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Medical Kidnapping Children in the United States: New York

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New York



Black Businesswoman Held in Psyche Ward at Harlem Hospital Against Her Will



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Health Impact News Editor Comments

We have previously reported that adult medical kidnappings also happen in America. The NY Daily News has published the story of Long Island resident Kam Brock's eight day confinement and forced injections of powerful sedatives in a Harlem hospital. She recently filed a federal lawsuit in Manhattan.

The Daily News reports that New York police seized her prized BMW car in Harlem because they suspected she was high on marijuana. While they allegedly found no marijuana

in the vehicle, they confiscated it anyway. When Brock showed up the next day to retrieve her vehicle, her lawsuit claims that the police handcuffed her and had an ambulance transport her to the Harlem hospital as a doctor injected her with a sedative.

“Next thing you know, the police held onto me, the doctor stuck me with a needle and I was knocked out,” Brock said, tearing up. “I woke up to them taking off my underwear and then went out again. I woke up the next day in a hospital robe.” (Source.)

For eight days she was forced to receive injections of sedatives, according to her attorney.

Kam Brock is a 32 year old African-American woman who works at Astoria Bank. But when she mentioned that Barak Obama follows her on Twitter, doctors assumed she was crazy. They apparently did not check her Twitter account to verify, or check and see that @BarackObama follows over 640,000 accounts. They also did not believe she worked at a bank.

So for 8 days Brock was forcefully drugged with sedatives and required to attend group therapy in a psyche ward, following a “master treatment plan.”

“Objective: Patient will verbalize the importance of education for employment and will state that Obama is not following her on Twitter,” the document reads.

It also notes “patient’s weaknesses: inability to test reality, unemployment.” (Source.)

After she was finally released, the hospital charged her for their “services” as she received a \$13,637.10 bill.

Read the [full story here](#).

Adult Medical Kidnapping in New York: 1950s Air Force Veteran Held Hostage in Hospital



Air Force Pilot Julius Corley, circa 1950s. Image supplied by family.

UPDATE 12/19/2015

World War II Veteran Medically Kidnapped in New York Dies in Pain on Thanksgiving Day

URGENT UPDATE 9/8/2015

With a great urgency, Laredo Regular is seeking help for his grandfather, Julius Corley, who is still being held at Montefiore Wakefield, New York, illegally.

Laredo relates that his grandfather is refusing a feeding tube because he can eat on his own and has told visitors that he is hungry and not being fed. The hospital gives no reason as to why Julius needs the 'tec' or feeding tube, but Medicaid guidelines show the need of a feeding tube to be reasoning behind taking medical custody of a patient.

Is this a case of putting the "cart before the horse"?

Laredo says,

"I was served with court papers on Thursday September 3 around 1pm at my office.

According to the court documents, my grandfather has continuously verbally refused having a feeding tube (PEG) placed in his stomach. Montefiore Wakefield Hospital is stating that it's medically necessary because he has dementia and Parkinson's disease.

I have contacted nearly every possible agency including Adult Protective Services, Department of Health, District Attorney's office and various politicians with no results.

I have contacted various law firms and the majority don't

return my calls and one claimed that they are of “limited resources” and can’t represent everyone.

The first hearing date is on Wednesday September 9 at 10:30am at the Montefiore Wakefield Hospital (not at a court house).”

The District Attorney has referred Laredo to the Health Department who referred him back to the District Attorney’s office stating that the hospital has no right to hold his grandfather and the matter is of a criminal nature.

Laredo has been to over 30 attorneys and is asking for that special one who is willing to help him tomorrow morning at the hospital, or at least point him in the right direction.

How You Can Help

If you can and want to help Laredo and his grandfather Julius, please contact him at laredor90@yahoo.com; so that you can help this veteran, this man, this grandfather who simply wants to be in a safe place where he can live out the remainder of his days without being tortured or experimented upon. Laredo and his mother have full medical and custodial rights.

Laredo says,

“Feeding tubes are used when people are basically unable to eat. My grandfather can eat and wants to. He has not had surgery or anything else that would make him unable to swallow. I have videos of him eating without any problems. They won’t say why the feeding tube is needed. But my

grandfather knows he does not want to have the tube placed in his stomach. Can someone please help us!"

by Health Impact News/MedicalKidnap.com Staff

Have You Seen My Grandfather?

Have hospitals become the new prisons?

Montefiore Wakefield Hospital in the Bronx, New York has allegedly refused to release Laredo Regular's grandfather, Julius, from confinement within its walls.

Laredo reported that the reasons given were vague and inconsistent with his grandfather's health needs at that time.

But let's start at the beginning...

Prior to May 15, 2015, Laredo's grandfather was a resident of The Laconia Nursing Home also in the Bronx, NY. The nursing home had recently sent Julius to Montefiore for what Laredo stated was described to him as a "lack of appetite."

