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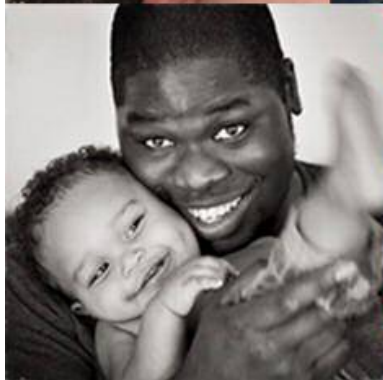
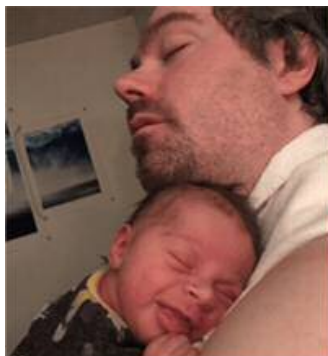
# **Medical Kidnapping Children in the United States: Maryland**

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# Maryland



# CPS Threatens to Take Children Away from Parents for Letting Them Walk to the Park

UPDATE June 22, 2015:

## Maryland CPS Clears “Free-Range” Parents in Neglect Case

From Danielle Meitiv [Facebook Page](#):

*(Washington, DC)—Maryland Child Protective Services (CPS) has dropped all allegations of child neglect made against Danielle and Alexander Meitiv, the Silver Spring, Maryland, parents at the center of the high-profile “free-range” children case. The decision affirms what the Meitivs have maintained all along: that they are responsible parents who have never neglected their children.*

*The Meitivs said they are pleased with the result but concerned that CPS’s decision still leaves unnecessary confusion for their family and others. The agency’s decision provides no explanation why CPS instituted its investigation, why it made a “Ruled Out” determination or why the agency took two months to issue its decision.*

*Prior to receiving this decision, CPS announced new guidelines on June 11 attempting to clarify how the agency will apply child neglect laws, particularly with respect to school-aged children who are walking in their neighborhoods or playing at local parks. Under the new*

*policy, CPS said it would not intervene unless there is evidence the child “has been harmed or is at substantial risk of harm if they continue to be unsupervised.”*

*In dropping the investigation into the Meitiv case, CPS did not indicate whether the agency applied its new or old policy.*

*“Our family is happy that the investigations are closed, but more needs to be done,” Danielle Meitiv said. “The guidelines contain too much ambiguity and fail to acknowledge the parents’ right to allow their children age-appropriate independence. The guidelines also overlook that the parents should be the first adults contacted if there is any question about children who are playing among themselves in their neighborhood. I look forward to working with parents, as well county and state legislators, to ensure that parents’ choices for raising their children are respected.”*

*Matthew J. Dowd, a partner in the Washington, D.C. office of Andrews Kurth, is the lead attorney representing the Maryland family on a pro bono basis. Mr. Dowd is working closely with former Maryland Assistant State’s Attorney Thomas DeGonia of Ethridge Quinn Kemp McAuliffe Rowan & Hartinger in Rockville, Maryland, and David DeLugas, Executive Director of the National Association of Parents.*

*“We are not surprised that CPS has dropped its frivolous allegations,” said Mr. Dowd. “But its decision does not remedy the harm caused to the children when they were illegally detained by police and then CPS for over five hours. There were clear constitutional violations that need to be investigated and remedied.” ([Source](#).)*

UPDATE April 16, 2015:

## Maryland Couple Sues CPS Over Unlawful Seizure of Their Children

UPDATE Apr 13, 2015:

### Police and CPS Detain Kids (Again) for Walking Home from Park without Parents

[Washington Post video link](#)

By [Donna St. George](#)  
[Washington Post](#)

Excerpts:

Danielle and Alexander Meitiv say they are being investigated for neglect.... in a case they say reflects a clash of ideas about how safe the world is and whether parents are free to make their own choices about raising their children.

On Dec.20, Alexander agreed to let the children, Rafi and Dvora (ages 10 and 6), walk from Woodside Park to their home, a mile south, in an area the family says the children know well.

The children made it about halfway. Police picked up the children near the Discovery building, the family said, after someone reported seeing them.

Danielle said she and her husband give parenting a lot of thought.

“Parenthood is an exercise in risk management,” she said. “Every day, we decide: Are we going to let our kids play football? Are we going to let them do a sleepover? Are we

going to let them climb a tree? We're not saying parents should abandon all caution. We're saying parents should pay attention to risks that are dangerous and likely to happen."

She added: "Abductions are extremely rare. Car accidents are not. The number one cause of death for children of their age is a car accident."

Danielle is a climate-science consultant, and Alexander is a physicist at the National Institutes of Health.

The Meitivs say that on Dec. 20, a CPS worker required Alexander to sign a safety plan pledging he would not leave his children unsupervised until the following Monday, when CPS would follow up. At first he refused, saying he needed to talk to a lawyer, his wife said, but changed his mind when he was told his children would be removed if he did not comply.

[Read the Full Story at The Washington Post.](#)

# Police and CPS Detain Kids (Again) for Walking Home from Park without Parents

[Washington Post video link](#)

## Health Impact News Editor Comments

The Meitiv family's two children were picked up by police in Maryland this past weekend, again for the "crime" of walking home from the park without their parents.

From Danielle Meitiv's Facebook page:

*THE KIDS ARE HOME! CPS finally let us see them at 10:30 and after making us sign a "safety plan" let us bring them home.*

*The police coerced our children into the back of a patrol car, telling them they would drive them home. They kept the kids trapped there for three hours, without notifying us, before dropping them at the Crisis Center, and holding them there without dinner for another two and a half hours. We finally got home at 11pm and the kids slept in our room because we were all exhausted and terrified.*

The Meitiv family has one thing in their favor that most of the other parents in our stories do not have: the support of the mainstream media who seem to be outraged over this story.



