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Medical Kidnapping Children in the United States: South Carolina

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The four Headley boys who were removed from their home by force. Image supplied by family.

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[Fox News Carolina](#) in Greenville has picked up the story and interviewed the family's attorney.

Four Boys in South Carolina Medically Kidnapped When Parents Ask for Second Opinion

by Health Impact News/MedicalKidnap.com

A parent's worst nightmare happened on July 10, 2015 in Spartanburg, South Carolina. That unexpected knock on the door came for the Headley family. According to mom, Danielle Headley, the reality was much worse than a knock on the door.

In the early morning hours on July 10, 2015, the Spartanburg County Police walked right in the front door of the Headley's home while Danielle and her four boys were sleeping.

William Headley had left for work earlier that morning and the front door was unlocked because the family felt safe in their community.

Danielle stated that a female officer, later identified as Investigator Tracy Moss, walked into her bedroom and asked if she was Danielle Headley. Danielle replied that she was.

Danielle states:

“The cops busted into my house, didn't knock or identify themselves. She (the investigator) said they have a search warrant and you need to get up and get up now!”

Investigator Moss proceeded to demand that Danielle remove Jack from the crib in her room, unhook his feeding tube and bring him into the family's living room.

When Danielle walked into the living room, her three older boys were lined up on the couch.

Danielle stated that:

“Apparently she got my kids from their bedrooms before she came into my room.”

Family Home Searched and Children Taken Away due to a “Munchausen Syndrome by Proxy” Medical Claim



Danielle with her four boys. Photo supplied by family.

According to Danielle, there were five or six officers to assist executing a search warrant for all electronics and medications in their home.

The Emergency Removal Order served on that day states that they were contacted by Greenville Health System, Dr. Nancy Henderson, and the Headley's four children needed to be removed due to mother being suspected of Munchausen

Syndrome by Proxy.

Munchausen Syndrome by Proxy (MSBP or MBP) is an outdated term used for a mental illness where a caretaker of a child, usually a mother, either makes up fake symptoms or causes real symptoms to make it look like the child is sick in order to get attention.

According to the DSM-5, Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders 5th Edition, written by the American Psychiatric Association, the correct term for this mental disorder is Factitious Disorder Imposed on Another (FDIA), not Munchausen Syndrome by Proxy.

Danielle Headley states:

They are claiming I'm making Jack sick and he has no medical problems although he has been tested for everything he has and diagnosed by doctors.

They say I put him through unnecessary surgeries and medical procedures. They said he has no medical problems yet they separated Jack from his brothers and put him in the hospital for the medical problems they say he doesn't have.

It all started when I threatened a second opinion. I don't understand any of this, my whole world has been torn apart. My life was turned upside down. My kids are my whole world. I don't know how to keep living without them and I don't understand any of this. It's so wrong. I feel so alone.

How can they take kids from a home where they are happy and well taken care of? I've never had a criminal history not drugs or alcohol not even cigarettes. I just don't understand.

Youngest Boy Jack has Had Health Problems Since Birth



Jack Headley with feeding tube. Image supplied by family.

Danielle and William Headley have a family of four boys; Conner age 11, Nick age 8, Gabe age 5 and Jack. Jack,

nicknamed Peanut, is the youngest, he will be four years old this August.

Jack has endured many health problems for his young age, beginning in his mother's womb with a condition called IUGR (Intrauterine Growth Restriction). IUGR is when the baby is not growing at a normal rate inside of the womb. This can lead to problems after birth, including hypoglycemia (low blood sugar), low resistance to infection, and increased risk for motor and neurological disabilities.

Danielle stated that Jack has suffered from numerous health problems that were diagnosed by doctors, including the following: Short Chain Acyl-CoA Dehydrogenase (SCAD) Deficiency, a condition that prevents the body from converting certain fats into energy, gastroparesis, asthma, primary immunodeficiency disease, reactive airway disease, hypotonia and FTT (Failure to Thrive).

Mom states:

“Jack has had over 30 hospital stays, 12 surgeries (his very first was ear tubes) and he has had so much fluid and infection it was the worst case the ENT had ever seen”.

The Headleys just found out that according to the doctor, Jack's ear tubes were not placed correctly, and in fact, have not worked for over two years. Jack failed a hearing test in his right ear, he has major speech and neurologic regressions and a recent MRI of his brain shows he has fluid and infection built up around both of his ears.

Jack will be having his 13th surgery to fix his ear tubes in the near future. Additionally, due to the illnesses including FTT,

Jack is fed through a feeding tube, G-tube, that is placed in his stomach.

The family is under the care of pediatrician, Dr. Monica Greenbaum, and in addition, Jack has specialists for his diagnosed health conditions.

Danielle is a stay at home mom and William currently works two jobs. Danielle herself is suffering from Multiple Sclerosis and Epilepsy. Danielle's mother, Tonda Vess, helps her care for the four children.

Child Abuse Specialist Steps in When Mom Asks for Referral to Another Hospital



William Headley with his four sons.

The Headleys say they are loving, caring parents who work

hard and take care of their children, so why? Why would a hospital allege the mother is anything other than a caring mother who is advocating for her children's health?

On July 4, 2015, Jack Headley was discharged from Greenville Memorial Hospital where he had been admitted due to ongoing severe constipation. This was the third time that Jack was admitted to Greenville Memorial Hospital for this particular health problem.

Danielle did not know that there were any issues with the hospital at the time of Jack's release. She stated that she was a little upset that they had to take Jack to the hospital three times in the months of June and July 2015 for the same problem, but the discharge was uneventful.

When Jack was home from the hospital, he was doing well with the new medication regimen prescribed by the hospital, according to mom. She said that he had more energy and was doing better than normal. Danielle feels that the only reason the hospital contacted Spartanburg Department of Social Services is because she made a comment to the gastrointestinal doctor that if the hospital could not deal with this health problem she would take him to another facility.

The GI doctor stated he would give her a referral, but never did. According to Danielle, instead of a referral to another hospital, one of the inpatient doctors referred her case to a child abuse pediatrics specialist for the hospital, [Dr. Nancy A. Henderson](#). The Headley family says they had never seen or heard of Dr. Henderson.



Dr. Nancy Henderson – Child Abuse Specialist. [Image from YouTube.](#)

Dr. Henderson is board certified in a new pediatric specialty that started in 2010: Child Abuse Specialist. To learn more about this new controversial pediatric specialty, and how their job and income depend on finding “abuse” to justify the existence of this new specialty, see:

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

Parental Rights Violated – No Charges Filed Against Parents



The Headley Family. Photo supplied by family.

Danielle Headley was contacted a couple of hours following the seizure of her four children by the Spartanburg County Department of Social Services Investigator, Danielle Bowles. Danielle was informed that her older three boys were taken to a group home, but she wasn't told where or the name of the home. She was told that Jack was taken to the Greenville Memorial Hospital and admitted.

A hearing was held on July 13, 2015, and there was an order by Judge Hope Black that Danielle and William Headley were not allowed to talk to or see their children until DSS

completed psychiatric evaluations of all of the Headley children. A guardian ad litem, Jean Bradley, was assigned to the children.

On July 27, 2015, at 10:00 am, Spartanburg County DSS held a Safety Plan Meeting for the Headley family. In attendance was Danielle and William Headley, Danielle's mother Tonda Vess, DSS Inspector Danielle Bowles, DSS case worker, Rachel, Guardian ad litem Jean Bradley and a representative from the Child Advocacy Program. The purpose of the safety meeting was to put a plan into action for the Headleys to work towards getting their children back home.

Danielle said that both parents were required to take parenting classes and that Danielle was required to have a psych evaluation. The Headleys were given a very brief status of their children, as follows: the three older children were at a group home, were happy and doing well.

