pelletier case didn't stay in Boston. It has spread all the way from the East Coast to the West Coast of America. Their son Zachary has been caught in the crossfire of differing philosophies of different doctors.

There is a dangerous trend occurring today involving parents with children with multiple medical issues ("medically complex") or children with mysterious conditions that doctors haven't figured out how to diagnose yet.

While the concerned parents often have to search for doctors with the expertise to help their children, that very concern is used to accuse them of "Munchausen Syndrome by Proxy" or "Factious Disorder," or the more common term now used in child social services - "Medical Child Abuse" - a general all-purpose term used by doctors in the relatively new field of

Child Abuse Specialists when parents dare to disagree with them.

Parents versus Doctors – The Fight for America’s Children

Parents of these medically complex children are increasingly finding themselves caught up in the middle of the conflict that they had no part in creating.

On the one side are doctors who specialize in medically complex children like Zachary and Justina. Zachary was diagnosed by doctors from home with Ehlers-Danlos Syndrome, Mast Cell Activation Syndrome, POTS (Postural Orthostatic Tachycardia Syndrome), as well as other medical conditions. About a month before their trip to Seattle, his GI doctor referred him to be evaluated for Mitochondrial disease.

MEDICAL CHILD ABUSE

Beyond Munchausen Syndrome
by Proxy



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On the other side are a group of doctors known as “Child Abuse Specialists,” including a husband and wife team who literally wrote the book on “medical child abuse.” Dr. Thomas A. Roesler, psychiatrist, and Dr. Carole Jenny, Child Abuse Pediatrician, authored “[Medical Child Abuse: Beyond](#)

Munchausen by Proxy,” while they worked at Brown University in Providence, Rhode Island.

They were involved in training Child Abuse doctors in the northeast, including those at Boston Children’s Hospital involved with the medical kidnapping of Justina Pelletier. The duo are now on staff at Seattle Children’s Hospital. Dr. Jenny heads the Child Abuse Fellowship.

We have seen over and over in many Medical Kidnap stories that social workers and courts tend to listen to the Child Abuse Specialists, while at the same time they ignore or attempt to discredit medical experts who testify that the children involved have genuine medical conditions.

Innocent families are ripped apart in the process.

That scenario is reported to be currently occurring with the Daugherty family. Erin says:

We were just there to see the whales!

Vacation Turns into a Nightmare

They were a loving, adventurous homeschooling family from Orange County, California. They were involved with Boy Scouts, American Heritage Girls, summer camp, and their church. Erin Daugherty, a nurse by trade, worked at the summer camp that the kids attended each year.



Zoe and Zachary having fun as superheroes. Photo supplied by family.

They were an active part of the Ehlers-Danlos community. Zachary, his older sister Zoe, and their mother Erin all have [Ehlers-Danlos Syndrome](#), an inherited connective tissue

disorder.

Despite medical challenges, they loved to travel, explore, and learn. Parents Erin and Kevin took their family to the Seattle area in March 2017 to celebrate Zachary's 10th birthday with a surprise whale-watching trip.

After a full day of playing on Whidbey Island, Zachary began running a fever and acted tired. When they got back to the mainland, his parents gave him Tylenol as well as his normal dose of Enalapril, an ACE inhibitor used for high blood pressure.

He quickly got worse and said he was very hot. (It was 30 degrees outside and snowing and raining.) When he said he couldn't get enough air, and that "the octopus is grabbing my throat again," his parents knew that he was in trouble. They called 911 and got him to the nearest emergency room.

That was Seattle Children's Hospital.

The emergency room doctors consulted with Zachary's doctors from Children's Hospital of Los Angeles, who explained that he was having an anaphylactoid reaction. They confirmed that Zachary has Ehlers-Danlos Syndrome and Mast Cell Activation Syndrome (MCAS). One of the symptoms of MCAS is anaphylaxis.

They later realized that he had developed an allergic reaction to the Enalapril. He was also evaluated for a possible infection to his central IV line.

Zachary was admitted to the hospital on March 5.

His temperature was under control until sometime during

the next day. The Daughertys asked for him to be given Tylenol when they saw his temperature rising and his hands flushing.

They could see that he was heading for a mast cell crisis if they did not get the fever under control. His condition deteriorated and finally Erin insisted that they treat her son's fever before his condition got worse. She was finally given permission to give him a dose of Tylenol.

At another point, Zachary was very "itchy," which was, again, a manifestation of the MCAS. Doctors reportedly ignored his discomfort for much of the day while his mother begged for them to give him some Benadryl.

Medical reports show that Erin was simply following medical protocols that she had been given by Zachary's care team back home for the conditions with which he had been diagnosed.

At one point, doctors in Seattle decided that the central IV line needed to come out, necessitating a surgical procedure.



Zach painting pumpkins. Photo supplied by family.

Conflicting Medical Opinions Among Doctors Leads to Medical Kidnapping?

During the course of discussion about the surgery, Erin mentioned that one of her son's doctors back home had recently referred him to Dr. Richard Boles, a recognized Mitochondrial expert, to be evaluated for Mitochondrial Disease.

Erin reports that it was at this point that the tone at the hospital seemed to change.