Why are they outraged over this happening to the Meitivs, but not other families? Is it because both parents are well-educated scientists, and more accurately represent families of the national mainstream media elite? Do they realize that if this can happen to the Meitivs it can probably happen to them too?

Some of the national mainstream media coverage:

**'Free-range' kids and our parenting police state – Washington Post**

**'Free-range' parents being investigated by Child Protective Services again – MSNBC**

**Police Again Pick up Children of 'Free-Range' Parents – ABC News**

Quote:

In the meantime, Danielle Meitiv said she won't leave her children unsupervised until she and her husband are cleared.

*“Child Protective Services has succeeded in making me terrified of letting my children out,” she said. “Nothing that has happened so far has convinced me that children don't need independence and freedom, except that they'll be harassed by police and CPS.”*

# Maryland Couple Sues CPS Over Unlawful Seizure of Their Children



Meitiv Family – Image from [Danielle Meitiv Facebook Page](#)

## Health Impact News Editor Comments

The Meitiv Family in Montgomery County Maryland is reportedly beginning litigation against Maryland CPS and possibly Montgomery County Police as well, for the unlawful seizure of their children this past weekend.

As we have seen in so many other cases we have covered here at Health Impact News, there were no criminal charges filed against the parents of Meitiv children, and the alleged “victims” of parental abuse or neglect were incarcerated by force, in a total violation of their civil rights. The children were walking home from the park when police and CPS

detained them for hours, not even allowing them to call their parents. It would appear that the United States has now become the number 1 country in the world incarcerating alleged victims of abuse against their will, in the expanding police state once known for its freedoms and liberty.

Danielle Meitiv, the mother, has posted an article on her Facebook Page showing that the neighborhood they live in has recently been voted one of “The 10 Most Caring Suburbs In America,” and yet she now fears to allow her children to walk alone in their neighborhood due to the threat of kidnapping by local police and CPS. Such is the sad state of affairs in the United States of America today, where parents fear having their children kidnapped by government authorities more than they fear other criminals who could harm their children.

Statement by the family’s attorneys posted on Danielle Meitiv’s Facebook Page:

## **Meitivs Vow to Fight Unlawful Seizure of Children by Maryland CPS**

April 14, 2015

Washington, DC — On a sunny Sunday afternoon, when children should be playing outdoors and enjoying the weather, Danielle and Alexander Meitiv’s children were subjected to a terrifying detainment that no child should have to experience. Shockingly, the Meitiv children experienced this maltreatment at the hands of the very government officials who are entrusted to uphold the law and ensure that children in need are taken care of.

Despite being three short blocks from their home, the Meitiv

children—Rafi (10) and Dvora (6)—were stopped at approximately 5 P.M. on Sunday afternoon by police officers in three squad cars simply because Rafi and Dvora were walking home. The police interrogated the children, and Rafi explained that they were walking home and were just three blocks from their house. The police demanded that the children get into one of the police cars, under the misleading “assurance” that the police would bring them home. The children told the police that they know where they live and they would like to call home. The police never called Danielle or Alexander even though the police had all their contact information. Nor did they allow Rafi and Dvora to call their parents.

The Meitiv children were confined to the back of a police car for almost three hours without any explanation of why they were being detained. The Meitiv children were then transported to the Montgomery County Crisis Center for further detention. During this entire time, the children had no access to food and only limited access to the restroom. After a series of delays and decisions by CPS and the police, CPS did not release the children to Danielle and Alexander until 10:30 P.M., and the children did not return home until about 11 P.M. on a school night.

Due to the actions of Maryland CPS and Montgomery County Police, the children were:

- detained in a police car for almost three hours,
- kept from their parents for over six hours without access to food, and
- not returned to the parents until almost midnight on the night before school.

Matthew Dowd, a partner with Wiley Rein, states: “The Meitivs are rightfully outraged by the irresponsible actions of Maryland CPS and Montgomery County Police. We must

ask ourselves how we reached the point where a parent's biggest fear is that government officials will literally seize our children off the streets as they walk in our neighborhoods. The Meitivs intend to fully vindicate their rights as parents and their children's rights, and to prevent this from happening to their children again. The CPS investigations and actions here are premised on a fundamental misapplication of the law and are contrary to the constitutional rights of these parents to raise their children as they see best."

The actions of Maryland CPS and Montgomery County Police violate the fundamental rights parents have in raising their children. In *Troxel v. Granville*, 530 U.S. 75 (2000), the Court explained that "the Due Process Clause of the Fourteenth Amendment protects the fundamental right of parents to make decisions concerning the care, custody, and control of their children." This fundamental, constitutional right of parents cannot be infringed simply because certain governmental employees disagree with a parent's reasoned decision on how to raise his or her children.

The Meitivs are troubled by the county's discretionary use of power to subject this happy, healthy and independent family to invasive, frightening and unnecessary government oversight, when there are other pressing challenges for county families in need.

Wiley Rein is honored to represent the Meitivs on a pro bono basis in their effort to vindicate their parental rights. Wiley Rein team comprises Matthew Dowd, Megan Brown, Parker Lavin, Tyler Robinson, Wesley Weeks, and Sara Luxenberg. Wiley Rein intends to pursue all legal remedies to protect the Meitivs' parental rights. Wiley Rein is working with Thomas DeGonia of Ethridge Quinn Kemp McAuliffe Rowan & Hartinger and David DeLugas of the National Association of

Parents.

Source.

# Maryland Father Accused of Abuse over Broken Bones - Both Children Removed from Home of Loving Parents



Gibbs family. Source: [Reunite the Gibbs Family Facebook Page](#)

UPDATE 7/22/2015

From the [Reunite The Gibbs](#) Facebook Page:

*Great News! CPS & the Children Lawyer' attempt to change to a Permanency Plan for Adoption has been REJECTED! Adoption is no longer on the table! The Plan for Reunification with Justine is still the goal...next hearing will reconvene in August! Thank you to all who prayed from different locations all over this country & parts of the world. God has, is, & will be glorified! Ultimately his will be done! A million thank you's to all those who sacrificed minutes to hours interceding for this family. And the fight continues!*

UPDATE 6/9/2015

The baby on the way is a boy, and they have named him Eli.