The DSS case worker stated that the children at the group home were allowed to have visits with their families and her boys wanted to know when they could see mom and dad. They informed the parents that Jack had been released from the hospital, but did not give them any more information about him other than that he was eating chicken nuggets and happy.

Ms. Bowles told Danielle that "no matter what happens, you will have your boys back within 7 months." At this time, Danielle asked if she needed to get her own evaluation by an independent psychologist/psychiatrist and the social worker stated that this would be a waste of her time and money because the department would be using "their own people."

Ms. Bowles also requested that all three family members,

Danielle, William, and Tonda Vess, were required to do a drug test. The three adults had to submit hair and urine samples for the Spartanburg County Department of Social Services.

Finally, after all this family has endured at the hands of Spartanburg County, Danielle was informed that her family will have to pay DSS child support for caring for her children!

The family has a Facebook site for Jack entitled, [My Littlest Peanut: Jack's Journey with FTT](#)



The site has photographs and videos of Jack which appears to exhibit a strong family support system and a happy little boy who tries his best.

Mom states,

"Jack is fed through a G-tube in his tummy and he thinks that is pretty cool....He has these amazing blue eyes that you could get lost in and Jack never ever meets a stranger."



Justice for Jack. Image from Facebook – [My Littlest Peanut: Jack's Journey with FFT.](#)

URGENT: How You Can Help

On July 28, 2015, Danielle Headley received an automatic message from Greenville Health Department stating that Jack has an appointment with Greenville Health Department on Friday, July 31, 2015, at 4pm. Danielle is horrified that there is a possibility that Jack will be vaccinated without her permission.

Jack has an immunodeficiency and does not become immune to what the vaccines prevent and he also has bad reactions,

“The last time Jack was vaccinated at 18 months, he got very sick and was hospitalized. Please tell me that they cannot vaccinate without my permission?”

This is a very critical issue for Jack and we are asking our readers to assist with a phone call to prevent Jack from becoming ill by vaccinations. The Spartanburg County DSS phone number is (864) 596-3001.

The next court date for Danielle and William Headley is on August 10, 2015, they are represented by Donald Smith, a lawyer from Anderson, South Carolina.

Governor of South Carolina is Nikki Haley at 803-734-2100. She can be contacted [here](#).

4th Congressional District – Harold Watson “Trey” Gowdy III at 864-241-0175, 202-225-6030. He can be contacted [here](#).

Spartanburg County Department Social Services – Danielle Bowles at 864-426-3610. Contact their office [here](#).

Grandma Denied Custody of Grandchildren Who were Medically Kidnapped in South Carolina



Brenda Bradshaw with her grandchildren Connor and Nick (left) and Jack (right). Photos supplied by family.

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On August 10, 2015, the Headley family waited outside of Family Court in Spartanburg, South Carolina, to find out if they would get their children back. Unfortunately, there would be no decision made on that day and court was continued. The next court date has not been set.

Read our original story on the Headley family:

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William Headley's mother, Brenda Bradshaw, was in court on August 10 and states:

I asked the social worker if I could take care of my grandchildren and she told me that I would have to do a home inspection and took my number. No one has called me.

The family all pitched in and got Brenda's home ready for a home visit and the grandchildren. Brenda continues to wait for social services to call her:

I don't understand why they will not let me take my grandchildren. I work, I'm not disabled, and I have a clean home. I can take care of those kids.

Spartanburg County Police Officer Threatens to Take Grandmother to Jail

When children are medically kidnapped from their families, it affects everyone, especially the grandparents. On the day that the Headley children were kidnapped, July 10, 2015, Brenda received a phone call from a co-worker stating that the police were at her son's home.

Brenda remembers that day with sadness:

I was driving to their house and I felt like I was going to have an anxiety attack.

When she arrived at her son's house and walked onto the porch, she asked a Spartanburg County police officer what was wrong with her grandchildren and Brenda said that he threatened:

If you don't get off of this porch now, I am going to handcuff you and take you to jail.

Brenda said that she addressed the officer that threatened her:

You'll be hurting these kids more than anyone, getting them out of bed and all this commotion, they don't understand.

Brenda Bradshaw has a large family of six children. In addition to raising her children, she raised three of her daughters children and said:

“They are all grown and gone,” she continues, “I have a home with three bedrooms. Why can’t the boys be with me?”

Why does social services overlook possible placement of children with their grandparents?

Spartanburg County Department of Social Services (DSS) website states, “Services are provided to strengthen families, to enable children to remain safe in the home.” It further states that one of the main missions is, “Recognizing that Child Protective and Preventive Services are child centered and family focused. They are designed to ensure that reasonable efforts are made to maintain children safely in their own home, to reunite the family as soon as possible if removal of a child or parent is necessary.”

The website provides further information regarding Kinship Care, “Kinship caregivers are one of South Carolina’s greatest resources. They are grandparents, aunts, uncles, neighbors, family friends, godparents, and other people who have a meaningful connection to the child.”

There is information on the website that alludes to keeping families together or placing children with family members, but that does not seem to be the case according to Brenda Bradshaw.

Grandmother Says We Rely on the Doctors to Know What to Do

Brenda talked about her grandchild Jack, who has had lots of health problems since he was born.

He couldn't drink this milk, he had so many different types of formula. The boy has intestinal problems.

She said that he was so constipated that feces was coming out of his feeding tube and his parents would take him to the hospital:

That's what you are supposed to do, we are not educated enough to know how to clean his intestines out.

When the children were removed, Brenda wanted to understand why this decision was made, so she sat down at the hospital and read through Jacks medical records. Brenda said according to the records:

One doctor wanted to do this procedure, and another doctor wanted to do something else. We rely on the doctors to know what to do.

Brenda said that Danielle knows how to take care of Jack:

"But when poop was coming out of his feeding tube, she would take him to the hospital, what was she supposed to do?" her voice began to tremble on the verge of tears.

Help the Headley Family!

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Another Baby Medically Kidnapped in South Carolina over Broken Bones - Parents Thrown in Jail



Mattie Walls with Baby Makenzie at visitation. Source: Walls family

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

October 24, 2014, was a day that changed the Walls family

forever. Jason Walls became alarmed when after feeding his new born, Makenzie, she turned white, became limp and was not breathing normally. Jason and Mattie Walls frantically called 911 and waited for a terrifying half hour for the ambulance to arrive. The emergency medical technicians (EMT) reported that there was no trauma or abnormalities to baby Makenzie during their examination. Makenzie was taken to Greenville Memorial Hospital in Greenville, South Carolina.

Jason Walls stated that,

“shortly after we arrived at the hospital, her breathing became normal. An emergency room doctor noticed that Makenzie’s left leg had begun to swell. Our baby’s leg was not swollen at home or on the ambulance ride.”

Like any concerned parents, Jason and Mattie authorized x-rays to be performed on Makenzie. Jason said that the emergency room doctor came back into the hospital room and told them that Makenzie’s femur was fractured. Jason and Mattie were completely horrified and asked doctors how could this have happened?

Difficult Pregnancy After Several Miscarriages

Jason and Mattie Walls had tried for six years to have a baby and suffered several devastating miscarriages. When Mattie Walls became pregnant again in February 2014, they were very excited and hopeful that Mattie would be able to carry their child full term. Mattie, who has “a mild intellectual disability,” had a difficult pregnancy and was monitored very

closely by her physician, Dr. Thomas Roesch, with Laurel Center for Women, in Greenville, South Carolina.