They were just parents wanting good care for their child. They didn't realize they had walked into the middle of a hornet's nest. They had no idea that there was a history of conflict between doctors at Seattle Children's Hospital, particularly the leader of the Child Abuse team, and Dr.

Boles. The Daughertys had never met any of them.

It was only later that Erin says that she learned that:

Dr. Boles has history with both Medical Child Abuse Cases and Seattle Children's hospital's accusations.

When Erin spoke with Dr. Boles' staff, they reportedly told her that:

he has testified dozens of times in Medical Child Abuse cases that stem from Seattle Children's.

Dr. Richard Boles serves on the board of CureMito.org as Medical Advisor. He is the director of the Metabolic and Mitochondrial Disorders Clinic at Children's Hospital Los Angeles.

[Maxine Eichner is a law professor](#) at the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill. She has a B.A. (magna cum laude) from Yale University, a J.D. from Yale University, an M.A. from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, and a Ph.D. from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. She is the Graham Kenan Distinguished Professor of Law, and writes on issues at the intersection of law and political theory, focusing particularly on family relationships and social welfare law and policy.

Dr. Eichner wrote about Medical Child Abuse in an article entitled, "[The New Child Abuse Panic](#)," published in the *New York Times*. Of Dr. Boles, she says:

Dr. Richard G. Boles, a mitochondrial disease specialist who has worked on some 100 cases involving suspected medical child abuse, said that only about five fit the classic Munchausen situation and should be considered abuse.

Of the rest, he says, about two-thirds involved a demanding mother who got on a doctor's nerves; the remainder involved a parent who was too anxious in dealing with doctors who couldn't give adequate answers.

Yet, the terms “medical child abuse” and “Munchausen Syndrome by Proxy” seem to be thrown around quite a bit when a medically complex child is involved (or there is evidence of medical malpractice or evidence of a vaccine injury).

Who Are These Child Abuse Doctors?

The head of Seattle Children's Hospital's Child Abuse Fellowship is Dr. Carole Jenny. She and her psychiatrist husband and co-author of her book, Dr. Thomas Roesler, moved to Seattle in 2014 from Providence, Rhode Island. They both did their residencies at Children's Hospital of Philadelphia, another [hospital known for medical kidnappings](#) and their Child Abuse Specialist doctors.



Dr. Carole Jenny. Photo [source](#).

Dr. Jenny is part of the [Helfer Society](#) – an elite group of doctors involved with Child Abuse. She won the Helfer Society’s Award in 2004. Per their [website](#):

The Helfer Award is given annually to the member of the Society who has made significant contributions to the field of Child Abuse Pediatrics.

The list of recipients contains several names that have come up repeatedly in our research of Medical Kidnap articles. It seems that a small group of people have acquired a great deal of power over the lives of American families as they impact policy, philosophy, and judicial decisions. See the list [here](#).

The Helfer Society recounts Dr. Jenny’s accolades:

Dr. Jenny is a Professor of Pediatrics at Brown University School of Medicine. She graduated from University of Missouri, Dartmouth Medical School and the University of

Washington School of Medicine.

She did her pediatric residency at the University of Colorado Affiliated Hospitals and at Children's Hospital of Philadelphia. She was a Robert Wood Johnson Clinical Scholar at the University of Pennsylvania, and received an MBA in Health Care from the Wharton School.

Before coming to Providence, she has served on the faculties of the University of Washington and the University of Colorado.

She directs the Child Protection Program at Hasbro Children's Hospital, Providence, Rhode Island. The program offers medical consultation, evaluation and treatment services for children with suspected physical abuse, sexual abuse, failure to thrive, psychological abuse, neglect, medical neglect, and factitious illness.

Dr. Jenny is past-Chair of the Section on Child Abuse and Neglect of the American Academy of Pediatrics, and currently serves as the Chair of the Academy's Committee on Child Abuse and Neglect.

Her research interests include abusive head trauma, Internet child exploitation, and medical child abuse. She is a researcher at the Biomechanics Laboratory of the Aprica Childcare Institute, Nara, Japan.

In "[The Controversial Child Abuse Epidemic Tearing Families Apart](#)," journalist Jody Allard writes that:

the pioneers of the medical child abuse umbrella, including Dr. Jenny (now on the Seattle Children's child abuse team),

are the same doctors responsible for shaken baby syndrome epidemic, now largely discredited, and before that, the satanic sex abuse panic of the 1980s.

According to [Dr. Maxine Eichner](#):

In both panics, experts saw foul play where none existed, government officials took their views at face value, and people were wrongly convicted and imprisoned, their lives ruined. Medical child abuse is causing similar harm.

[T]he central reason given by these doctors that medical child abuse is better than Munchausen's by Proxy is that it's diagnosed much more frequently. For them, that's a virtue. For everyone but this particular group, this should be horrifying. ([Source](#).)

Even though Child Abuse Specialists are not specialists in neurology, orthopedics, radiology, genetics, or even more specific fields such as Ehler's Danlos Syndrome or Mitochondrial disease, they often openly disregard the medical expertise of doctors who are noted as experts in their fields because, much like a narcissist with delusions of grandeur, they believe that they have the special ability to see child abuse that no one else is clever enough to find.