Laredo was concerned about his grandfather and began to ask questions about his condition and the lack of information presented to him.

Believing he had not received an appropriate response from the nursing home, Laredo complained to authorities:

Although he is assigned to a nursing home we were taking him to another hospital. I called and reported the nursing

home because they weren't addressing the issues with his medication and the bruxism it caused. His hands were swollen and they were evasive. When I touched his hands he would draw back in pain.

Bruxism is an uncontrollable grinding of teeth. Laredo believes it was due to the medicine prescribed to his grandfather for his dementia. But what he couldn't believe was what followed.

Fighting to Free A Hostage

On May 15, 2015, within 48 hours of his complaint and his grandfather's return to Laconia, the nursing home made arrangements to ship his grandfather back to the hospital.

Laredo stated their new decision was made, he was told, because his grandfather needed a feeding tube because he would not eat and was unable to keep his food down. Laredo and his mother went to Montefiore Wakefield Hospital.

On May 28th we told them we wanted to take him. They told us he had issues and Parkinson's. I told the physician he didn't have Parkinson's.

My grandfather has glaucoma, dementia, and diabetes. None of these should keep him in the hospital. We asked why and they said he needed a feeding tube, because he was having a reaction to the medicine.

Laredo and his mother went to Montefiore again on June 1, 2015 to pick up their relative and were advised that it would

be AMA (or Against Medical Advice).

Legally responsible for their loved one and properly documented with AMA sanction as a holder of a Health Proxy as well as POA (power of attorney), the Regulars were given and signed the appropriate paper work that would allow them to remove him from Montefiore as it was their intention to take him to another hospital for full evaluation.

The family sat quietly in the waiting area until after visiting hours, wondering why the release was taking so long.

*They told us the risks of taking him home. Risks were: may not get medication and could fall on floor and die. My mother, also his Health Proxy and POA, was allowed to sign the AMA form in front of the attending physician, Vijay Khatiwala and the director of Hospital Medicine, Andrea Porrovecchio and told (us) she was waiting for a discharge summary until 4 hours later the medical director, **Purvi D. Shah, along with Montefiore Hospital police, came and said that he can't leave and that his removal would be illegal. Purvi Shah, along with security and fellow staff blocked us from vacating with him.***

Since June 1, 2015, Laredo and his mother have been trying to get someone to help them remove Julius from Montefiore Wakefield Hospital.

Laredo also tells us that the Attending Physician refuses to give the family and legal guardians any printed descriptions of the medications or treatments they are giving him.

The attending physician along with other medical staff has

*refused to give printouts of his medications and have REFUSED to give full details on his condition. They have refused to give him anything to treat his dementia or bruxism. Furthermore, medical staff has **repeatedly** given medication to the man that he does NOT need and that the health proxy has OBJECTED to.*

How Can a Hospital Have so Much Power to Defy Police, Attorneys, and the Political System?

The Laredo family continued to monitor the health of their family member, but also sought help through various legal entities—the police, attorneys, and the political system; all of whom, we are told, are in complete agreement with the family, but have not been able to get the hospital to budge from its decision to hold the grandfather against their will.

The nurse who had cared for him for over a week was telling us of all the conditions they said he had. I told her my grandfather couldn't see. She was surprised...and said she didn't know. He has glaucoma and you can see the film over his eyes. She also didn't know he could talk. He was always talking when we were there, so I don't know how she didn't know.

Even more frightening to the family is the fact that the nurse who had been attending to Julius was unaware that he had dementia. The family feels that this information should have been sent with his records from the Laconia Nursing Home.

Laredo also tells us that the hospital was still treating his

grandfather for Parkinson's Disease instead of dementia.

They were giving him medicine for Parkinson's Disease because they said he was grinding his teeth, but that was from bruxism. Then they suddenly took him off the medication...they told us he had a stroke and a seizure. We asked when he had these. They were evasive and blamed the nursing home. I stated the nursing home had never reported any of these incidents in the paper work we were given.

Nonetheless, Montefiore Wakefield Hospital still holds Laredo's grandfather.

They keep saying he has all these conditions and keep naming only Parkinson's and nutrition, but wont tell us anything else. He doesn't have Parkinson's and nutritional needs don't require hospitalization.

*As of June 4, the President's office of Montefiore Medical center has been made aware of this situation and they have **not** taken proper action to stop the illegal hostage.*

*The medical director, Purvi D. Shah, has **blatantly** refused to give a written reason why she DENIED the AMA after his health proxy was allowed to sign it nor does she have a court order from a judge saying he can stay there.*

Failure to “Serve and Protect” – Turning A Blind Eye

Laredo’s grandfather receives Medicaid and he tried notifying Medicaid and informed them that they should stop the payments to the hospital.