Mattie was on several medications which her physician chose to keep her on throughout her pregnancy, including: Progesterone, Prilosec, Zofran, Procardia, and Seroquel. Dr. Roesch diagnosed Mattie with polyhydramnios at 28 weeks. Polyhydramnios is a condition seen in only about 1% of pregnancies, where there is an excess of amniotic fluid. This condition can be associated with fetal anomalies which range from minor to major. Polyhydramnios increases the risk of problems during the birth, including cord prolapse, placental abruption, premature birth and perinatal death. Further, the baby should be checked for congenital abnormalities at delivery when the mother has polyhydramnios.

Mother Diagnosed with Deficiencies During Pregnancy with Makenzie

When Mattie was 33 weeks into her pregnancy, Dr. Roesch told her that the placenta was no longer supporting her baby and diagnosed her with Intrauterine Growth Restriction (IUGR). IUGR refers to poor growth of a fetus while in the mother's womb during pregnancy. IUGR can lead to low birth weight, preterm delivery, and neonatal death, as well as indicate the possibility of genetic/chromosomal abnormalities. It contributes to the baby being malnourished at birth.

Polyhydramnios is actually more likely to be associated with EXCESS fetal growth, not IUGR. One PubMed study says that polyhydramnios and IUGR together are an “ominous combination.” (Study [here](#)). In this study, 38% of the babies with this combination were born with chromosomal abnormalities, and 92% of these babies had major anomalies.

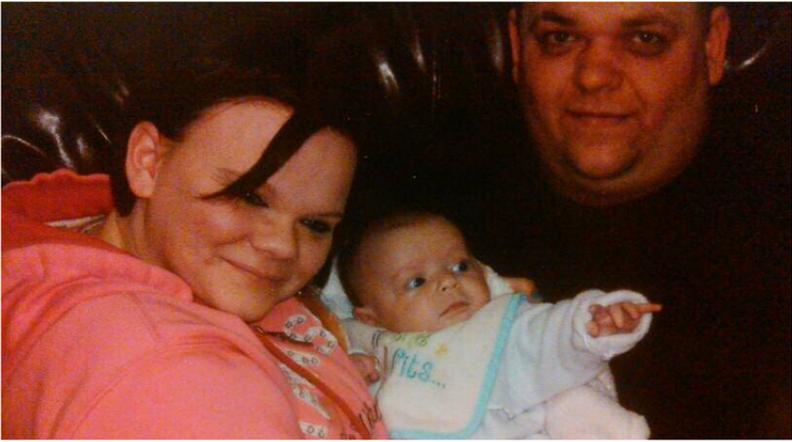
This combination alone should have alerted the Walls' physicians to be on the alert for issues in the presence of such strong indicators of potential problems.

Additionally, according to Mattie, she was diagnosed with several vitamin deficiencies during her pregnancy, including iron and Vitamin D. Finally, when Mattie was 35 weeks pregnant, the doctor became concerned about the baby's heart rate during an appointment, and decided shortly after to induce labor.

Makenzie Born with Bruises on her Head, Shoulder, and Arm

On October 1, 2014, the Walls' miracle baby was born four weeks early, following a very difficult delivery at Bon Secours St. Francis Hospital in Greenville, South Carolina. Labor was induced at 6:00 am and Jason Walls remembers that his wife seemed to push for hours and the baby became stuck in the birth canal. Finally, Dr. Roesch decided to do an emergency Cesarean section (C-section). When Makenzie was born, Jason exclaimed, "She was as blue as a Smurf!" He also noticed that "there were bruises on both sides of her head, left shoulder and arm." The Walls later reviewed the doctor's delivery report and discovered that the umbilical cord had been wrapped around Makenzie twice during the delivery, which may occasionally present problems.

Jason and Mattie were very concerned for Makenzie, but they were new parents and the medical staff did not seem disturbed about the bruises. The Walls felt extremely joyful that they had a beautiful baby girl.



The Walls family – overjoyed with their new baby. Source: [Bring Home Makenzie Facebook group](#)

Doctor Brushes Off Parents' Concerns, Refuses to X-Ray

Jason and Mattie took baby Makenzie to Parkside Pediatrics, a large medical facility with a team of 13 doctors in two locations, Greenville and Simpsonville, South Carolina. Makenzie was seen by Parkside five times in 22 days because she was a premature baby, and because the parents were concerned with bruising from delivery and occasional wheezing. According to Jason, he requested x-rays of Makenzie during an appointment with Parkside. Dr. Justin Dukes explained that “bruising during delivery is common and there is no need to do x-rays.”

The Walls were also very concerned with Makenzie’s wheezing and the doctor stated, again, that this is normal for a newborn trying to expel amniotic fluid from his/her lungs. Jason and Mattie did not press the issue because the doctors know what is best, or so they thought.

Child Abuse Specialist Dr. Nancy Henderson Called In

Makenzie was barely 3 weeks old when she had to be rushed to the emergency room because she went limp and stopped breathing normally after being fed. After she arrived at the emergency room of Greenville Memorial Hospital, her leg began to swell. She was subsequently diagnosed with a broken femur, and the treating physician called in a pediatric child abuse specialist, Dr. Nancy Henderson.



Dr. Nancy Henderson – Child Abuse Specialist. Image from [YouTube](#).

This is, in fact, the same pediatric doctor who was involved with the removal of four children from William and Danielle Headley in Spartanburg, South Carolina:

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Dr. Henderson ordered a full body scan of Makenzie, the same thing that the parents had requested of Parkside Pediatrics weeks earlier. Mattie stated:

Dr. Earl C. Troup, a neurologist, and Dr. Henderson came back into our room two hours later and said they had missed some broken bones. Dr. Henderson told us that she has a tibia and a L2 vertebrae fracture.

I just busted out in tears and wanted to know what was going on. Dr. Henderson said this is non-accidental trauma, and the doctors refused to let us see x-rays of the other broken bones.

Social Worker Tells New Mother: “She Belongs to Us Now”

On October 25, 2014, to Jason and Mattie’s dismay, Dr. Nancy Henderson called in child protective services, which in Laurens County, SC, is known as the Department of Social Services (DSS). Mattie reports that, though they knew that she was disabled, the emergency social worker, Christie Harris, accompanied by Laurens County Sheriff’s Department Investigator, Chris Martin, waited until Jason left the hospital and confronted Mattie alone.

There are federal laws protecting the rights of parents with disabilities ([Source](#)), but those are not always followed, as in the ongoing case of Tracey and Freddie Verzosa, who are continuing to fight for their children. See:

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

According to Mattie,

Chris Martin, Christie Harris and 4 other cops put me in a room and demanded that I sign a paper giving the State custody of Makenzie.

Mattie refused to sign the papers in front of her and demanded:

This doesn't make sense, I want to know what is going on!

Chris Martin reportedly told Mattie that it doesn't matter if you sign the papers, we are taking your baby anyway.

I asked him if I could please say goodbye to my daughter?

She was allowed to say goodbye to Makenzie and remembers how heartbroken she was.

Makenzie grabbed my finger like she always does. My dad held her and we were both on the floor crying.

Mattie begged them to let her mom and dad stay with Makenzie and she reports:

Christie Harris told me, “No ma’am. She belongs to us now.”

Mattie and her parents, Dwayne and Barbara Anderson, were escorted from the hospital with Makenzie’s empty car seat.



Makenzie enjoys a visit with her daddy. Source: Walls family

Jason and Mattie Walls were given Emergency Protective Custody (EPC) paperwork on Saturday, October 25, 2014. The

Walls received a summons for a 72 hour Probable Cause Hearing on Wednesday, October 29, 2014, where the South Carolina Department of Social Services (SCDSS) presents evidence on the circumstances leading to the child removal. Additionally, the summons notified them of the First Call Merits Hearing on November 20, 2014, where SCDSS is supposed to present a Treatment Plan or asks the court to forego reasonable efforts to reunite the family.