Connections to Arizona and California

Another name familiar to some families who are victims of medical kidnapping in Arizona and southern California is [Brenda Bursch](#). She also testified in the Justina Pelletier case.

According to the “Acknowledgements” section of Dr. Jenny and Dr. Roesler’s book on medical child abuse, Bursch made quite an impression on them.

Mary Sanders came to National Jewish Hospital 15 years ago and helped us see things differently. With Brenda Bursch she wrote the best guide to understanding complex cases and coming to thoughtful and fair conclusions.

Bursch has played a significant role in several Medical Kidnap families losing their children in Arizona and California, including [Leanna Smith](#), [Melissa Diegel](#), and [Jewels Stein](#).



Leanna Smith filed a [federal lawsuit](#) against the State of Arizona for the removal of her daughters. The lawsuit implicated Arizona DCS of using false testimony from psychologists employed by the department:

The key to this complaint is the act of Dr. Brenda Bursch (“Bursch”) and Marina Greco (“Greco”), a licensed therapist who intentionally and knowingly practiced medicine without a license. They did so pursuant to a conspiracy to manipulate

a child in CPS care and custody and were aided and abetted by Bonnie Brown, CPS Supervisor , Tammy MacAlpine, CPS Case worker, Katrina Buwalda, a licensed psychologist in Arizona. ([Story here.](#))

She wrote that Bursch played a significant role in the loss of her daughters:

Brenda Bursch, PhD – “Professional Testifier”

So how are the courts successfully keeping these children?

In some cases, they hire professional testifiers like Brenda Bursch, who gets paid \$200 an hour to testify on the stand. She is contracted by different states, (in her case 5 different states). She has been practicing for over 20 years, and has been working with CPS since the early 1990s. She now gets paid to professionally and falsely testify against the parents.

Brenda Burch has a PhD in psychology. She testifies against the medical records she has reviewed, but she is NOT a licensed medical doctor. Also, in most cases, she has NEVER MET the children or the accused parent IN PERSON until the day of the trial, yet testifies as to their supposed diagnosis on the stand.

Her specialty is MBP. She boldly claims that a parent should never be able see their child again because the parent has made the child ill. In seemingly all her cases, she claims the parents suffer from “Munchausen by Proxy/ Factitious Disorder,” yet she has never spoken to the parent or child in almost all her cases.

It is the most unprofessional thing I have ever seen. Brenda

Bursch has been involved in at least 9 MBP Arizona cases and was brought up on charges of practicing medicine in Arizona without a license. She has also been involved in multiple clinical research trials. ([Story here.](#))

Tammi Stefano interviewed Jewels Stein, a paramedic and film producer in LA, about the medical kidnapping of her daughter and learned that Bursch played a prominent role in her case as well. (Story [here](#)). Tammi says that:

There was covert recording of attorneys speaking about this Dr. Brenda Bursch and they said she was the hired gun for the state and they were laughing about it.

[Jewels told her:](#)

There is a person at UCLA and I've since heard that UCLA has made a habit of looking at these cases predominantly because they have a doctor there named Doctor Brenda Bursch, who is also the doctor who testified in Justina Pellitier's case, who has written books on Fictitious Disorder and has made a habit of going after parents....

She is the expert witness against the parents when it comes to Munchausen or Fictitious Disorder....

Once you are branded with this Munchausen by proxy or Fictitious Disorder, which is what they say in the juvenile court system, you are guilty until proven innocent. I told my public defender, how do you prove innocence from something that is fictitious? It is fictitious in every way, it's not just fictitious disorder, it is made up and it's basically a witch

hunt against parents who give doctors problems. I've even seen on the internet that doctors can negate a malpractice suit by saying a parent has Munchausen by proxy.

Zachary Medically Kidnapped

Against the backdrop of all of this, the Daughertys found themselves in a hospital room at Seattle Children's Hospital, fighting enormous forces that they could neither see nor fight effectively. They could not have known what they were up against.

A resident doctor wrote orders that said that Erin was no longer allowed to participate in any direct care of her own son.

The SCAN team, "Suspected Child Abuse and Neglect," was notified, and it wasn't long before Erin, a devoted mother of a child with complex medical issues, was accused of medical child abuse and Munchausen Syndrome by Proxy.

Washington Child Protective Services seized custody of Zachary Daugherty on March 21, 2017.

He remained in Seattle from March 5 to March 29, and the hospital billed the family's insurance for the hospital stay, citing that he needed to be there for a 14 day round of antibiotics.

Interestingly, the insurance company has refused to pay for the hospital stay from March 10 to 29 because they said that he did not need to be hospitalized for the antibiotics. They said that they could have safely been administered at home.

Denied Days/Procedure Dates: 03/10/2017 - 03/10/2017

You were admitted on March 5, 2017 Seattle Children's Hospital due to severe allergic reaction and Sepsis (presence of bacteria in the blood). The Health Net Clinical Utilization Management department received information regarding your care from the said hospital which showed that as of March 10, 2017 did not meet InterQual Acute Inpatient Medical criteria for continued stay. The care and the intravenous antibiotics (antibiotics given through a line into your veins) could be safely done at a lower level of care such as at home under the supervision of a Home Health Registered Nurse. Therefore, from March 10, 2017 through discharge will not be covered due to lack of sufficient information to support the medical necessity of your continued stay at the acute level of care.