Laredo said Medicaid responded that they could not stop the payment because the patient was still under hospital care. He also told us that the New York Director of Elder Care refused to intervene stating, “I don’t know his condition.”

But when Laredo asked if she was going to do an investigation to find out, he says he was met with a negative response. Much the same as the police, who although agreed his grandfather could not be held, referred him back to the hospital police.

They refused to release him and told us he could not swallow. We asked why he couldn’t swallow. I spoke to a nurse friend who had told me how to check for gagging. Then I told grandfather’s nurse to give him water and he would gag if he couldn’t swallow.

I gave him food and water and he ate and drank just like any other normal person would; and I recorded it on video.

I went to the police and health dept., no one would help.

Mother Dragged Out of Hospital Room by Four Men

On June 10, 2015, after speaking with all the appropriate authorities and confirming their belief that the hospital could not hold his grandfather as he was not in intensive care, nor was he on an I.V., nor had he been a victim of stroke—the Regular family entered the hospital, went to Julius' room, and began dressing him so that they could leave and place him in another hospital to find out what was really going on.

When hospital personnel saw Laredo and his Mom dressing their loved one, they summoned security and Laredo's Mom was dragged down the hallway by four men.

Laredo continued to try to dress his grandfather, but was stopped by two additional men who dragged him out of the room and told him and his mother that they were “banned” from the hospital.

As of June 10, we were met with physical violence by the hospital staff when we attempted to remove him from the facility. Furthermore, we were banned from the premises even though we are his next of kin and health proxy. We have not seen the man since then and don't know if he is alive or dead. I believe they want to kill him.

I called police numerous times during the attack and they did not come. My mother was badly bruised.



Julius' daughter bruised at the hands of hospital security.
Image supplied by family.

A Culture Dismissing the Elderly – Who Will Speak Up?

Laredo enlisted the help of friends who went to the hospital to check up on his grandfather since he and his mother are no longer allowed to visit although they are his legal guardians. There was not much good news:

Friends went. They say he doesn't look well. His nails are long and he has a cold.

We went to our local politicians office and she called and they were belligerent to her from what I could hear. Then I believe they hung up after yelling at her.

*After all of this, we also go to legal aid who did call the hospital. She related to us that the hospital told her that there was **'really no need for him to be in the hospital'** and **they 'were just checking his nutrition.'***

The Regular family contacted the hospital immediately and were then told by staff that the grandfather could not be moved to another hospital unless a physician from the new hospital accepted his transfer.

Every time Laredo confers with another hospital he is told by Montefiore Wakefield that “They didn’t accept him.” Montefiore gives the Regular family ‘no’ reason as to why the transfers are refused.

In today’s world people are quick to put their elders out to pasture and forget their existences, but not Laredo, nor his mom. They are trying to give their loved one the best

possible care and attention they can with the assistance of proper medical staff and aids.

For some reason, two entities trusted by the family have failed to provide that care and the grandfather's life hangs in the balance.

Let the world know that you also care and want to see Laredo's grandfather safe and well.

How You Can Help

Contact:

New York State Governor Andrew Cuomo at 1-518-474-8390, or reach him [here](#). He can also be found on [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#).

Bronx Borough President Ruben Diaz Jr. at (718) 590-3557, or reach him [here](#). He can also be found on [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#).

Sherrif Joseph Fucito/Bronx County Division at (718) 993-3880. [Here](#).

Montefiore Wakefield Hospital's President's Office at (718) 920 - 2001. [Here](#).

Medically Kidnapped Senior in New York Hospital "Wasting Away"



Julius Corley is wasting away after being held hostage in Montefiore Wakefield Hospital. Image supplied by family.

UPDATE 9/18/2015

From Grandson Laredo Regular:

They placed the feeding tube in his stomach.



Feeding tube was inserted against Mr. Corley's will. Photo courtesy of the family.

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

Many of you already know that Laredo Regular and his mother have been fighting for the life of Julius Corley — US Air Force War Veteran, and grandfather and father respectively. Original story:



[Adult Medical Kidnapping in New York: 1950s Air Force Veteran Held Hostage in Hospital](#)

Laredo and his mother had been banned from seeing Julius by the hospital, yet maintained constant correspondence, inquiring upon his condition and their need for information regarding his health and care conditions, as several people they had sent to visually check his health since the ban was put in place had reported months prior that Julius had

pneumonia, was losing weight, and was not being properly cared for by staff as his nails were long and curved.