The family could only afford one lawyer at this time and hired Richard W. Allen to represent Jason. Mattie was provided a public defender, Kimberly Brooks.

Laurens County DSS Refuses to Allow Parents to Get a Second Medical Opinion

On October 28, 2014, Laurens County DSS held a Family Team Meeting, which, according to the report, summarizes family and CPS safety concerns/risks. The report states:

The father and mother are concerned that the child may possibly have a brittle bone disease (OI) and would like a second opinion.

According to Jason and Mattie, DSS would not allow them to get a second medical opinion. Mattie recalls that on November 20, 2015 during the Merits Hearing:

DSS tried to terminate our parental rights, but my lawyer argued that we had the right to prove our case.

Jason and Mattie Lose Their Precious Makenzie and Are Thrown in Jail

On January 16, 2015, three months following the removal of Makenzie, Laurens County Sheriff's Department Investigator, Chris Martin, came to the Walls home with a search warrant for evidence. Jason reports that he cordially invited Mr. Martin to sit at his kitchen table.

He was sitting at my table and he told me we are trying to charge you with unlawful neglect of a child or helpless person. And one or both of you caused the child's injuries.

Jason was completely shocked and asked:

Why are you trying to charge anyone?

Jason and Mattie received a phone call from their lawyer on January 17, 2015 instructing them to turn themselves in to Laurens County Sheriff's Department, where they were officially charged and put in jail. The Walls remained in jail until January 21, 2015 when they arranged for a bond. Jason and Mattie not only lost their precious daughter, Makenzie, but were arrested and thrown in jail for four days.

Mattie's parents, Dwayne and Barbara Anderson, obtained attorney Andrew G. Goodson and filed a motion to intervene, which was heard on February 2, 2015, by the Honorable John M. Rucker. The judge named the Andersons as defendants in the case and included them in all future proceeding. Jason and Mattie scraped enough money together to hire a private

attorney for Mattie. On June 4, 2015 a Notice of Substitution of Counsel was filed and Edward S. McCallum, III, would represent Mattie for the remainder of the hearings. The final Merits/Termination of Parental Rights/Permanency Hearing was held on June 22, 23 and 24, 2015, Judge Joseph C. Smithdeal presiding. The final hearing was continued to August 17 and 18, 2015 to hear more witnesses.

After Jason and Makenzie bonded out of jail, they haven't heard a word about any criminal charges being filed. No hearings have been scheduled. Mysteriously, the criminal allegations appear to have disappeared. But their troubles with CPS were just getting started.

Orthopedic Expert Dr. Doug Benson – Doctors Missed Numerous Warning Signs, Provided “Substandard Care”

Jason and Mattie sought out an expert to evaluate Makenzie's medical records, Dr. Doug Benson, an orthopedic surgeon certified by the American Academy of Orthopedic Surgeons. Dr. Benson provided a report that is dated July 6, 2015. Dr. Benson reviewed the medical records and x-ray images of Makenzie Walls pro bono and stated that he is not associated with the parents, any attorneys, social workers or anyone involved in this case. The report begins with his background in the long time study of bone development, bone healing, modeling and remodeling. He also states that he traveled abroad from years 2002 to 2008, studying infantile rickets and metabolic bone disorders. Dr. Benson has consulted on infants and children with Vitamin D Deficiency Rickets, Hypophosphatemic Rickets, Hypophosphatasia and Vitamin C deficiency. He served as the Director of Orthopedic Trauma at Enloe Medical Center, in Chico, California, from 2009-2014.

After his review of the medical records and x rays, expert Dr. Benson concluded:

Makenzie was born severely anemic at birth and had an elevated white count and elevated bilirubin. The medical records and x ray images do not support the allegations of child abuse. There are several risk factors for the mother having an infant with inadequate mineralized bone that were ignored or were not recognized.

Dr. Benson stated that the mother took Progesterone from the 4th to 14th week of pregnancy, which is known to interfere with infant fetal skeletal mineralization, as well as Prilosec and antacids. The report also states:

The chronic subdural hematoma and bilateral skull fractures noted on the CT scan almost certainly date back to birth. Makenzie Walls had inadequate mineralization which is confirmed by her Vitamin D deficiency of 18. The very proximal fracture of her left femur is not likely to have been caused by inflicted trauma because of proximity to the hip joint and lack of bruising of skin. The skull shows inadequate mineralization of the mandible and hollow appearing primary teeth that appear “shell like”, this is evidence of inadequate mineralization during the 16th and 24th week of prenatal life. This results in fragile bones and is consistent with the other bone findings. The ribs show flared rib ends. This is evidence of inadequate mineralization. Flared rib ends are found in Rickets of which Vitamin D deficiency is by far the most common, Vitamin C deficiency and congenital syphilis. All three of these conditions result in an infant with bones that are fragile.

The report by Dr. Benson explains in detail all of the findings of the hospital in the x-ray images and ties them to fragile bones, based on his vast amount of experience in this field. He cites an American Pediatric Association report that makes it clear that investigation of metabolic causes, such as rickets or osteogenesis imperfecta, is not only expected in cases like Makenzies with “unexplained fractures,” but failure to do so is considered “substandard care.” In the end of his report, Dr. Benson states:

I am sure of this and would testify to it under oath.

Dr. Benson’s report was not accepted or entered into court as evidence.

Parental Rights Terminated, Parents Appealing

On August 18, 2015, to the utter bewilderment and shock of the entire family, Judge Joseph Smithdeal terminated Jason and Mattie’s parental rights. The Termination of Parental Rights, or TPR, will be appealed by the family’s attorneys when the TPR paperwork is signed by Judge Smithdeal.



Makenzie is very much loved and wanted by her parents and extended family. Source: Walls family

The family support for Makenzie has been exceptional. Mattie's parents, Dwayne and Barbara Anderson, hired a lawyer and have continued to fight for the custody of their granddaughter Makenzie. Jason's mother, Carol Young, took parenting classes along with Jason and Mattie, and continues to support these new parents. The family has allegedly taken actions above and beyond what Laurens County DSS and the Family Court has asked of them in order to get their baby Makenzie back with her family.

Supporters are asking for help in the fight for baby Makenzie by making phone calls showing support and demanding changes.

The Governor of South Carolina is Nikki R. Haley, who may be reached at 803-734-2100. She may be contacted [here](#).

Their State Representative is Daniel B. (Danny) Verdin, III - District 9 - Greenville & Laurens Counties - He can be [contacted here](#).

Laurens County South Carolina Department of Social Services, Director Byron Dendy
<https://dss.sc.gov/content/about/counties/counties.aspx?ID=30>

South Carolina Mother Arrested For Child Abuse After Questioning Doctors and Losing her Children



Source: Headley family

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

Danielle and William Headley's four boys were seized by

South Carolina Child Protective Services in July, following frustration by the parents over the care that their youngest son, Jack, now 4, was receiving at Greenville Memorial Hospital. (See original story [here](#).) A Child Abuse Specialist has accused Danielle of Munchausen by Proxy, and last week, Danielle was arrested on charges of Child Abuse and Neglect.

The family is devastated and maintains that Danielle is innocent of any wrong-doing. It has been over 100 days since any family member has been permitted to see the children.

According to a report from FOX Carolina, investigators told a judge that Jack had made “significant improvements” after he was removed from his parents’ care on July 10 and placed into foster care. That is the basis of the charges against Danielle. However, the family and friends are unsure how any of the events that have unfolded could possibly be Danielle’s fault.