The hospital alleges that Zachary had septic shock and severe sepsis (a blood infection); however, nothing in the medical records shows that. The diagnosis was reportedly added by the Child Abuse doctors weeks after Zachary's hospital admission.

Their case was moved to their home state of California, and Zachary's care was transferred to Children's Hospital of Orange County (CHOC) in Los Angeles, not the Children's Hospital LA, where his doctors are.

Child Abuse doctors Dr. Rebecca Wiester and Dr. Ken Feldman from Seattle Children's Hospital never spoke with any of the family, and they never examined Zachary. Yet they told CPS, law enforcement, and Child Abuse doctors in California that there was no evidence of the diagnoses of Zachary's medical conditions.

The social workers and Child Abuse doctors in California allegedly simply took the word of the Seattle doctors, never actually examining any past medical records or the children.



There is no doubt that Zoe is hypermobile – one of the classic signs of one form of Ehlers-Danlos Syndrome. Photo provided by family.

Child Abuse doctors Dr. Van Greco of University of California Irvine (UCI) and Dr. Daphne Wong of Children’s Hospital of Orange County have reportedly simply recycled the allegations made by the Seattle team.

According to Child Abuse doctors, one of the “sure signs” that the mother was causing the symptoms is that the symptoms resolve after the “parent-ectomy” (removal of

the parent).

To be sure, there were a few of Zachary's symptoms that resolved, but that was because they were able to identify that the blood pressure medicine Enalapril was causing an allergic reaction. That medication was stopped shortly after his hospital admission. The family realized that he had been experiencing side effects of the medication all along.

Virtually all of his other medications have been added back in and other doctors have reaffirmed his diagnoses.

California CPS Seizes Custody of BOTH Children, Forces Them into Public School

After the case was transferred to California, Orange County CPS seized custody of Zachary's sister Zoe as well.

Based on the Seattle report, the homeschooled children were forced to go into public school, even though the children's grandmother volunteered to homeschool them.

The only silver lining in their story is that the children have been allowed to remain with their father. However, he is not permitted to make medical or educational decisions for his children, and Erin was forced to move out of her home. The once happy, loving Christian family is forced to violate their religious beliefs and live separated from each other.

According to one document:

Medical personnel have opined that, as the child Zachary has spent his life being portrayed as a sick child, he has been deprived of normal childhood activities, school, and social

interactions.

This portrayal is not the experience of those who know the Daugherty family. They were a very active homeschool family. The parents went out of their way to provide many opportunities for social activities and events. There is ample photographic evidence of such on the family's social media.



Zachary and Zoe at Universal Studios. Photo provided by family.

Forced Psych Evaluation of Mother

Erin is accused of making up Zachary's illnesses, even though many medical records support his diagnoses. Child Abuse Specialists have alleged that Erin somehow managed to convince doctors to put their reputations on the line by diagnosing him based on things that she has said instead of objective data.

Judge Gary Moorhead has reportedly ordered Erin to undergo a psychological evaluation, but social workers have suppressed any medical records that don't support their allegations. Just as with Zachary's records, they have, as one doctor termed it, "cherry picked" what documents to show the court.

More than a decade ago, Erin was diagnosed with Post Traumatic Stress Disorder after she underwent surgery. Because of her medical condition, her body did not respond to the anesthesia and she felt the pain of the surgery while it happened.

It seems cruel to some to hold against her that she was traumatized by that experience.

Report from Expert Doctor Suppressed

The Daugherty's had a court hearing on February 14, 2018. They learned that the social workers reported to the court that a medical report and letter from Dr. Pradeep Chopra should not be admitted for 2 reasons.

First, they allege that Dr. Chopra is not a qualified expert in Ehlers-Danlos. However, he is considered one of the top experts in the condition. (See [link.](#)) The Harvard graduate

has an extremely impressive resume, and he is the director of the Pain Management Center of Rhode Island. He has examined Zachary and reviewed his medical records. In so doing, he confirms the previous diagnoses that Erin told the Seattle doctors about.

Unlike the Child Abuse doctors, he has specialized training and is truly an expert in the conditions that Zachary has.

The other allegation is that Erin has managed to somehow intercept the letter and medical report and that it did not truly come from Dr. Chopra. A report stating such was submitted to the court, despite the fact that Dr. Chopra emailed the letter and report directly to social worker Margaret Vanck.

This mirrors the experience suffered by many victims of Child Abuse Specialists. Courts may have testimony and reports from a dozen or more medical experts in the fields at issue, yet the reports that they attend to are often only the biased and prejudicial reports from the Child Abuse doctors.

Children are the Ones who Suffer From Lack of Care When Munchausen Syndrome by Proxy Allegations Arise

Erin only gets to see her children for 4 hours a week. She told us:

The worst part is that the children have been unable to receive the therapies and treatments needed to help manage Ehlers-Danlos Syndrome. They have physical therapy ordered but are refused by the child abuse physician to follow any order regarding the diagnosis.