Recently, Laredo reported that Montefiore Wakefield Hospital in the Bronx, New York, had summoned him and his mother to court regarding the placement of a feeding tube into Julius Corley's stomach. The family contends that this procedure has never been necessary and that the hospital was illegally holding Julius as they maintained medical and legal determination rights. According to Laredo,

On Wednesday Sep 9, the court proceeding was held at Montefiore Wakefield Hospital in the conference room on the first floor. The hospital brought a case against my grandfather Julius Corley seeking judicial authorization to place a feeding tube (percutaneous endoscopic gastrostomy) <PEG> tube in his stomach. They claimed that Julius Corley had repeatedly refused the procedure however being that he has dementia he was not capable of making that decision. They also alleged that the Health Proxy was not able to be found and that he really needed this. The judge that presided over this matter was Honorable Lizbeth Gonzalez.

Hospital Refuses to Allow Second Opinion, Ignores Mr. Corley's Wishes

Since the onset, Laredo and his mother have been trying to have Julius released in order to take him for a complete evaluation at another hospital, as they were not being given any substantial reports about Julius' condition. Laredo attests that hospital staff would make claims that, when questioned, held no reasonable validity as to the information that was used to draw the misdiagnosed conclusions.

The Regulars related to the hospital that Julius had dementia and Bruxism, which is a side effect of the medication used to treat his dementia, but the hospital began saying that he had Parkinson's Disease. The Regulars related that their family member had diabetes and glaucoma which took his vision, but the hospital nurse who had been treating him said he couldn't talk and that she was unaware that he was legally blind.

However, it is clear that Julius can talk, because he told the hospital staff that he did not want a feeding tube placed in his stomach. The family also tells us that when they sent friends to the hospital to check on Julius, they reported that Julius was telling them that he was hungry, and they could see that he was losing weight.

Laredo made a video tape of his grandfather eating and drinking before he was banned from the hospital, and after the hospital alleged that he needed a feeding tube. Mr. Corley was transferred to the hospital after Laredo filed a complaint against the nursing home where Corley was residing. Laredo believes the transfer was made in retaliation for his complaint.

Is Julius Corley a Victim of Rampant Medicaid Fraud?

According to an investigative study conducted by New York State, "[Combating Medicaid Fraud in New York State](#)" in 2009, the amount of fraud from both recipients and medical facilities has risen:

One of the largest challenges New York State faces in its fight against Medicaid fraud is the sheer size of the Medicaid

program. With a budget projected to exceed \$52.5 billion in SFY 2010-11 and more than one fifth of the State's population enrolled in the program, there are many opportunities for deception and dishonesty. ... Individuals intent on defrauding the Medicaid system have developed numerous, inventive ways to steal taxpayers' money. (p. 15)

Laredo believes that his grandfather is the victim of such a scheme to defraud the taxpayers and Medicaid:

While I was present at the proceedings, my mother and I told the judge that we wanted to take Julius Corley for a full evaluation and to obtain a second opinion on his overall conditions. The judge said it was too late for that and that she didn't want Julius Corley to go to another hospital and have to wait in the emergency room. 3 doctors testified in the case in regarding my grandfather's case which included Hilary I. Hertan, Vijay V. Khatiwala. However the individuals that supposedly administered the speech and swallow was NOT present during the testimony.

Hospital Confuses Medical Records/Diagnoses

The Regular family is not denying that Julius needs medical care; they are arguing the type of care that is needed, the newly undocumented Parkinson's claims, and the dysphagia claims given by the hospital doctors who seem unaware of any first hand accounts of the testing and who admitted to be working on hearsay from their staff – staff who could not even determine that the patient was blind, could speak, and had dementia for which he was already being treated – and

not Parkinson's (all of this was in Julius' transferred medical files).

The Laconia nursing home stated that they transferred Julius for "loss of appetite." Montefiore Wakefield Hospital held Julius and tested him for a week and never confirmed any diagnosis that caused Julius to be initially placed at Laconia, but instead made up a list of their own without looking at his medical records, which became evident by the nurse's reaction while she was being told of his medical history by the family.

If there was a misdiagnosis of dementia, the hospital did not rule it out, nor did they confirm their diagnosis of Parkinson's. However, the hospital doctors had a sudden epiphany during the hearing when they admitted to the judge that Julius had dementia, and were now using dementia as the reasoning behind their claims that Julius must have the PEG inserted into his stomach. According to the family:

The hospital claimed that Julius Corley lost substantial weight and now has pneumonia while under their care.

The attending physician admitted that according to Julius Corley's medical file, the standard speech & swallow test known as the "modified Barium swallow" MBS was NEVER administered on Julius Corley to determine if he could actually swallow or not. He also admitted that he was NEVER present during any of these speech & swallow tests and that he was just relying on the statements of the individuals that administered the test. The attending doctor stated that he "assumed" that my granddad had "Dysphagia."

The judge inquired if they were treating the bruxism (involuntary teeth grinding) that my grandfather was suffering from and he said “no.”