Jack’s Many Diagnosed Conditions

Jack has suffered from a number of medical conditions throughout his young life, beginning in the womb with IUGR – intrauterine growth restriction. Doctors have diagnosed him with Short-Chain Acyl-CoA Dehydrogenase (SCAD) deficiency, a condition that prevents the body from converting certain fats into energy, gastroparesis, asthma, primary immunodeficiency disease, reactive airway disease, hypotonia and FTT (Failure to Thrive). Medical testing has confirmed these conditions.

Because of Jack’s gastroparesis, where the stomach can’t empty food properly, doctors placed a G-tube in July 2014 so that he could be given extra calories when he couldn’t consume enough by mouth.

A Stomach Virus Changes Everything

This worked pretty well until March of this year, when the entire family came down with a stomach bug. For the rest of the family, it lasted 24-48 hours. For Jack, however, with his weakened immune system, the virus affected him much worse. Because of the SCAD deficiency, any time he had vomiting, he needed to be hospitalized and managed in order to prevent a crash in blood sugar and a metabolic crisis. During this time, his gastroparesis flared up. The GI doctor recommended switching the type of feeding tube to a J-tube, one that went straight to the intestines, bypassing his stomach and giving it a chance to heal.

After Jack Is Taken, Hospital Does What His Mother Had Planned to Do All Along

The plan was for feeding to continue this way, allowing his stomach to rest, and for Jack to come back in August for a special dietitian who would show Danielle how to wean him off of the J-tube feedings and increase his eating by mouth. She was to await doctor's orders to do this.

That never happened.

According to the family, Danielle never asked for any of the feeding tubes or other procedures to be done. She simply followed directions that the doctors gave her.

Ta-Da! He's Better, so Mom Is Blamed

When the children were seized in July, the doctors with Greenville Memorial Hospital who were treating him at that time began weaning Jack off of the J-tube feedings, just as the Headleys and their doctors had planned to accomplish in

August. The process was successful, and after almost 3 weeks in the hospital, Jack went into a foster home. His 3 brothers were placed in a group home.

On this basis, the investigators were able to proclaim that Jack got better once he was away from his mother – a criteria that is viewed by some as being the final nail in the coffin proving the parent’s guilt of Munchausen by Proxy. However, this ignores the fact that Jack’s stomach was on the mend, and that the process for weaning him off of the tube was the very one that his mother would have done just a few weeks later, under doctors’ orders, had she been given the chance. Instead, her accusers are allegedly using this as evidence that she is guilty.

The family says that Jack was already showing signs of improvement after he recovered from the stomach virus. In fact, the day before he was taken from them, the family had been at a pool party and Jack spent all day in the swimming pool, happy as a little fish.

Child Abuse Specialist Doctor Leads to CPS Involvement

Just a couple of weeks prior to the boys being taken in July, Danielle had begun to question Jack’s care at Greenville Hospital. He had developed severe constipation, and in June and July, he had been admitted 3 times to the hospital. When he still wasn’t improving, William Headley reports that he asked an intake pediatrician at Greenville if his son would get better care if they were to switch from their Medicaid to private insurance. The doctor assured him that this was not the case. Headley says that their own pediatrician had recently told them that she didn’t like the way that Greenville Hospital was treating Jack, and she recommended

that they switch to private insurance if they could.

They wonder if that request triggered a reaction from the doctors at Greenville, especially in light of something they discovered in the medical records.

Shortly after the boys were taken, the family requested the medical records, including copies of Jack's inpatient bills from Greenville Memorial. They were alarmed to see that the hospital billed Medicaid for a diagnosis of "dissection of the coronary artery." This diagnosis is connected to heart attack or aneurysm, and despite all of Jack's medical conditions, heart problems have never been a part of them. The Headleys wonder what is going on here.

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249	NON-BACTERIAL GASTROENTERITIS	006	0.6753

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Seq	POA	Diagnosis	Description
1	Y	787.04	Bilious emesis
2	Y	345.90	Epilepsy, unspecified, without intractable
3	Y	536.3	Gastroparesis
4	Y	579.8	Intestinal malabsorption
5	Y	783.3	Feeding difficulty and mismanagement
6	E	V44.1	Gastrostomy status
7	Y	277.85	Disorders of fatty acid oxidation
8	Y	564.00	Constipation, unspecified
9	Y	477.9	Allergic rhinitis, cause unspecified
10	Y	414.12	Dissection of coronary artery
11	Y	251.2	Unspecified hypoglycemia
12	Y	271.3	Intestinal disaccharidase deficiency &
13	Y	493.90	Asthma, unspecified type, unspecified
14	Y	530.81	Esophageal reflux
15	Y	315.8	Delay in development

Source: Headley family

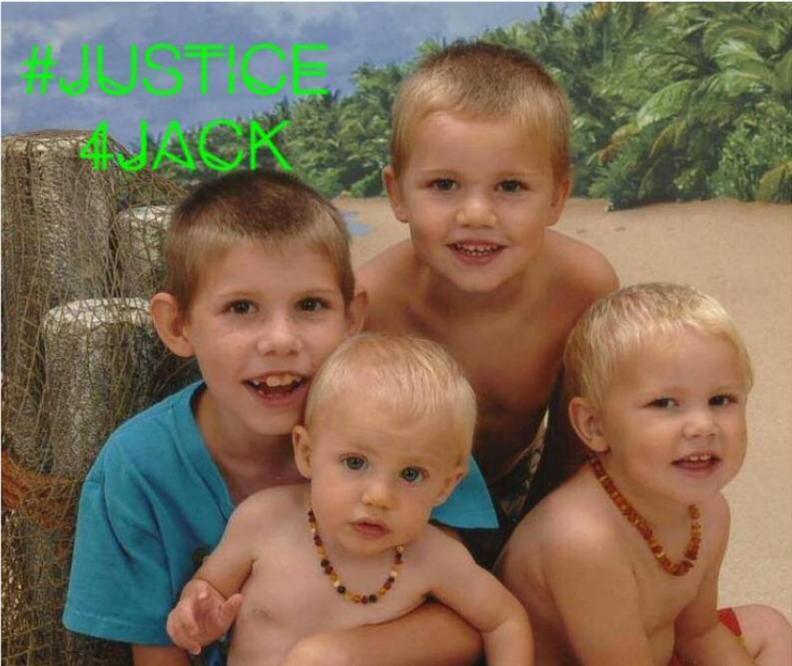
After the Headleys discussed switching to private insurance or another facility in an attempt to get better care for Jack, the staff at the hospital called in Child Abuse Specialist Dr. Nancy Henderson. Allegedly, she has never yet seen Jack or talked with his parents, yet it is based on her diagnosis of Danielle having Munchausen by Proxy that the children were taken. The same doctor is involved in accusing Jason and Mattie Walls of abuse without testing to discover the medical conditions their baby has that explain her injuries.

See:

[Another Baby Medically Kidnapped in South Carolina over Broken Bones – Parents Thrown in Jail](#)

Danielle Arrested, Bond Hearing Delayed

When the children were first seized, the Headleys say that they believed that an investigation into the facts of the matter would clear them, but they say that isn't happening. They were blindsided when Investigator Tracy Moss showed up at their home with a warrant for Danielle's arrest on October 13. This is the same officer who had walked into their home in July while Danielle was sleeping, got the kids up and lined them up in the living room, then woke up Danielle to tell her they were taking the children. Before that day, the Headleys had never seen or heard of her.



Source: Headley family

William reports that Danielle was at the lawyer's office when the police came to their house looking for her, but she turned herself in after learning about the warrant. She was scheduled to have a bond hearing that night at 9 pm, but the family reports that they learned that Tracy Moss was responsible for delaying the hearing until 2 pm on the following day:

She wanted it to be put off so that the media could be involved.