The children are reportedly afraid to talk about their pain or symptoms. Because of the doctors' accusations of their mother, they are the ones paying the price. Not only have they been torn apart from their beloved mother, but they cannot get the help for their conditions that they need.

The fact that they are forced to attend public school is concerning to Dr. Pradeep Chopra because of Zachary's Mast Cell Activation Syndrome. He could be exposed to environmental triggers and is literally at risk of a life threatening reaction.

The parents are not permitted to inform the school about his allergies or Mast Cell condition.

How You Can Help

A Facebook page called [Bring Erin Home](#) has been set up for supporters to follow the family's story and get involved.



Calls may be made on the family's behalf to Governor Jerry Brown Jr. at (916) 445-2841, and he may be contacted [here](#).

Assembly Member Tom Daly represents the family's district in Orange County. He may be reached at (916) 319-2069, or contacted [here](#).

Senator Janet Nguyen is their state senator. She may be

reached at (916) 651-4034, or contacted [here](#).

Harvard-trained Beverly Hills Doctor Mom Still Fighting for Kids After 6 Years



Health Impact News

Reporter Sara Tiano of [*The Chronicle of Social Change*](#), an

online news publication dedicated to solution-based news coverage of child welfare, juvenile justice, mental health and educational issues faced by vulnerable children, has written [an investigative report](#) about the case of Dr. Susan Spell, a Harvard-trained Beverly Hills California doctor who has been fighting to regain custody of her children for over 6 years.

Health Impact News originally reported on Dr. Susan's case back in 2015. See:

[Harvard-trained Beverly Hills Doctor Mom Has 4 Children Kidnapped by LA County DCFS](#)

[Dr. Susan Attacked by Los Angeles DCFS for Going to the Media - Pressure Put on Children to Turn Against Her](#)

Tammi Stefano of the *National Safe Child Show* first brought Dr. Susan's story to the public in LA County in 2014 by having Dr. Susan on her show.

Watch the 2014 interview:

https://youtu.be/KFhkj_gfdZw

The *Chronicle of Social Change* is [reporting](#) that:

In March, Los Angeles County paid a \$150,000 settlement to a celebrity Beverly Hills doctor after social workers lied under oath and falsified evidence to take her four kids from her, amid a thorny custody battle.

But despite the payout — and the help of top-notch private

lawyers — Susan Spell, whose TV credits include Oprah, CNN, Good Morning America, and Dr. 90210, still doesn't have her kids back...

However, in spite of this settlement, Dr. Susan's costs in fighting corrupt courts in LA County to get her children back has depleted her financial resources to the point where she can no longer afford attorneys and must now represent herself:

This fight for her children has consumed not just Spell's life, but her savings, too. In addition to the lawyers, Spell said she's paid thousands of dollars to professional monitors just to have the opportunity to see her kids.

In more recent proceedings, the mildly famous dermatologist has had to represent herself, no longer able to afford private lawyers, but still too affluent to qualify for free representation.

If a Harvard-trained, high-powered doctor with private legal help still hasn't been able to get her kids back from their abusive father, what chance does a poor mom without those resources and social bona fides have under similar circumstances?

"If it could happen to me, it could happen to anyone," Spell said.

Corruption in Los Angeles Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS)



Dr. Spell has appeared on Dr. Oz, Oprah, Good Morning America, and a number of other television programs.

In *Health Impact News'* previous coverage of Dr. Susan's case, we have highlighted the alleged corruption in LA courts, where a Dependency Court judge had found no evidence against Dr. Susan that would warrant the removal of her children, and dismissed the case "with prejudice," which is very rare in these types of cases, and means that DCFS should not have been able to bring charges back against Dr. Susan again based on the lack of evidence.

However, DCFS was able to somehow bring up the charges again in the Appellate Court with allegedly falsified documents, and the original judge in Dependency Court was

reassigned out of Dependency Court.

Commenting on the recent \$150,000 court settlement with DCFS, [*The Chronicle of Social Change*](#) reports that Dr. Susan's ex-husband, Dr. Brian Evans, who acted as an expert witness in child abuse cases for DCFS for around 10 years, may have had a part in influencing DCFS:

In a 2013 meeting between the family, DCFS, and County Counsel, two of the Evans kids made a shocking statement about one of their assigned caseworkers: "That's not our social worker, that's Brian's girlfriend," they said, referring to their father by his first name, according to the lawsuit that garnered the six-figure settlement with the county.

The girls said the caseworker, Tasha Beard, and Evans had shut themselves in his bedroom with the door closed for a long time on a recent visit from the social worker. When later questioned in court, Beard admitted to spending time in Evans' bedroom behind closed doors, though she denied their relationship was romantic or sexual.

*Evans did not respond to *The Chronicle's* multiple requests for comment.*

Read the complete article at [*The Chronicle of Social Change*](#).

Grandmother Wrongly Accused of Shaken Baby Syndrome is Freed from Prison After 11 Years



Maria Mendez, in blue, surrounded by her legal team from Project for the Innocent at Loyola Law School. Photo [source](#).

by Terri LaPoint
Health Impact News

The [Los Angeles Times is reporting](#) that a grandmother was freed from prison this month after Loyola Law School's Project for the Innocent became involved.