Their claims were equally as elusive as the information given to Laredo and his mom:

“dementia was most likely causing him to be in denial of his health issues.”

The psychiatrist claimed that individuals with Dementia “sometimes forget how to eat.” How many times have you heard the phrase ‘most likely to’ since senior year of high school? This is a guess, not a diagnosis, nor a prognosis, since he was there to determine an immediate need. How does this happen? When Laredo and his mom have been saying the same thing since the onset of this horrendous event, they report that the hospital and doctors have been continuously changing their stories.

The Laconia Nursing Home and Montefiore are within the same pharmaceutical dispensary and support care network. Surely they have the ability to contact and confer on such cases? According to the “Combating Medicaid Fraud in New York State” report:

The New York Times discovered that Executives who head nursing homes and clinics profit from the Medicaid program. Investigators obtained records from the State Health Department showing that 70 executives made more than \$500,000 in 2002 and 25 earned more than \$1 million annually. For example in the Bronx, Laconia Nursing Home’s

operator earned \$3 million in salary and profit, 90% derived from Medicaid. (p. 17)

The investigative study also listed some of the most common forms of Medicaid fraud:

- False Claim Schemes – Can be perpetrated by recipients and providers and include the following;
 - Billing for services not provided
 - Misrepresentation of what was provided
 - Providing unnecessary services
 - Charging Medicaid patients more than uninsured patients
 - Unbundling of claims
 - Double billing
 - Fraudulent claim coding (upcoding, miscoding)
 - Kickbacks
 - False patient review instruments (PRIs) – “A Patient Review Instrument (PRI) is a medical evaluation tool that identifies whether or not an individual is eligible for skilled nursing care placement. As part of the PRI, the “Screen” is required. The PRI and Screen is used to determine the level of care and appropriateness of placement.”

- Excessive or Inappropriate Testing – Some physicians order unnecessary tests in order to draw additional Medicaid dollars;

The Family Has Many Unanswered Questions

Has Julius Corley been a pawn in a Medicaid fraud claim? Why was Julius allowed to waste away to 135 lbs while in Montefiore Hospital when he could and would eat for his family, and when allowed to see his loved ones and those who cared about him, and could and would speak on his own behalf? Why, although the hospital claims that “sometimes dementia patients are in denial,” was Mr. Corley able to speak well enough and was lucid enough for the hospital to honor his request to not have a feeding tube inserted—for over three and a half months?

According to Laredo Regular:

During the psychiatrist’s testimony, he claimed that my grandfather rejected the need for a PEG, stating that he could eat and swallow without any problems. The psychiatrists claimed that Julius Corley’s dementia was most likely causing him to be in denial of his health issues. The psychiatrist claimed that individuals with dementia sometimes forget how to eat.

If Mr. Corley was in this dire condition when he entered the hospital, what took the staff so long to act? Did they have to wait until Julius actually appeared to have need of the feeding tube to tell the judge he was losing weight and had pneumonia? Julius started losing weight and caught pneumonia after being in the hospital’s care for a month, so why did they wait so long? Why didn’t Montefiore respect the family’s request to have him examined by another facility if Montefiore could not accurately determine the problem?

The judge inquired if they were treating the bruxism (involuntary teeth grinding) that my grandfather was suffering from and he said no.

During the psychiatrist's testimony, he claimed that my grandfather rejected the need for a PEG, stating that he could eat and swallow without any problems. The psychiatrists claimed that Julius Corley's dementia was most likely causing him to be in denial of his health issues. The psychiatrist claimed that individuals with Dementia sometimes forget how to eat.

When it was time for me to question the validity of some of the statements in regard to my grandfather, especially his ability to swallow or not, none of the doctors could give a solid response. All of them claimed that it was not their position or that they relied on someone else's report on his ability to swallow. I asked the doctor: if my granddad had a swallowing issue, wouldn't he have a reaction such as choking, coughing, gurgling, etc. I asked him this more than once and he said yes.

During the testimony, I offered to show Judge Lizbeth Gonzalez video of my grandfather drinking 3 cups of water while he was being held at Montefiore to prove the Dysphagia diagnosis was clearly false and she refused to view the video. She said it was about my grandfather's current condition and not what he was able to do in June (even though these diagnoses were made in May). She also refused to view documentation (emails, call logs, fax submissions) of me communicating with the hospital during the times the hospital claimed they were not able to reach me.

She ruled in favor of the hospital inserting the PEG and stated that Julius Corley could not leave Montefiore until it

was placed.

She didn't question the doctors as to the reason why Julius Corley was losing weight under their care. She didn't ask to hear the testimony of the individuals who administered the speech and swallow test. She also didn't ask the hospital staff why they were not seeking to treat the Bruxism when they admitted they were doing nothing to address it."