During the hearing, the discussion did not center around bond money. Instead, the hearing reportedly focused on

ensuring that Danielle not be permitted visitation with her sons. None of the family has seen the children now for more than 100 days. Before the arrest happened, visitation was set to begin at last around October 28. Danielle's mother Tonda Vess believes that denial of visitation is what the whole arrest incident is about, that CPS is trying to keep them from seeing the boys. The officer reportedly requested a "no-contact order" for Danielle, which the judge granted.

Family Questions the Accusations

Danielle is home now, and William says that she is working with her family and attorney to fight for her children. According to the family, it doesn't make sense that she is being accused of abuse or Munchausen. She only did what the doctors instructed her to do. She never attended appointments alone, because she has epilepsy and cannot drive. Family members have attend every appointment with her. Her mother doesn't understand how people can think that a mother can manipulate a doctor into doing unnecessary surgeries, as her daughter stands accused. Her experience has shown her that doctors are not that easily manipulated into doing things they don't want to do.

They believed the doctors when they told them that procedures or treatments were necessary, but they started questioning things when Jack was admitted to Greenville Hospital 3 times in a short period of time for the same thing without getting better. Isn't that responsible care from a parent to question things and make sure that their child is being treated properly? Apparently Dr. Henderson and CPS did not think so.

Jack's Therapy Isn't Happening in Foster Care

Before the children were taken, Jack had been involved in speech, occupational, and physical therapy. Since that day, he has not been to any of his therapy sessions, and the therapist is concerned. She has reportedly been trying to contact the social worker, the supervisor, the hospital, and foster mother, but to no avail. No one is returning her calls. The family is concerned that the state's preoccupation with assigning blame to Danielle is hindering their judgment in seeking appropriate medical care for Jack.

Per parent report, Jack will independently don pullover shirt and elastic waist pants on 3/4 trials.	04/30/2015	D - 08/17/2015	08/17/2015 - Discontinued due to multiple messages left for DSS caseworker with no return call and continued no shows for all therapies.
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Recommendations
Discharge from Therapy.

Discharge Details

Jack has been placed in DSS custody and is currently living with a foster family. Left phone number with caseworker (07/24/2015) and nurse at hospital (07/25/2015) to give to the foster mother to call to schedule a new time or to help with paperwork to get him in a different rehab facility closer to her home. Have not heard from foster family. Reached out to DSS caseworker via phone on 3 occasions (08/06/15, 08/10/2015, and 08/13/2015) and caseworker's supervisor on 2 occasions (08/12/2015 and 08/13/2015), leaving voicemails regarding his scheduled therapy appointments (OT, PT, and SLP). On the voicemail it stated that he would be discharged from therapy if we did not hear back from them by the end of the day 08/13/2015. Neither individual returned these phone calls to inform therapists of the plan for Jack, so Jack will be discharged from OT at this time. Recommend continued OT once foster family is able to schedule weekly treatment time.

Source: Headley family

Grandparents' Rights?

South Carolina has a grandparents' rights law on the books. Also, federal law regarding foster care and Title IV-E funding requires that children taken by Child Protective Services be given to relatives first if they are available, then friends of the family. Foster care and group homes are supposed to be a last resort. However, as hundreds of families we have spoken with can attest, state CPS workers violate this federal law on a daily basis. That doesn't mean that families are giving up.

The Headley boys have 2 grandmothers who would take them home in a heartbeat if CPS would let them. They have passed the drug tests and background checks. William's mother was approved years ago to raise 3 of her other grandchildren, who are grown now. Yet, the children remain in foster care, while the grandmothers' calls to CPS go unanswered. This is unacceptable to them. They believe that family matters and that children need their extended family support. Basic human psychology and sociology backs them up, yet their grandchildren have not only lost their parents for the present time, but also every other person in the world who is related to them.

How You Can Help

Rally:

The grandmothers, Tonda Vess and Brenda Bradshaw, are planning to rally in front of the DSS office on Tuesday, October 20, from 8:30 am till noon. Anyone who wants to stand up for children being unjustly taken is invited to join them at 630 Chesnee Highway, Spartanburg, SC, 29303.

The Governor of South Carolina is Nikki Haley at 803-734-2100. She can be contacted [here](#). Her Facebook page is [here](#).

The Senator for the Headley's district is Glenn Reese at 864-592-2984. He may be contacted [here](#).

Representative Harold Mitchell Jr. represents their district in Spartanburg at 803-734-6638. He may be contacted [here](#).

The Washington D.C. Representative for the 4th Congressional District is Harold Watson "Trey" Gowdy III at

864-241-0175, 202-225-6030. He can be contacted [here](#).

Spartanburg County Department Social Services – Danielle Bowles at 864-426-3610. Contact their office [here](#).

South Carolina Medically Kidnapped 4 Year Old Went Missing From Foster Care, Found After Police Search



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

The past few months have been a nightmare for the Headley family, but last Saturday night may have been the worst yet for the South Carolina family whose children were medically kidnapped this summer. While 4 year old Jack was under the

care of the Child Protective System, he was reported missing by the foster mother. He was found in some bushes about 4 hours later, but the thought of what could have happened to their little boy has concerned family and friends asking for some answers. They don't understand how the state could take their child from them, and then allow him to go missing under their watch.

They have more questions than answers at this point. [Fox Carolina](#) news reporter Derek Delinger reported Saturday evening that Jack had been found safe. His tone was almost bubbly as he minimized the terror that the Headley family felt after learning their child was missing.

We've been able to find out that the child was just missing for a few hours.

Just a few hours? The family wonders if that is the acceptable range of time for a child to be missing without it being concerning?

The family is very thankful that Jack was found, but they don't understand how he went missing in the first place. The child, who has had serious medical issues since birth, and his 3 brothers were taken by Child Protective Services on July 10, after Child Abuse Specialist Dr. Nancy Henderson at Greenville Memorial Hospital accused their mother Danielle of Munchausen by Proxy. See original story:

[Four Boys in South Carolina Medically Kidnapped When Parents Ask for Second Opinion](#)

Munchausen by Proxy is a psychological disorder where a

parent fakes or causes a child's symptoms in order to get attention. The diagnosis itself has come under much scrutiny and debate, and it appears to be most often used as an excuse to silence parents who question or disagree with the medical care their child is receiving. It is a convenient diagnosis, as one of the chief symptoms is asking for a second opinion. (See also: [Fight Rages for Teenager Isaiah Rider's Freedom – His Mother Commits “Cardinal Sin” Of Questioning Doctors](#))

After the accusation, charges were filed against Danielle Headley, and all 4 of her children were placed in foster care. The oldest 3 boys went to a group home and Jack went to a separate foster home. As Health Impact News has [previously reported](#), CPS allegedly has refused to consider any of the family members or friends for placement, in violation of federal law. The family believes that had the boys been in care of their family, perhaps Jack would not have gone missing Saturday night.

Headleys Receive Scariest Phone Call Ever

Danielle and her husband William had just been through a rough few days, and Danielle had just gotten home from the hospital herself, after having some serious medical issues of her own. The couple had decided to go to bed early, when they were awakened by a terrifying phone call. A social worker was on the phone, trying to reassure them. Jack had been missing for about 3 hours. She told them not to worry, because the police were on the scene and they had search dogs out hunting for Jack. She said she wasn't allowed to give them more information.



Jack Headley. Source: Headley family

They found a news report that listed the neighborhood where they were searching for their son, and they got in the car and raced to help with the search. William's niece, Christine Bridges, also headed to the area. Shortly before they arrived, they received word that Jack had been found. The Headleys were still not permitted to see their son after he was located.

Christine, however, continued to the neighborhood and pushed past the crowd, so that she could see for herself that her little cousin was ok. She was able to hug him before they made her leave.

Since then, some details about that night have emerged, but many questions remain.