Maria Mendez spent the last 11 years of her life serving a 25-year sentence for the death of her 9-month-old grandson. She had been convicted of Shaken Baby Syndrome, but attorneys and law students who fight for people who are wrongfully convicted took up her case, pointing out medical

evidence that was not considered by the court.

In most medical kidnapping stories we cover, no criminal charges are ever filed. The children are seized, placed into foster care – usually with strangers, and the parents sometimes lose custody permanently, even though the parents or grandparents are never charged with any type of a crime.

The rare cases of Child Protective Services involvement, in which someone faces criminal charges, usually fall in one of three categories:

1. Shaken Baby Syndrome
2. Multiple broken bones
3. Munchausen Syndrome by Proxy/Medical Child Abuse

In each of the three, there is frequently a valid medical reason for the child's injuries, but that reason is often never presented as evidence in court.

In these cases, as well as in many cases that do not involve criminal charges, there is almost always a Child Abuse Specialist doctor involved.

As we recently reported, courts frequently ignore the reports of medical experts and specialists, elevating the reports of the Pediatric Child Abuse Specialist to a higher status than that of other experts.

See:

Pediatric Child Abuse “Experts” are NOT Experts in Anything

There are thousands of cases nationwide in which someone went to prison for child abuse based largely, or even solely, upon the testimony of Child Abuse Specialist doctors while other valid medical explanations are ignored in court.

Programs such as [Loyola Law School’s Project for the Innocent](#) and [The Innocence Project](#) seek to free people who are wrongfully convicted of crimes. Hundreds of people across the United States have been exonerated through the efforts of such programs.

Many convictions of Shaken Baby Syndrome, like that of Maria Mendez, have been thrown out or retried in recent years.

Child Abuse Doctor Condemned Grandmother

Dr. Carol Berkowitz is the Director of the Child Abuse Fellowship at Harbor-UCLA Medical Center. At one time, she served as the President of the American Academy of Pediatrics. She is part of the [Helper Society](#) – an elite group of doctors involved with Child Abuse, and in 2014, she won the society’s highest award.



Even today, Dr. Carol Berkowitz refuses to back down on her assertion that the grandmother abused the baby. Other doctors disagree, but she was the only doctor to testify 11 years ago. Photo [source](#).

Despite her many accolades, Dr. Berkowitz, like her Child Abuse Specialist colleagues, failed to consider alternative explanations for the injuries sustained by the grandson of Ms. Mendez. The testimony that she gave reflects the junk science beliefs involved in Shaken Baby Syndrome.

“In your medical opinion, was the injury to Emmanuel caused by shaking?” the prosecutor asked.

“Yes,” Berkowitz responded. “That would be one mechanism for the injury.”

The prosecutor then asked how violently a baby would need to be shaken to cause brain swelling.

“It would be a significant force,” the doctor said. “One to two short, very forceful jerks would do it.”

Judge orders release of woman who served 11 years behind bars in grandson’s death

By [Marisa Gerber](#)
[Los Angeles Times](#)

Excerpts:

A woman who spent 11 years behind bars in connection with the sudden death of her 9-month-old grandson has been freed from prison after new evidence revealed that the death may have been accidental.



Maria Mendez hugs family members after her release from wrongful incarceration. Photo [source](#).

Maria Mendez — whose release from custody was made public by her attorneys Wednesday [July 11, 2018] — always maintained her innocence, vowing that she had not hurt her grandson, Emmanuel, before he collapsed and stopped breathing in December 2006.

“Finally, I have my liberty,” said Mendez, 64, who got out of prison last week after a judge vacated her old conviction as part of a larger plea deal. Under the agreement with Los Angeles County prosecutors, Mendez pleaded no contest to voluntary manslaughter, but was released since she had already served the maximum 11-year sentence.

Prosecutors said they stand by medical evidence presented at trial that the death resulted from abuse.

However, medical experts who testified for Mendez during a

recent hearing said her case and others highlight increasing doubts about accepted theories of shaken baby syndrome.

Mendez was arrested and charged with murdering her grandson seven months after the baby's death, court records show. During her trial in 2009, a prosecutor told jurors that Mendez had fallen into a depression after her husband died and became frustrated after her teenage daughter got pregnant with Emmanuel. The prosecutor argued that on Dec. 13, 2006, while babysitting, Mendez snapped and fatally injured the baby.

Prosecutors called Dr. Carol Berkowitz, a pediatrician described to jurors as a child abuse expert. Berkowitz, who saw Emmanuel in the emergency department at Harbor-UCLA Medical Center in 2006, testified that she believed the baby had experienced a traumatic injury one to two hours before paramedics arrived. Mendez, prosecutors argued, was the only adult with the baby during that time.

Maria Mendez was convicted and sentenced to 25 years to life in prison.

Her appellate attorney, who believed Mendez had been wrongfully convicted, contacted the Project for the Innocent at Loyola Law School, which eventually championed Mendez's case. The lawyers tracked down medical records, including a CT scan of the brain that Mendez's trial attorney had not received, said Paula Mitchell, one of Mendez's attorneys. Several medical experts reviewed the case, Mitchell said, and concluded that the evidence suggested an accidental death.