What you can do? The family believes that someone in that hospital has a conscience, that someone there still believes that they are helping people have better lives. This is not a good life for Julius, nor anyone else who is suffering there. Speak up. Speak out!

Recently, a New York State False Claims Act for Health Care was enacted, modeled after the Federal False Claims Act. The Act authorizes an individual with evidence of fraud to file a case in court and sue on behalf of the state or local government and obtain a share of the recovery.

Under the "Labor Law section 740 and Civil Service Law section 75-b," the whistleblower receives many of the same protections as afforded in other states. These protections include that public and private employers cannot take retaliatory action towards whistle blowers. In addition aggrieved employees can sue for reinstatement, back-pay and benefits and may be entitled to court costs and attorney fees. (S. 2108-C, Chapter 58, Laws of 2007). (p. 18)

Laredo Regular writes of his beloved grandfather:

Here are some photos of my granddad's condition. One shows how thin he has become. There is a photo showing blood caked under my granddad's nails. A picture attached shows how long his finger nails were ... The hospital states that my granddad is 5 ft 9 and currently weighs around 135 lbs.



Images supplied by family.

According to the family, the judge stated that it was now “too late” to have Julius transferred and reevaluated and that he could not be “removed” from the hospital until “after” the procedure was completed.

Contact:

If you can and want to help Laredo and his grandfather Julius, please contact him at laredor90@yahoo.com, so that you can help this veteran, this man, this grandfather who simply wants to be in a safe place where he can live out the

remainder of his days without being tortured or experimented upon. Laredo and his mother have full medical and custodial rights.

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Ruling Alters Legal Landscape in NY Shaken-baby Cases



Rene Bailey and her attorney Adele Bernhard. Photo courtesy [Democrat and Chronicle](#)

by [Steve Orr and Gary Craig](#)
[Democrat and Chronicle](#)

Excerpts:

For the first time, a New York appellate court has ruled that evidence once used to convict people in shaken-baby cases may no longer be scientifically valid.

The ruling, which came in the case of René Bailey, a Greece woman convicted of causing the death of a child in 2001, has implications for a number of other people in state prisons for shaken-baby offenses. In this area alone, several dozen people have been convicted of murder or assault in such

cases.

The appeals court decision, released Thursday, changes the legal landscape in New York for alleged shaken baby cases, said Brian Shiffrin, a local appellate lawyer who was not involved in the case.

“It makes it both easier for defense attorneys to argue the science and it puts the burden back on prosecutors to show there is evidence to support the theory of shaken baby syndrome,” said Shiffrin, who has handled appeals of shaken-baby convictions.

Bailey, who ran a home day-care center, was charged with second-degree murder after a 2½-year-old girl in her care died after suffering a head injury. Prosecutors accused Bailey of causing the child’s death by shaking or throwing her, and called medical experts who testified that the injury could only have been caused by the care-giver’s abuse. Bailey, now 56, had been in state prison about nine years when a volunteer lawyer offered to take up her case. The lawyer, Adele Bernhard, was director of a law clinic for indigent defendants at Pace University in Westchester County.

Read the Full Article at [Democrat and Chronicle](#).

More stories on the changing legal tide of Shaken Baby Syndrome:

[Supreme Judicial Court of Massachusetts Opens the Legal Door to Retry All Shaken Baby Syndrome Convictions](#)

[Swedish Health Agency Rejects “Science” of Shaken Baby Syndrome](#)

[University of Michigan Law School Awarded \\$250K to Learn How to Defend Shaken Baby Syndrome Cases](#)

[New Film Exposes Shaken Baby Syndrome Myth – Opponents Want to Silence it at Film Festivals](#)

[Are New Pediatric “Child Abuse Specialists” Causing an Increase in Medical Kidnappings?](#)

[Child Abuse Pediatricians: An “Ethically Bankrupt” Profession that Destroys Families](#)

N.Y. Mother Fights for Medically Kidnapped 13 Year Old Son Being Forced to Receive Chemo Therapy Even Though He is Cancer-free



13-year-old Nick Gundersen spoke to ABC reporter Kristin Thorne from his hospital bed. [Image source](#).

Comments by Brian Shilhavy
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[ABC7 in New York](#) is reporting on the story of a Long Island mother who lost custody of her 13-year-old son when she disagreed with doctors over his treatment.

Kristin Thorne [reports](#):

A mother on Long Island is fighting to have her son removed from chemotherapy treatment after he was given a clean bill of health by doctors.

Candace Gundersen's son, Nick Gundersen, 13, is receiving court-ordered chemotherapy at NYU Winthrop Hospital in Mineola. He's now in the custody of Suffolk County Child Protective Services.

The mother is reportedly a “holistic wellness coach” and watched her son suffer for 30 days while receiving chemotherapy.