Their next court date is July 22, 2015. They have a new Facebook Page: [Reunite The Gibbs](#)

### **Health Impact News Editor Comments**

As you read this story put together by our staff after interviews with the family, consider these questions:

- Since the father was accused of a crime, why were the alleged victims (the children) removed from the home and incarcerated?
- Would these two children have not been in better care if they had been kept with the mother (who is a nurse and was not charged of any wrong-doing) and [other family members](#)?
- If the father was the perceived threat, should not the father have been the one forced to leave the home



until his innocence or guilt was determined in a court of law?

- What benefit does the State receive from placing children into foster care rather than leaving them with family members?
- How can this practice of State-sponsored kidnapping, often based on the opinions of medical doctors, be lawful under our Constitution and allowed to continue?

For more info, see:

## Does the State Ever Have a “Right” to Remove Children from a Home?

### **The Gibbs Family’s Tragic Story**



Image Source: [Reunite the Gibbs Family Facebook Page](#)

Max and Justine Gibbs were blessed with their second child on February 15th, 2014. Their life was running smoothly. Enjoying their children, their marriage and their home in Lexington Park, Maryland, they were feeling very thankful.

Justine worked as a nurse at the local hospital and had been a nurse for 8 years. Max worked in construction and spent many hours volunteering for their church. Max also attended college for Pastoral Ministry. Justine and Max took turns watching the children while the other one was at work. They also had family support to help when they were working the same shift. This busy couple loved to give back, and like most young couples, they talked about their dreams for the future.

Life was good and they were enjoying every minute!

## **Their Good Life Turns to Grieving**

When their daughter was 8 weeks old, Max noticed her leg was swollen. Max called his wife while she was at work to express his concern. Max's mother who was living in their home watched their son while Max took his daughter to the hospital.

With Justine being a nurse, they trusted the medical profession and believed that they would provide assistance to their daughter.

## **CAT Scan Reveals Fractures**

As Max waited for the CAT scan results and the x-rays, his heart ached for his baby girl. He stayed positive, thinking everything was going to be OK.

Justine's nursing experience helped her focus on staying calm while they waited. Finally the results were in and Justine was told that the test results showed 3 ribs and one femur were fractured.

Quickly the two parents were separated and Max was given no information about his daughter.

## **Hospital Accuses Father of Child Abuse**

The questioning of abuse began and the Gibbs described the questioning as an interrogation.

Immediately their son was taken out of the home, but Max's mother who was living in the home was never questioned.

The hospital put a person in the room to monitor Max and Justine while they were with their daughter. That was short lived as the hospital told them they couldn't afford to pay a person to sit in their child's room 24 hours a day, so they would have to leave. The Gibbs complied and still had faith in what they were being told. Unfortunately things didn't work out in their favor.

Justine and Max began to get more pressure with additional questioning. During the interrogation they said things to Max like, "We know you're a pastor but things happen so just be honest."

## **Father Arrested – Bail Set at 75,000**

Maintaining his innocence, Max was arrested on 2 counts of child abuse and 2 counts of assault. Max had never been in trouble with the law, he was terrified and couldn't believe what was happening.

As he sat in jail his mind was racing. He was not only shocked by the egregious accusations, but how could his bail be set at 75,000? The court mandated that the full amount be paid.

Max was isolated with his thoughts of his life spinning out of control. Justine was alone dealing with her children and missing her husband who she knew would never hurt them.

Eventually, after 2 bail hearings, the court granted Max to pay 10%. While the Gibbs family was glad his bail was lowered, it was still quite a bit of money for them to come up with.

Their community rallied together to help them raise funds,

in disbelief that this could happen to this family. The Gibbs were overwhelmed with support from the community and their church.

Together 7,500 was raised and Max was released from jail. He hasn't been allowed to see his little girl since then, but he does get visitation with his son.

Max missed his little girl's first crawl. He missed her first word and her first birthday. His heart breaks for her more every day.

## Heartbroken Parents Seek Answers

Justine stayed involved with updates on the children. They were placed in a foster home together. The foster family complained of the Gibbs' daughter's ribs and shoulders making "popping" noises.

Max and Justine took matters into their own hands and started researching. Justine went through testing and was diagnosed with Hypermobile Ehlers-Danlos Syndrome. This type of EDS is classified as loose joints and chronic joint pain, a connective tissue disorder.

Max was examined as well and he had low vitamin D levels. With this diagnosis, they believed they would be able to get their children back. Learn more about EDS here: [Ehlers-Danlos Syndrome](#)



Max Gibbs and son. Source: [Reunite the Gibbs Family Facebook Page](#)

## Were Child Abuse Allegations Really Undiagnosed Case of Ehlers-Danlos Syndrome?

Originally their daughter was misdiagnosed by the children's hospital as having spinal damage, but that diagnosis was later changed to fractures of 3 ribs and her femur.

The Gibbs were fed up with the medical care their daughter was getting, and their frustration was quickly rising because they were not able to get her the care they knew she needed.

The Gibbs had a letter from the specialist that diagnosed them. The specialist said "I believe I need to see your child." With that letter and their diagnosis, they approached the court again.

Believing their daughter to also have Ehlers-Danlos Syndrome, the Gibbs requested that she see a geneticist. After months of petitioning, the courts finally granted the request, although there were stipulations:

- The doctor had to have all medical records.
- The doctor had to inform CPS of all procedures, and if they were ethical they could proceed.
- The doctor had to talk to the abuse specialist.

All of these requirements have been met except for one. Although the doctor has contacted the abuse specialist, not just by phone several times but additionally by email, the abuse specialist has not returned any communication.