In a 2016 declaration, Dr. Frank Sheridan, the longtime chief medical examiner for San Bernardino County, wrote that he was the only medical expert who testified on behalf of Mendez at her trial and that her attorney never asked his views on many aspects of the case.

“It is my steadfast belief that Maria Mendez ... was wrongfully convicted,” he wrote. “This case has haunted me for years.”

In court documents, another physician who reviewed the case, Roland Auer, wrote that an accidental fall a couple of days before Emmanuel collapsed could have caused cardiac arrest.

“Dr. Berkowitz’s opinion that the child’s head injury was inflicted ... rather than accidental is unsupportable by any scientific evidence,” Auer wrote.

During a recent hearing, records show, a doctor with a specialty in pediatric radiology challenged the one- to two-hour trauma window Berkowitz testified about at trial. But in an interview with The Times this week, Berkowitz defended her assessment.

“It still sounds right to me,” the doctor said, adding that she remains confident the baby’s death resulted from abuse.

In his 15-page report on the case, Auer wrote critically of the long-accepted tenets of shaken baby syndrome, saying that

impact on a baby's brain looks the same "whether abusive or not."

"There is no way of inferring abuse," Auer wrote, "and the non-science has been called out in recent publications."

At least 15 people convicted of injuring or killing an infant by violent shaking have since been exonerated, according to [a national registry of wrongful convictions](#).

According to another [national database](#), last updated in 2015, at least 3,000 criminal cases related to shaken baby syndrome have been filed in the U.S. over the years.

Last month, in the middle of an evidentiary hearing where medical experts testified about Mendez's case, Mitchell said prosecutors made her client an offer: They would agree to have her old conviction vacated if she pleaded no contest to two lower charges.

To avoid more prison time, Mitchell said, her client agreed, pleading no contest to voluntary manslaughter and child abuse. A judge accepted the plea last month, records show, and ordered Mendez's immediate release.

The district attorney's office remains "confident in the validity of the medical opinions and the medical evidence that supported the prosecution of the case," said district attorney spokeswoman Shira Davila-Morales. Mendez's plea, the spokeswoman said, "was effectively an admission that she is not factually innocent."

Although the new charges lead to the same legal outcome — a conviction — Mitchell emphasized that her client had pleaded “no contest” rather than “guilty” to them.

It was Mendez’s way, Mitchell said, of saying, “I don’t want to fight this anymore.”

Read the full article at [Los Angeles Times](#).

Project for the Innocent

Loyola Law School is located in Los Angeles, California. According to the website:

Loyola Law School’s Project for the Innocent (LPI) is dedicated to the exoneration of the wrongfully convicted. Loyola Law School students are the heart and soul of the clinic, which is yearlong. If, after a thorough investigation of a case, a true claim of innocence is provable, clinic students will help draft a habeas petition so that the case can be litigated in court.

The Project does not accept phone calls from people seeking legal advice, but wrongfully convicted individuals themselves may inquire about legal representation by writing to:

Loyola Project for the Innocent
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Los Angeles CA 90015

**Beverly Hills Harvard-Trained
Doctor Sues County of Los
Angeles and Social Workers \$750
Million in Whistleblower Lawsuit**



Dr. Susan Spell

Comments by Brian Shilhavy
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In 2015 *Health Impact News* first reported on the case of Dr. Susan Spell (formerly Evans) whose 4 children were allegedly kidnapped by the LA County Department of Child and Family Services (DCFS). See:

[Harvard-trained Beverly Hills Doctor Mom Has 4 Children Kidnapped by LA County DCFS](#)

Her oldest child has since turned 18 and aged out of the system. This week, Dr. Spell and her son filed a \$750 million lawsuit against LA County and some social workers.

[The Epoch Times](#) has published an article about her case:

Dr. Susan Spell, alongside her 18-year old son Nicholas, filed a \$750 million lawsuit July 30 against the County of Los Angeles and individual social workers.

“I want to bring awareness. This is the epitome of corruption and abuse of power. I have to pay to see my children,” Spell told [The Epoch Times](#).

“Susan is a physician in L.A. County. She went to pick her kids up from school one day, only to find that DCFS removed them,” Spell’s lawyer Stephen Lamont told [The Epoch Times](#).

“DCFS convinced the school they had a warrant. They did not have a warrant. They tried to get a warrant but it was denied. They said there was a restraining order against Dr. Spell, but that never existed.” ([Source](#).)

Melinda Murphy, a former DCFS social worker who became a whistleblower, has supplied an affidavit in Dr. Spell's lawsuit stating that DCFS falsifies evidence to justify taking children from their parents.