He lost over 20 percent of his body weight. He developed typhlitis, which is a life-threatening bowel infection, he had fluid in both his lungs, he was bedridden. He stopped breathing on numerous occasions, he was on oxygen.

He was discharged from the hospital in July, and one month later doctors at Cohen Children's Medical Center tried to readmit Nick. His mother refused, and a doctor allegedly called CPS.

On September 2, Gundersen said police officers and CPS showed up at her house at 3:30 a.m. and seized Nick and forced him to return to Cohen.

The next month, October, Nick was declared to be cancer free. [According to ABC7:](#)

...doctors at NYU Winthrop gave Nick a clean bill of health and said the cancer was gone, but informed the family that Nick would need three years of chemotherapy

Nick's mother took him to different doctors in Florida who prescribed a less toxic treatment plan, and this apparently angered the doctors at Cohen Children's Medical Center:

CPS brought an emergency removal proceeding on October 19th to seize control of Nick. Dr. Mark Weinblatt of NYU Winthrop testified a week later before a Suffolk County family court judge that Nick was in imminent danger of death.

On October 26, the judge granted custody of Nick to CPS and ordered him back to Suffolk County.

Nick left Florida and was admitted on October 30 to NYU Winthrop.

Nick spoke with ABC7 reporter Kristin Thorne from his hospital bed:

"They basically took me away from my parents and that's unnecessary because they're trying to help me and they're not trying to kill me. I think that they should focus on other families that actually need help and whose children lives are actually in danger," he said.

Read the full article, along with video, at [ABC7 in New York](#).

Parents Risk Losing Children to CPS in NY if They Fail to Comply with Mandatory Vaccines



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As we reported last week, on June 13, 2019, the New York legislature quickly pushed a bill (A2371) to repeal the religious exemption to vaccination through both the Assembly and Senate in one day with no public hearings.

The unprecedented legislative coup, which cut the citizens of New York out of participating in the law making process, culminated in the Governor of New York Andrew Cuomo immediately signing the bill into law. See:

New York Quickly Removes Religious Vaccine Exemptions with No Public Hearings

Soon after this bill passed in New York, some parents apparently received letters from their children's school districts informing them of the new law, and that any child who previously had a religious exemption to vaccines now needed to comply and get caught up on their vaccinations.

One of these letters, from Deer Park, New York, was posted on Facebook and quickly circulated, where James Cummings, the Assistant Superintendent for Pupil Personnel Services, let parents know that failure to comply and vaccinate their children would result in being reported to Child Protective Services (CPS).

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June 18, 2019

Dear Parent/Guardian:

On June 13, 2019, Governor Andrew M. Cuomo signed legislation removing non-medical exemptions from school vaccination requirements for children. This means that as of June 13, 2019, there is no longer a religious exemption to the requirement that children be vaccinated against measles and other disease to attend either:

- Public, private or parochial school (for students in pre-kindergarten through 12th grade), or
- Child care settings.

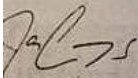
Children who are attending the Deer Park School District, and who previously had a religious exemption to required immunizations, must now receive the first age appropriate dose in each immunization series by June 28, 2019 to remain in school. Also, by July 14, 2019, parents and guardians of such children must show that they have made appointments for all required follow-up doses. The deadline for follow-up doses depend on the vaccine. The attached Table 2 from the Department of Health further outlines the immunization schedule.

Should you fail to comply with the state immunization mandate your child will not be permitted to attend summer school beginning July 8, 2019 or school in September until such time that the requirements are complete. In the event that you do not follow this mandate, we will be reaching out to Child Protective Services (CPS) to alert them of your non-compliance.

If you have any questions, do not hesitate to reach out to your child's school health office during regularly scheduled school hours or the main office during the summer.

Thank you.

Sincerely,



James Cummings, Assistant Superintendent of Pupil Personnel Services

Enc: TABLE 2 – Catch up immunization schedule. US Department of Health & Human Services, CDC

CPS workers routinely seize children from parents who do not comply with medical directives. Today, you can lose your children to CPS for simply wanting to obtain a second opinion from a different doctor for your children's medical treatments.

These children are very often taken out of their homes and put into foster care, where the vast majority of them are

abused.

Foster care is a billion dollar industry employing hundreds of thousands of people, and it is the main source of the United States' very large, and very real, problem of [child sex trafficking](#).

We have documented these cases of “medical kidnapping” for almost 5 years now on our [MedicalKidnap.com website](#).