Why Was No Amber Alert Issued?

An Amber alert was never issued, and family members question why. On the Facebook page of the Fox news report, a number of people question why a photo of the child was never included, only a description of the boy in a Superman costume. Is this because Jack was in the foster care system?



No Amber Alert was issued for Jack. Is this because he was a foster child?

Failure to issue an Amber alert or to provide a description and photo when the child is a foster child unnecessarily put the lives of foster children in jeopardy. According to the FBI, in cases where a missing child is murdered:

- in 76 percent of the murders of an abducted child, the child was murdered within 3 hours of the abduction;
- in 89 percent of the cases, the missing child died

within 24 hours of disappearing

Time is of the essence in reporting missing children, and the first 3 hours are the most crucial. Do not children who have been taken into “protective” custody by the state deserve to have Amber alerts and accurate descriptions if they are missing? How does the state justify having less, not more, protection of those children in its care?

Jack was removed from his own home and his own family out of alleged concerns for his safety, yet it was under the care of a state-provided foster family that he was lost.

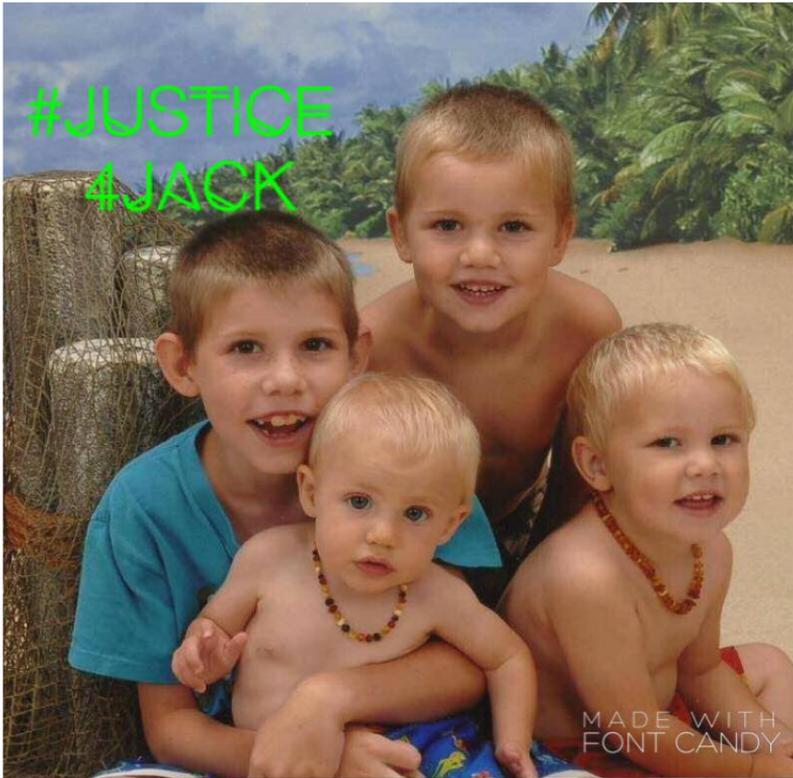
What Happened That Night?

Health Impact News spoke with Jack’s cousin Christine Bridges and his grandmother Tonda Vess. Both report receiving phone calls from the foster mother following Jack’s disappearance and recovery. The story that they were told is that Jack had attended a Halloween party with the foster family, and then they went to the home of the foster mother’s parents for a nighttime bonfire and marshmallow roast. Jack was still in his Superman costume. There were 7 or 8 adults present at the get-together, as well as some alcohol. Tonda reports that the foster mother told her that she “only had a beer and a half.”

One minute Jack was playing with the other kids; the next, he was gone. The foster mother called 911 about 5 minutes later.

Police came, and area residents began searching the neighborhood. There were search dogs and a helicopter out looking for little Jack. Around 11:30 pm, a man named

Anthony Stone allegedly found Jack crying for his mommy, “behind some bushes at the corner of Hedgewood Terrace and Windwood Way.” Stone had joined in the search after seeing the commotion.



Headley Boys – happy together, before Child Protective Services. Source: Headley family

Bridges says that she was told that dogs had already searched the area where Jack was found, without locating him. According to Greenville County Sheriff’s Department, dogs had not searched that area, but had been searching in a different area.

Health Impact News asked the Sheriff's Department if any charges were filed, or if Jack was taken to a doctor to be examined for any signs of abuse or harm that could have taken place within the 4 hours that the child was missing. They reported that no charges have been filed, and that there is no suspicion of "anything suspicious."

The family reports that they have heard several different versions of the details of the story, including one version that says that Jack was playing hide-and-seek. Another says that someone would have to have picked Jack up and placed him behind the bushes. Jack's grandmother wonders if he could have had a seizure. They wonder if anyone is telling the truth, and are afraid that there may be some type of cover-up going on.

Bridges reports that the foster mother told her that they have placed Jack in another setting. She allegedly wept to the biological family's family member that losing guardianship of Jack was breaking her heart and that of her son. Christine wondered about the appropriateness of her tears to her, when Jack's own real family is still devastated by the state's taking him and his brothers. Christine's own son still cries regularly for his cousin and best buddy, and he doesn't understand why he can't play with him.

To date, Danielle has not seen Jack since he was taken from her. Her husband William was able to see him on Wednesday for the first time since July. They were both, at last, allowed to have a visit Wednesday with the other 3 boys. This is their first time to see each other since the day that officer Tracy Moss came into their home and took the children.

Their attorney Donald Smith is planning to file an emergency hearing on behalf of his clients, in the hopes of the children being returned to their parents. He told Fox

Carolina News that his clients were “livid” over the fact that the state lost their child and put him at risk of harm while he was in their custody.

South Carolina Family has Children Medically Kidnapped Based on Wrong Diagnosis from Child Abuse Specialist



Tai with Braxton and Bentley at a visit. Source: Misty Mays

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

When Tai Simmons-Roper and her husband Shawn took their 4 week old baby Braxton to Greenville Memorial

Hospital in South Carolina for excessive spitting up, the last thing they expected was that doctors would find multiple unexplained fractures, and that they would be thrown into jail and have their beloved new baby taken away from them by Child Protective Services. They had no way of knowing that their son had serious metabolic bone disease, nor did the Child Abuse Specialist who reported them test Braxton to rule out such conditions before reporting them for child abuse.

After later medical reports were sent to the DA confirming that Braxton actually has infantile rickets and Ehlers-Danlos Syndrome, all criminal charges were dropped. However, DSS (Department of Social Services) is still refusing to give custody back to his parents. Braxton's older brother was also taken away, and DSS won't let him go home either.

Their case is allegedly based on the medical opinion of a Child Abuse Specialist at Greenville Memorial Hospital, [Dr. Mary-Fran Crosswell](#). Her partner, Dr. Henderson, has been involved in several cases of medical kidnapping that have been reported by Health Impact News.

See:

[Four Boys in South Carolina Medically Kidnapped When Parents Ask for Second Opinion](#)

[Another Baby Medically Kidnapped in South Carolina over Broken Bones – Parents Thrown in Jail](#)

Several medical experts have reportedly examined Braxton's medical records and x-rays, and they report that findings of child abuse are not supported by the evidence. In fact, they

point out that numerous clear signs of very real medical problems were missed or ignored by the Child Abuse Specialists.

Dr. Doug Benson is an Orthopedic surgeon and a recognized expert on infantile rickets and metabolic bone disorders, who states that Braxton's low Vitamin D level of 14 is a clear indicator that the baby already had problems. He pulled no punches in his report:

To ignore a Vit. D25 level of 14 or suggest it is not relevant is as indefensible as to ignore a very low blood sugar in a comatose patient.