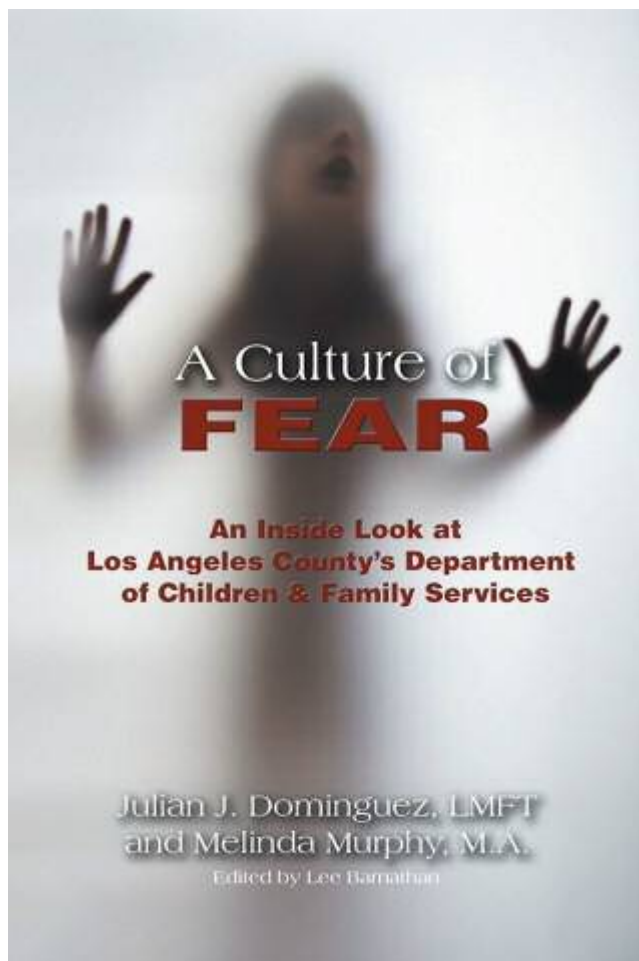


Image from [Sbpra Books](#).

Murphy published a book, co-authored by Julian Dominguez,

another former DCFS social worker, titled “*Culture of Fear: An Inside Look at Los Angeles County’s Department of Children and Family Services.*”

You can watch an interview with Melinda Murphy (which includes Dr. Susan) on the National Safe Child show with Tammi Stefano here:

Former LA County Social Worker Reveals Corruption in Child “Protection” Services

You can watch an interview with whistleblower Julian Dominguez on the National Safe Child show here:

LA County DCFS Whistleblower Reveals how Parents are Losing Their Children to a Corrupt System

Murphy [told the Epoch Times](#):

“If one social worker didn’t like another, she would recommend the kids would not go home,” Murphy told *The Epoch Times*. *“A supervisor would say we are never sending these kids home, no matter what. That’s not the way it was supposed to be done. I would say 30 percent of all the cases were marked by departmental or personal or political biases.”*

Murphy testified in her affidavit in the Spell case that she was being trained as a supervising children’s social worker of the Los Angeles County DCFS, from which she resigned.

Murphy said in her affidavit that her trainer told her and others on their first day of training, “We should be ashamed

of what we have done to some of the families that we have sworn to serve.”

“During my training, my observations, and in my work experiences, I learned that the DCFS does not have a mechanism for backing down and, has a tendency, even if the parent is innocent, to make them appear guilty in some way, and that includes perjuring testimony, falsifying reports, and fabricating evidence to justify taking children,” Murphy said in the affidavit. ([Source.](#))

Read the [full story at The Epoch Times](#).

San Diego Toddler Taken from Mother Dies in Foster Care 4 Months Later - Mom Sues County



[Image source ABC News 10 San Diego](#)

Health Impact News

The tragic death of 22-month-old Tyler Walter who was taken away from his mother and placed into foster care with a 19-year-old foster mother has been reported by [ABC News 10 in San Diego](#).

Adults were put in charge of Tyler Walter's life to give him a chance to flourish. Instead, Tyler died before he could reach two.

The biological mother of the 22-month-old boy believes the system failed in its duty. Tyler Walter died two months after

being placed with a foster parent.

In a claim filed against the County of San Diego, Lisa Walter stated that her son Tyler, “was healthy when he was in my care he was thriving, he needed his mother and placing him with my 19-year-old niece was negligent.”

Tyler Walter died Sept. 22, 2018. The cause of death listed on his autopsy is blunt head trauma.

Tyler’s mother was allegedly arrested for possession of drugs, which led to the child being removed from her home. The home California CPS put the young toddler into was obviously far worse, resulting in his death a short time later. The 19-year-old foster mother was reportedly homeless and living out of her car.

This tragic case reinforces research done over the years that children generally do far better when left their parents, even if it is a troubled home and the parents have problems, such as drug use. See:

Foster Care Children are Worse Off than Children in Troubled Homes – The Child Trafficking Business

Given the current opioid epidemic that currently exists in the U.S., and the high rate of prescription drug usage among Americans, maybe half the population is struggling with drug abuse issues.

The only factor that determines which drug abuse problems are criminal offenses and which ones are not, is whether that drug is legal and approved by the FDA, or whether it is

illegal, and not approved by the FDA.

Drug abuse problems with illegal drugs dwarfs the sheer number of people abusing prescription drugs, and yet parents using legal prescription drugs seldom have their children taken away as a result of taking FDA-approved prescription drugs.

Attorney Shawn McMillan is representing the mother in her lawsuit against the County of San Diego. He was recently interviewed by ABC News 10:

<https://youtu.be/3VMd1YZ1kGA>

This is not the first time that Attorney McMillan has sued San Diego. See:

**San Diego Police: “We’re Not Changing Anything”
– Seizure of Children to Continue**