The abuse specialist is now stating, according to the Gibbs

family, that she does not have to abide by the court order and speak to the doctor. With all this confusion, their daughter still remains unseen by the geneticist, even though there is a court order in place.

## **Gibbs Facing Termination of Parental Rights**

The Gibbs remain frustrated and now have another hearing coming up on June 24th at the [circuit courthouse in Leonardtown](#), Maryland.

This will be a hearing to change the permanency plan and begin to end their rights as parents. This terrifies the Gibbs and with everything they have done they can't believe this is happening. Max says, "It feels like we are in a movie and it's not real."

Max and Justine have both completed psychological evaluations, and they have completed parenting assessments and counseling.

Max and Justine are now at a loss at how this could happen and cannot believe the child advocacy lawyer has been so difficult towards them through this whole process. The child advocacy lawyer objects to their daughter seeing a geneticist simply because she does not believe them.

The judge will not clear Max of all charges until the geneticist sees their daughter. Lawyer fees continue to grow as they fight to get their children back.

Max and Justine are expecting another child on June 21st and DSS has told their lawyers that they are going to try and take their expected baby away when she is born.



## **Many Families are Suffering at the Hands of CPS**

This is not the first story we have covered on this medical diagnosis. Here are two recent stories we have covered on Ehlers-Danlos Syndrome:

### **5 Children Kidnapped from Family in Missouri When Baby with Low Vitamin D Found with Broken Bones**

### **Child with Ehlers-Danlos Syndrome taken from Loving Family by Doctors**

With more and more parents having to be their own advocates we will be seeing many more of these medical diagnoses. The parent's full time job becomes researching, going to doctors and pleading for help.

## **The Gibbs Will Not Stop Fighting for their Children**

They want their children to be together. They long to move on with their lives and get the proper medical treatment their daughter needs. Max stated, "How can we do all the things that have been asked of us and there is still talk of adopting out our children?"

The Gibbs believe as this battle continues they will stay strong for their children and not stop fighting. Max said it best, "Faith in God has kept us together, I love my wife and my kids."

## How You Can Help

You can support the Gibbs family by joining their Facebook page: [Reunite the Gibbs Family](#)

The following people can be contacted on behalf of the Gibbs family:

### **Maryland Governor: Lawrence J. Hogan, Jr., Governor**

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Annapolis, MD 21401

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Web :

<http://governor.maryland.gov/contact-the-governors-office/>

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# Mother Who Was Sexually Trafficked as a Child in Foster Care Has Her Own Baby Medically Kidnapped - Fears for Her Safety



Jennifer Guskin and baby Iris. Photo provided by family.

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

A Maryland couple followed the advice of their doctors, and now their baby has been taken away from them by Child

Protective Services.

First time parents, Jennifer Guskin and Scott McFalls, were concerned about their baby's weight, but none of the three pediatricians they consulted noticed that baby Iris had a tongue and lip tie.

By the time they found a doctor who figured it out, CPS had already decided to take their baby from them.

It is the kind of nightmare scenario that could happen to any family. Doctors may not always be able to figure out why a child isn't gaining weight, but as soon as the baby is diagnosed with failure to thrive, Child Protective Services is often quick to blame the parents and seize the child.

Jennifer told *Health Impact News*:

*It seems like the doctors were more interested in working with CPS than actually finding out why she wasn't gaining weight.*

Unlike most families, Jennifer Guskin and Scott McFalls know all too well what kinds of horrors possibly face children taken by CPS and put into foster care. Jennifer was adopted as a baby herself, and she has recently gone public with horrific details about her childhood and how she became a victim of child sex trafficking and experimentation.

Jennifer and Scott recognize the danger that their baby is in, and that thought terrifies them.

## Accidental Homebirth

Jennifer and Scott have been together for 10 years, and they live in the home that Scott grew up in and bought from his parents. Their pregnancy was a surprise. Once they got used to the idea that they were going to be parents, they determined to do things as safely and naturally as possible.

They fixed up the nursery and ordered diapers and wipes that are chemical-free. They eat organic as much as possible. Jennifer planned to have a natural birth in a hospital and to breastfeed. She writes:

*Breast milk is the healthiest form of food for an infant, and it builds a closeness that can never truly be undone. It's health for mother and child's not just physical health, but mental, emotional and even spiritual well being.*

She didn't realize she was in labor. She thought it was just something she ate, until the baby started to come. They called 911 and she gave birth to Iris at home.

The baby latched on for her first feeding in the ambulance on the way to Howard County General Hospital. All was good.

Iris was tiny but healthy, weighing in at 5 lbs 12 oz.



Newborn baby Iris started out life small. She was full-term, but weighed only 5 lbs 12 oz.

Because Iris was born at home, it triggered a call to open up a CPS case. Jennifer says social workers told her that it was state policy in Maryland that CPS gets a call for every homebirth to do a walk through of the home “to make sure it’s prepared for a baby.”

The walk through went well, and social workers told the parents that the case would be closed by the end of the month.

## **Breastfeeding Sabotaged by Poor Medical Advice**

Jennifer said that she breastfed on demand, but she supplemented with formula during the first couple of weeks, because hospital staff had told her that she would need to do so until her milk came in.

Anyone who has studied lactation knows that this is not how breastfeeding works. It is supply and demand.

The more milk that is removed, the more milk is signaled for the body to produce the next day. Every bottle of formula, especially in the first few weeks when the supply is being established, tells the mother's body that it doesn't need to produce that amount of milk.

Jennifer didn't realize that this advice would sabotage her milk supply. Iris didn't like the formula and would spit it out. She gained back to her birth weight by the time she was a week old.

At her one week visit, with pediatrician Dr. Alvaro Ramos, Jennifer says that the doctor asked if there was any soreness with breastfeeding. She said that there was, but it was not something she was complaining about. She was determined to push through it, but she says that he recommended nursing less frequently. According to the medical records, the doctor:



*discussed breastfeeding/adjust feedings to every 2 hrs as oppose [sic] of on demands.*

That advice was counter-intuitive to Jennifer, but she complied with his recommendation. Over the next few weeks, Iris grew in length and head circumference, but gained weight very slowly.