It would appear that State Legislators and governors imposing strict mandatory vaccination laws have now found another pipeline of putting children into this very lucrative foster care system to access federal funds, where corruption is the norm. To learn more, see:

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

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

[**From Child Protection to State-sponsored Child Kidnapping: How Did we Get Here?**](#)

Pro Vaccine Extremists Move to Squelch Any Information About Vaccines that Contradicts Their Narrative

DOCTORS ON THE VACCINE DEBATE

The medical debate regarding vaccines is NOT between Anti-Vaccine doctors and Pro-Vaccine doctors. These are the two extreme positions, with hundreds of positions in between. There are 4 broad categories representative of the medical community.

Anti-Vaccine

does not give
any vaccines

Selective Vaccines

some vaccines good,
some not good

Delayed Vaccines

vaccines effective,
but not too many
at once

Pro-Vaccine

all vaccines for all
people all the time, by
force if necessary



The Vast Majority of Medical Professionals are
Neither 100% Pro-Vaccine nor 100%
Anti-Vaccine - but Somewhere in Between.

The vaccine debate in America today is a debate where only one side is allowed to voice their opinions: the most extremist view, that ALL vaccines are safe and effective for ALL people, ALL the time, by force if necessary. Dissenting opinions are not allowed (not even from doctors or attorneys), and vaccines are declared to be the only area in medicine or research where it is declared that “the science is settled.”

The vaccine extremists are represented by the pharmaceutical industry, the most powerful industry in the world today. They fund most of the corporate “mainstream” media, and their industry leaders also hold key positions in government, where many of the federal health agencies also hold patents on vaccines and profit from their sales.

In the judicial system, one cannot sue a pharmaceutical company for injuries resulting from vaccines due to a law passed in 1986 that requires everyone who is injured by vaccines, or had a child or loved one killed by vaccines, to take their case to a special government “vaccine court.”

However, due to the power of the Internet and with more people turning away from the corporate-sponsored media sources for information regarding vaccines, the tech giants that control the flow of information on the Internet are now starting to strike back and prevent anyone who wants to publish anything questioning vaccines from doing so.

These policies to stop the flow of information regarding vaccine safety and efficacy, even if the information comes from government publish sources, is a clear act of discrimination against a class of people who just want to tell the truth about vaccines.

As a result, some of the largest publishers of alternative health sources are today being attacked and silenced for one main reason: they do not comply with the extremist view of vaccines that ALL vaccines are safe and effective for ALL people, ALL the time, by force if necessary.

Pinterest was probably one of the first social media companies to start banning anyone publishing information that did not support the extremist view of vaccines.

They took down all of Health Impact News' pins related to vaccines, and then banned our account completely:

Hi Health Impact News,

We've suspended your Pinterest account due to multiple violations of our policies on medical misinformation.

People come to Pinterest to find ideas in a safe, useful and positive space. Because of this, we don't allow advice that may have immediate and detrimental effects on health or public safety. This includes promotion of false cures for

terminal or chronic illnesses, and anti-vaccination advice.

Thanks for understanding,

The Pinterest Team

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A few days ago, Sayer Ji, owner of one of the largest alternative websites on the Internet, GreenMedInfo.com, announced to his followers that his email sending program, Mailchimp, was refusing to allow him to email his database of over 300,000 subscribers due to their views on vaccines:

Dear GreenMedInfo Supporters,

With the recent censorship and de-platforming efforts via social media outlets like [Pinterest](#), and [Facebook](#), the last thing we expected was that our presumably apolitical and neutral email service provider would so suddenly and blatantly violate our freedom of speech by shutting our account down.

After all, you also have the right to enjoy a free newsletter you and 300,000 others around the world voluntarily and enthusiastically subscribed to.

Feel free to [contact Mailchimp directly](#), [leave a review on Facebook](#) or call them at (678) 999-0141 to let them know how you feel about this.

Also, please share this information with those concerned about the growing censorship problem.

And then yesterday, Dr. Joseph Mercola of Mercola.com, one of the Internet's oldest and largest alternative health websites, informed his followers that Google completely de-listed his website from search results, apparently due to his position on vaccines.

Google traffic to Mercola.com has plummeted by about 99% over the past few weeks. The reason? Google's June 2019 broad core update, which took effect June 3, removed most Mercola.com pages from its search results.

Video no longer available.

Mike Adams, the “Health Ranger,” is another one of the oldest and largest alternative websites on the Internet, NaturalNews.com. Mike also publishes the truth about vaccines, and recently he announced to his followers that Facebook permanently banned him from posting anything on his Facebook Page that had over 2 million followers.

*In response to a coordinated, heavily-funded smear campaign against Natural News and myself, the Health Ranger, Facebook has now permanently banned Natural News from posting content. The channel name that has been banned is **Facebook.com/healthranger**, which was our primary channel reaching over 2.5 million people. ([Source](#).)*

Medical Tyranny has arrived in the United States. If citizens do not take a stand against this tyranny, soon the medical cartel will control every aspect of our lives, and they will take away our children if we do not comply.