She was meeting her other developmental milestones, but her slow weight gain concerned her parents. They asked about it at every doctor visit, only to be told not to nurse as often and to space out feedings to two to three hours.

As time went on, Jennifer asked about going back to feeding on demand, but according to medical records, the doctor continued to recommend scheduled feedings.

By March 2, the parents decided to stop seeing Dr. Ramos and find another pediatrician.

Iris was described as an alert, happy baby. She rarely cried because either Jennifer or Scott held her most of the time. She had 10 to 12 wet diapers a day and a bowel movement every other day. There are no reports of dry skin or sunken fontanel. All of these are indicators that baby is getting enough milk, except for the fact that she was not gaining weight.

Clearly, something wasn't right. Jennifer and Scott knew it, and they sought out answers.



Iris smiles as her daddy holds her. Photo provided by family.

Meanwhile, Dr. Ramos called Child Protective Services to report his “concerns about Iris’ weight gain and missing appointment,” the appointment they “missed” because the family decided to find another pediatrician. Dr. Ramos also called Jennifer’s number numerous times to repeat the PKU test.

Scott later expressed concern that the doctor’s office kept losing the PKU test and needing repeat heel sticks to get the baby’s blood. The blood samples collected from newborns goes into a national DNA database, something that many parents are not comfortable with. See:

## Loss of Privacy: Government Collecting and Storing DNA Samples of Newborn Babies - Available to Law Enforcement and for Medical Research

It took a month for them to be able to get in to see another pediatrician. They had an appointment with Dr. Cheryl Parks of Blackwell White Pediatrics on Monday, April 2, 2018.

That doctor, as well, reportedly told Jennifer to schedule feedings and space them out at least every 2 to 3 hours. She also recommended supplementation with formula. During the visit, the doctor did not communicate any real concern. Later that day, she called Jennifer and left a message concerning supplementation with formula.

Things got strange after that, Jennifer reports:

*A few hours after that, she called again to say that she didn't think Iris would survive the week and we should bring her to the ER on Thursday.*

The doctor told her to wait till Thursday, because she would have someone there who could evaluate her on Thursday, specifically.

That seemed very odd, because if it were truly an emergency, wouldn't they have needed to take Iris to the ER that night, or at least the next day?

A real emergency would not wait 3 days. Jennifer and Scott decided then and there to seek a second opinion. They told Dr. Parks that her services were no longer needed.

Nowhere in any of the medical records is there any mention of advice to increase nursing or skin-to-skin contact. There is no mention of breast compressions being recommended, and the possibility of a foremilk/hindmilk imbalance was apparently not considered.

Jennifer says she was never counseled to utilize any of the herbs that are traditionally recommended to increase milk supply such as fenugreek or blessed thistle.

The tried and true methods of increasing a breastfeeding mother's milk supply seemed to be notably absent.

## **CPS Shows up with the Police to Seize Baby with No Warrant – But Medic Clears Baby's Health After 5 Hour Standoff**

Jennifer and Scott immediately began searching again for a pediatrician, and Jennifer went back to nursing on demand. She was fine with her baby nursing “all the time” if that was what it took. They knew that their baby was small, and they were searching for answers.

They consulted an online lactation consultant and watched Iris closely for any signs of dehydration or illness.

They were stunned at the knock on their door on Friday evening, April 6, at 6 p.m. Two social workers and 4 Baltimore County police officers showed up with a “writ” from CPS saying that they were there to take the baby.

There was no warrant or court order – nothing signed by a judge.

The doctor had called CPS telling them that the baby would

be dead by the end of the week. It was a harrowing ordeal that lasted almost 5 hours. They recorded most of the ordeal on Facebook Live. ([View here.](#))

Most of the police officers acted compassionately, and they were able to negotiate for a medic to come to evaluate the baby.

The medic said that the baby was indeed very underweight, but, otherwise, she was doing well. She would certainly need to be evaluated by a doctor soon, but she did not appear to be in any immediate danger.

The police decided not to take the child out of the home that day.

The social workers did not appear to be happy with the decision. Records show that they had come to the home with the intent of seizing Iris.

## **Vaccines Refused – Parents Threatened by Doctor**

That Monday, they saw yet another pediatrician, Dr. Teresa Fuller. She recommended supplementing with formula every 3 hours, and they scheduled a follow up appointment in 3 days.

Baby Iris was not vaccinated, which presented a problem to Dr. Fuller. Jennifer told her that she would not agree to any vaccinations until her baby was gaining weight appropriately. Dr. Fuller informed her that if she continued to refuse vaccines, she would be dismissed from the practice.

## Baby Had Tongue and Lip Tie

During Friday night's Facebook Live recording, numerous people mentioned the possibility of tongue and/or lip tie. Monday afternoon, after the pediatrician visit, Jennifer took Iris to pediatric dentist, Dr. Robert Marcus.

None of the 3 pediatricians looked for or noticed that Iris had both a tongue and lip tie.

La Leche League, a recognized authority on breastfeeding, says that a short frenulum can cause pain, soreness, and plugged ducts in the mother and can cause slow weight gain in the baby. The baby may want to nurse constantly and still have difficulty gaining weight. ([Source.](#))

The signs were there that this was a problem, but they were missed. No one checked for the tell-tale “heart-shaped tongue.”

It is not uncommon for doctors and nurses to overlook the possibility of tongue or lip tie. Mothers and babies suffer needlessly, and the milk supply may never be established adequately, resulting in babies being labeled “failure to thrive.”

“Failure to thrive” is increasingly a diagnosis used by Child Protective Services to take babies from their parents.

The solution is relatively easy. Dr. Marcus performed the frenotomy, the surgical clip of the frenulums, on Monday, April 9.

Jennifer was relieved when she finally found out what was wrong. There was a reason for her baby's slow weight gain,

and it was something that could be fixed. If the tongue and lip tie are diagnosed early enough, breastfeeding generally resumes quickly.

Iris, however, was already more than 3 months old. La Leche League notes that it can take a week or two after frenectomy for baby to “adjust to his tongue’s greater mobility.”

One has to wonder how differently things would have turned out if the doctors had originally checked for tongue tie. What if the first pediatrician had tried to discover what was causing Iris not to gain weight instead of recommending spacing out feedings?

She and Scott took Iris to Greater Baltimore Medical Center (GRMC) that Thursday, April 12, for a follow-up evaluation. Doctors were very concerned about her weight and began supplementing via a feeding tube.

Iris was not really given a chance to relearn how to breastfeed effectively. A supplemental nursing system is an effective method by which a baby can learn how to suckle at the breast, but there is no mention of this solution in the medical records until they had been at the hospital for an entire week. It was finally started on April 20. Iris responded well.

She balked at first at being fed formula. Her mother said that she would spit it out.

The baby began gaining weight, and she was medically cleared to leave the hospital by April 23.

The hospital had a list of goals for discharging Iris, including conditions that the parents had to meet or agree to in order

for them to take their baby home. The only one they did not agree to was to leave the baby in the room without them in order to meet with CPS and hospital staff for a team meeting. Jennifer and Scott refused to allow Iris out of their sight because they were afraid that CPS would take her.

They had every reason for that fear.

## **Child Abuse Specialist – Never Examines Child but Makes Recommendations**

A report by Dr. Michelle Chudow, Director of the Child Protection Team at GRMC, appears to have played a big part in what happened next.



Dr. Michelle Chudow – Director of GBMC Child Protection Team, Photo [source](#).



On April 25, CPS medically kidnapped Iris and kicked her parents out of the hospital.

The Shelter Care Authorization paper states as grounds for her seizure:

*Caregivers, Jennifer Guskin and Scott McFalls are refusing to agree to follow through with the discharge agreement for Iris' intensive follow up for medical care.*

The document lists the plan that the parents allegedly refused to agree to.

However, the medical records clearly state that “Mom and Dad [are] in agreement with POC [plan of care].”

Dr. Chudow was consulted by CPS since Monday, April 9, the day that the baby’s tongue and lip tie were addressed. She admits in her report:

*Of note, I have not examined this patient myself as of the writing of this note, nor have I had any direct interaction with the patient’s family.*

She states that the parents “accused the SW of trying to take the baby away from the parents” on April 6, which is exactly what the records show the social worker was attempting. The parents’ fear was accurate.

Chudow took issue with Jennifer being caught co-sleeping with her baby:

*The patient's mother has been asked repeatedly to not place the baby on her breast in between defined feeding times, in order to fully monitor her intake, and to increase her ability at self-soothing, yet multiple nurses have commented that almost every time they walk in the room, the baby is on her mother's breast.*

She stated that she was concerned that if the parents are allowed to take their baby home, she might fall behind on her development.



Photo supplied by family.

Another major issue that Dr. Chudow seemed to have was Jennifer's comments that:

*CPS is trying to steal her baby for the purpose of trafficking the infant or in order to receive a bonus at work.*

*The patient's mother even mentioned one time that she, herself, was sexually trafficked as a child....*

Jennifer is on disability for Post Traumatic Stress Disorder because of the things that she has experienced, but an evaluation in the hospital for Postpartum Depression rated her at low risk for that. She has no other psychological diagnosis.

That evaluation apparently did not convince the Child Abuse Specialist. Dr. Chudow wrote that she was afraid that Jennifer has an underlying psychological illness that prohibits her from:

*being able to trust and engage with both medical and child protection personnel, and not allow her to see past her own **paranoid delusions** regarding people trying to steal and traffic her infant. [Emphasis added]*

In other words, without any evidence to the contrary, the horrors that Jennifer experienced growing up, things for which she has a recognized disability of PTSD, are chalked up as being “paranoid delusions,” used as justification for taking her child.

## Mother Trafficked as a Child and Suffered Unimaginable Horrors – “A Human Experiment”

Not long before Child Protective Services and the police showed up on their doorstep, Jennifer Guskin released the first two in a set of YouTube videos in which she had begun to talk about some of what she went through growing up in foster care, and part of a nationwide pedophile sex trafficking operation.

The videos describe allegations of unimaginable horrors of child sex trafficking and experimentation, and a pedophilia network that allegedly reaches to highest levels of government and society.

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They are on YouTube on her channel, “[AHumanExperiment](#).”

[These videos](#) reveal a dark underbelly of corruption and evil on a level that most of us cannot even fathom. They are things that should never happen to another human being, let alone small children and babies.

When a victim, such as Jennifer, decides to go public with such atrocities, most of the public, which is totally unaware that such things are happening in the U.S., will have a hard time believing that these accounts are true. The abusers and perpetrators of these child sex trafficking networks use their influence and power to silence the abused, and it is often difficult or impossible to expose them.

But during the past year or so, some of this information is finding its way to the public. Last year, for example, Dr. Phil had a woman on his show that explained how she was sold into the world of sex trafficking as a baby, and that it was the only life she knew. (See: [Woman Claims Parents Sold Her To An International Sex Trafficking Organization – At Birth](#))

Here at *Health Impact News*, we have heard such stories for years, but only since last year have we been able to publish any actual cases of this happening in the U.S., as we (and other media sources) were able to publish the case of David Frodsham in the military town of Sierra Vista, Arizona, where he was arrested and convicted for running a child pornography pedophile ring out of his state-approved foster home in June of 2017. ([Story here.](#))

The fact that the U.S. foster care system is the #1 recruitment source for putting children into pedophilia child sex trafficking networks is not even disputed any longer. To learn more about this, see our previous stories:

[\*\*Attorney Reporting in Newsweek: Foster Care is a System Set Up to Sex Traffic American Children\*\*](#)

[\*\*Publicly Open Pedophile Running for Office in Virginia Reveals How Foster Care is a Pipeline to Adopt Children as “Sex Toys”\*\*](#)

[\*\*Texas Judge: CPS Still Unconstitutional – Foster Care Sexual and Physical Abuse Still the Norm\*\*](#)

[Massachusetts State Auditor Finds Widespread Rape and Sexual Abuse in Foster Care but DCF Officials Won't Report It](#)

[Arizona Foster Care System Revealed as Pedophile Ring: Former Foster Child Tortured for Years Sues for \\$15 Million](#)

[Texas Sheriff Blasts CPS for Allowing Man Accused of Sexual Abuse to Foster 180 Girls](#)

["Pedophile Farm" Alleged in Lawsuit Against Washington Foster Care Home for Boys](#)

[Florida Foster Parents Charged with Hundreds of Sex Crimes Against Children in Alabama](#)

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

[The U.S. Foster Care System: Modern Day Slavery and Child Trafficking](#)

[Child Kidnapping and Trafficking: A Lucrative U.S. Business Funded by Taxpayers](#)

Jennifer and Scott fear that their baby might be subjected to some of the same atrocities that Jennifer went through. Jennifer says:

*For all I know, they're planning to put her [Iris] through the same thing.*

*That is why I am fighting so desperately to get her back.*

On the night that CPS came to their house in the first attempt to take Iris, Scott said:

*We live in the state of Maryland, right next to good old DC, “human trafficking central.” So you’ll forgive me if I don’t want to let CPS walk off with my 3-month-old daughter.*

## **9 Vaccines Given to Baby Who Went into “Full Code”**

Iris was discharged from the hospital 2 days after CPS took her. Before they released her, they gave her a total of 9 vaccines, without her parents’ consent.

- *Pediarix – diphtheria, hepatitis B, pertussis (acellular), polio, and tetanus vaccines*
- *DTaP – diphtheria, tetanus, and pertussis (acellular) vaccines*
- *Hib – Haemophilus influenzae type b*

Jennifer was shocked to see in the medical records that her baby went into “Full Code” for which CPR was administered, the same day that she was given all the shots.

No one will elaborate on what happened to her daughter.

Yet, CPS and Iris's guardian insist that they need to give her a second round of vaccines. Jennifer refuses to consent unless and until they get the full medical records and find out what happened to cause her baby to need CPR.

She said that when they were allowed to see Iris 2 days later, she seemed lethargic.

*She was swollen, shaky, not making eye contact, or holding her head up the same way she was before. Her coordination had suffered and she had bruises on her hands, indicative of IVs. I knew on sight that they vaccinated her against our wishes, and she had an extremely bad reaction.*



*Why was baby Iris given an IV after she was taken from her parents? Why did she need CPR? Was it due to multiple vaccines given to her? Photo provided by family.*



## Next Court Date Is Months Away

The CPS investigation has closed. They still accuse the parents of refusing to agree to the conditions for release despite evidence to the contrary.

Iris was placed with a family member, but Iris's parents do not believe that their daughter is safe.

The next court hearing is scheduled for October 25, but Jennifer and Scott plan to request an emergency hearing.

## How You Can Help

They are begging for help to save their daughter. In one of the videos, Jennifer pleads:

*If anybody can help, please help.... I don't want her going through the same things I did. Nobody deserves to go through that....*

*I can't let them hurt my daughter!*

Larry Hogan is the Governor of Maryland. He may be reached at (410) 974-3901 or contacted [here](#). The official governor's office website contains contact information for the National Human Trafficking Hotline - 1-888-373-7888.

Deloris Goodwin Kelley is the State Senator for the family's district. She may be reached at (410) 841-3606 or contacted [here](#).

There are 3 delegates representing their district in the House of Delegates:

Benjamin T. Brooks, Sr. may be reached at (410) 841-3352 or contacted [here](#).

Jay Jalisi may be reached at (410) 841-3358 or contacted [here](#).

Adrienne A. Jones may be reached at (410) 841-3391 or contacted [here](#).

**Mother Who was Sexually  
Trafficked by Epstein Pedophilia  
Network Seeks Justice for Her  
Daughter Who was Medically  
Kidnapped**



Iris is now reunited with her mother, Jennifer Guskin.

by **Brian Shilhavy**  
**Editor, Health Impact News**

Jennifer Guskin was sexually trafficked and suffered Satan Ritual Abuse (SRA) growing up as a child in the U.S. Foster Care system. She was trafficked by the rich and powerful politicians and business leaders in New York and the Washington D.C. area throughout her childhood.

Like many survivors of child sex trafficking in Foster Care, once she became an adult and had her own child, the system again came after her, this time by medically kidnapping her newborn infant daughter.

*As an infant, I was adopted by a family in NY who subsequently sold me to various individuals and entities throughout my childhood.*

*I've been to Epstein Island and on multiple Lolita Express types of flights.*

*I've witnessed high-profile individuals forced to rape children while being filmed under threat of death for themselves and their loved ones.*

*Shortly after going public with my story, Child Protective Services opened a Substance Exposed Newborn case, even though all drug tests came back negative, and took my child "In case of neglect".*

*Their stipulation for her return?*

*Stop talking on Social Media.*

*The question becomes – How many other families has CPS done this to? How many times has CPS opened a fraudulent case, taking a child(ren) “In case of neglect”, and lie about key aspects of their case to the court to facilitate the termination of parental rights?*

*I am not the first. ([Source.](#))*

Read our original investigative report on the medical kidnapping of Jennifer’s infant daughter that we published in 2018:

### **[Mother Who Was Sexually Trafficked as a Child in Foster Care Has Her Own Baby Medically Kidnapped – Fears for Her Safety](#)**

We [reported last June](#) that Jennifer had decided to sue the Baltimore County Department of Social Services Child Advocacy Center, working together with Howard County General Hospital, who took custody of her newborn daughter on false charges of drug abuse.

We made a public appeal for an attorney to come forward to help Jennifer with her case, and I also reached out to my contacts trying to find one to help her, but none were willing to take on her case, so she filed Pro Se.

The defendants filed a motion to dismiss the charges, which could have been the end of the matter.

However, it would appear that Jennifer had a sympathetic Judge assigned to her case, because while the Judge did

dismiss the charges against some of the defendants, she did not dismiss them against all the defendants, and gave Jennifer 45 days to refile her complaint with proper legal codes showing how the defendants had violated Maryland laws.

According to Jennifer, the Judge actually told the defendants, “Do you understand that she is claiming that you medically kidnapped her daughter?”

I was shocked when I heard this, as we were the first ones to publicly use the term “medical kidnap” in 2013 when reporting on the [Justina Pelletier case](#), which led to an avalanche of so many parents contacting us with similar stories, that we started [MedicalKidnap.com](#) in 2014 to document their stories. This was the first time I had ever heard that a judge sitting on a bench in court used the term.

I am sure that the 2023 [Maya Kowalski medical kidnapping case](#) in Florida, made popular by a Netflix movie on this case, has done quite a bit to bring more public awareness of this tragedy happening in the United States.

Sadly, Jennifer probably has very little chance of succeeding in court Pro Se without any attorney, and as the Plaintiff she does not have access to any legal help that one would have access to if they were the defendant in a criminal case, where the system at least supplies a public defender.

Jennifer tells me she is not even seeking compensatory damages, she just wants these crimes to stop, so other children do not have to suffer. In all my dealings with her these past years, not once has she complained and played the “victim card,” but has sought to work hard to expose the corruption in Foster Care.

However, because Jennifer's civil suit includes claims of criminal activities, such as kidnapping, child trafficking, fraud, assault, and others, this is really the job of Baltimore County State's Attorney Scott D. Shellenberger, as well as Maryland's Attorney General, Attorney Anthony G. Brown, who should be investigating these claims of criminal activity, since that is their primary job as prosecutors.

Jennifer has emailed both of these Public Servant Attorneys copies of her complaint.

The public can help Jennifer by contacting each of these attorneys and requesting that they investigate Jennifer's case.

**Baltimore County State's Attorney Scott D. Shellenberger:**

Email: [statesattorney@baltimorecountymd.gov](mailto:statesattorney@baltimorecountymd.gov) – Phone: 410-887-6600 ([Source](#).)

**Maryland Attorney General Attorney Anthony G. Brown:**

Phone: 410-576-6300 – Email: [civilrights@oag.state.md.us](mailto:civilrights@oag.state.md.us) ([Source](#).)

**Will Anyone in Jeffrey Epstein's Child Sex Trafficking Operation Ever Face Justice in U.S. Courts?**



## Wife Swapping?

As far as the crimes committed against Jennifer herself during her childhood in Foster Care, there is very little hope of seeing justice in a human court of law.

The list of names that have been exposed to the public recently who were associated with the Epstein pedophile network has shocked the world, as the names include very famous people, including former President Bill Clinton and his wife Hillary Clinton. See:

## [Epstein's Child Sex Trafficking Network in Ukraine Exposed](#)

Another name is former President Donald Trump, who has been named in several lawsuits by his former victims, including [Katie Johnson](#) and [Sarah Ransome](#). These victims are usually forced to recant or drop their lawsuits, and the Trump supporters are very quick to jump on the side of their idol, refusing to believe that Donald Trump would ever commit such a hideous crime, as they continue supporting



him, rather than supporting his victims.

Jennifer Guskin, however, has not prosecuted Trump, and in fact has been supporting him since 2017, when Q started, as she believed that Trump was going to come clean with his past sins, and help fix this problem.

So she went public with her horrific story in 2017 with a series of YouTube videos, which I saved, and then last year (2023) I condensed them down to 45 minutes.

Many of you should probably not watch this video, as it could cause you severe emotional trauma. If you have watched [the documentary published by Polish film producer Patryk Vega](#), called “Eyes of the Devil,” and were able to handle that, then please know that Jennifer’s story is far worse.

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This is on our [Bitchute channel – video link](#).

As we have previously reported, based on the investigative work of Pam Martens of *Wall Street on Parade*, the U.S. Virgin Islands case against JPMorgan Chase and those who financed Epstein, is the REAL case where names should be unsealed.

But that will probably never happen now, because Chase Bank reached an agreement to settle, and part of the agreement was to make sure that no Attorney General for any state can ever bring this case up again for criminal charges. See:

## **The Epstein Beast Banking System: A House of Cards Banking System Built on the Back of Global Child Sex Trafficking**

And this is beside the fact that the Globalist Billionaires who run Wall Street and Silicon Valley own the judicial system, and that no justice could ever happen in the United States in terms of prosecuting these pedophiles without first replacing the judicial system. See:

## **Justice for Sale - Why the Criminals Running the U.S. Will Continue to Operate Until the Corrupt Judicial System is Replaced**

But rest assured, there WILL BE JUSTICE for these pedophiles, because the God who created the heavens and earth sits as judge on the ultimate Supreme Court, and the day is coming, perhaps soon, when he will render his verdict and then carry out his punishment.

Please stand for Truth, and not political idols, and share Jennifer's story far and wide.

*God is just: He will pay back trouble to those who trouble you and give relief to you who are troubled, and to us as well.*

*This will happen when the Lord Jesus is revealed from heaven in blazing fire with his powerful angels. He will punish those who do not know God and do not obey the gospel of our Lord Jesus.*

*They will be punished with everlasting destruction and shut out from the presence of the Lord and from the majesty of his power on the day he comes to be glorified in his holy people*

*and to be marveled at among all those who have believed. (2  
Thessalonians 1:6-10)*