Early Concerns About Braxton's Health

Braxton was born on November 25, 2014, at Greenville Memorial Hospital. Tai was happy that she was able to have a VBAC (vaginal birth after cesarean) after her c-section birth with Braxton's big brother 3 years earlier. He was a big baby – 9 lbs 5 oz, but he appeared healthy. He got a Vitamin K shot and Hepatitis B vaccine before going home from the hospital.

Tai was exclusively breastfeeding him, but they became concerned when Braxton started spitting up excessively. On December 23, there was a spot of blood in his spit up, so Tai and Shawn took him to a nearby hospital in North Carolina, where they had just moved days earlier. The doctors thought that he had pyloric stenosis and reflux, and told her to come back on Christmas Eve for an ultrasound test and other testing. They were told to come back after Christmas.

While the family visited Tai's mother and family for

Christmas, Tai noticed that there were bruises on her son's legs. Her mother, Misty Mays, told her that it was probably from the doctors holding Braxton down for the tests, and that things like that happen sometimes.

After they returned to NC, Braxton was again spitting up with flecks of blood in it. They took him back to the hospital where they ruled out pyloric stenosis, but found meningococcal bacteria in his blood. IV antibiotics were started, and his arm was bruised from nurses inserting the IV. He was in the hospital 4 days, and his grandparents visited often. He was home again for less than 24 hours before he was again spitting up blood. His parents took him back to the hospital, and the doctors noted the bruises. That hospital referred him to Greenville Memorial Hospital in Greenville, SC.



Braxton being transported to Greenville. Source: Misty Mays.

Greenville – Where the Real Problems Began

Tai and her family were unaware that the Greenville hospital has two Pediatric Child Abuse Specialists on staff. They simply believed that Greenville was going to provide better care for their sick baby, who was the light of their lives.

Braxton's easy bruising was becoming a pattern, and Tai's mother, Misty Mays, had been noticing thumb size bruising on his legs and ankles wherever Braxton had been held down for testing. At one point she noticed a thumb sized bruise on his scrotum, where earlier a nurse had pressed on it during a urinalysis test. That bruise was not there when they arrived

at Greenville the day before. She pointed it out to the doctor when he made rounds.

Because of the bruising, doctors decided to order x-rays. This is standard policy, set forth by the [American Academy of Pediatrics](#), because they teach that:

In the absence of independently witnessed accidental trauma or a known medical cause, any bruising in a nonmobile child is highly concerning for abuse and necessitates an evaluation for child abuse.

The Pediatrics journal article is co-authored by Dr. [James Anderst](#), who is a Child Abuse Pediatrician at the SCAN clinic at Children's Mercy Hospital in Kansas City. Jaxon Adams was medically kidnapped after being seen in Anderst's clinic. See:

Eight year old Jaxon Taken By Hospital When Parents Ask For Second Opinion

The article states, while doctors evaluate the child for evidence of abuse, such children with bruising should simultaneously be evaluated by other conditions which can also cause easy bruising, including Ehlers-Danlos Syndrome (EDS), yet this allegedly was not done.

At the time that Tai and Shawn brought Braxton to the hospital, no one yet realized that Tai herself had EDS. Children of parents with EDS are at increased risk of having the disorder themselves, but no one at Greenville seemed interested in evaluating to see if there were any other explanations for the bruising. Naturally, the bruising was

“unexplained” because the parents didn’t know that their child had a medical disorder.

Also, according to Dr. Benson:

The “easy bruisability,” particularly in an infant with a family history of problems with gastroesophageal reflux, should have been recognized as a manifestation of a possible collagen disorder or coagulopathy. The medical records reviewed did not indicate that this was ever adequately considered or tested for.



From Grandmother: “While in my care Braxton suffered a fracture on his foot and several bruises that I could not explain. We knew something was not right. I carried him to Urgent Care in April. Tai was not even allowed to see Braxton at this point. The doctor had to take blood and left her entire hand print on his leg where she drew blood. She agreed to put that in his record. She did it on accident.” Source: Misty Mays

Child Abuse Specialist Accuses Parents of Abuse



Dr. Mary-Fran Crosswell – Child Abuse Specialist. [Image Source](#).

Misty recounts that, when the results of the x-rays came back, [Dr. Mary-Fran Crosswell](#), Child Abuse Specialist, confidently told the family that Braxton had been abused and had been shaken. She said that the baby had 2 fractures on his knees, 2 on his ankles, and “almost” had a fracture on his wrist.

She reported Tai and Shawn to Child Protective Services (DSS). While the family was still reeling in shock, Dr. Crosswell reportedly told them:

We’re going to go ahead and do a CT scan, but I can already tell you that he’s going to have brain damage.

But that was not what the scan reportedly showed. There was

allegedly no brain damage at all. Tai reports that Dr. Crosswell made numerous accusations, but every time tests were done to confirm the things she accused them of, the tests would come back negative.

Also routine according to AAP policy is to perform another set of x-rays about 2 weeks after initial x-rays show multiple unexplained fractures. Misty told Health Impact News that Dr. Crosswell told her:

I'm sure when you bring him back for the follow up skeletal survey in two weeks, we're going to find multiple fractures.

The doctor's earlier pronouncements of doom and abuse with the brain damage had terrified the family, and grandmother Misty questioned Dr. Crosswell's presuppositions:

Are you as sure of that as you were that he's going to have brain damage?

There was one additional fracture found in the follow-up skeletal survey, on Braxton's foot, where he had reportedly been held down during another test.

Reports as to the number of broken bones in Braxton vary. Tai reports that she was told that Braxton had 3 rib fractures. Misty said that DSS told her that the doctor said there were 12. Braxton's pediatrician later mentioned the rib fractures, but Misty said that information had to have come from the hospital.

Later, both Misty and Tai report that Dr. Crosswell denied ever saying anything about rib fractures. Dr. Benson and other experts later examined the x-rays and determined that the fractures date back to Braxton's birth, or possibly earlier. Misty and Tai theorize that, because the fractures had to have happened either in the womb or during the birth, they don't fit the picture of child abuse, and indicated that there were problems with his bones from the very beginning. This is why they believe that Greenville Memorial Hospital swept the rib fractures under the rug.



Braxton with his Daddy Shawn. Photo: Misty Mays

Tai and Shawn were arrested on charges of child abuse and

thrown into jail on January 5, 2015. A judge issued a no-contact order and neither parent was permitted to see their son or each other for 6 months. Fortunately, DSS obeyed the federal laws about kinship placement in this case, and permitted Braxton to go to his grandmother Misty's home on January 2. Tai's 4 year old son from a previous relationship was also seized by DSS, and he was sent to live with his paternal grandparents.

Indications of Real Medical Conditions, Not Abuse

Since Braxton was taken from his parents, both he and his mother have been diagnosed with Ehlers-Danlos/hypermobility Syndrome. Severe allergies are associated with EDS.

Shortly after Braxton was taken, the formerly breastfed baby was put on formula. The spitting up of blood only appeared a couple of times after that. Tai believes that he was very allergic to something in her diet. She never had the opportunity to try eliminating various things from her diet in order to find the culprit, which is the usual protocol if a baby is allergic to something in the breastmilk.

According to Dr. Benson, Braxton's reflux, as well as Tai's reflux and heartburn during pregnancy, are associated with EDS. Because of her heartburn, she reportedly took "bottles" of antacids. Most physicians see no harm in mother's taking them for their symptoms. However, in our coverage of stories of babies who have been medically kidnapped with brittle bone type conditions, Health Impact News has seen multiple medical reports in the mothers of these babies citing high consumption of Tums type antacids. Medical expert and radiologist Dr. [David Ayoub](#) has this to say about

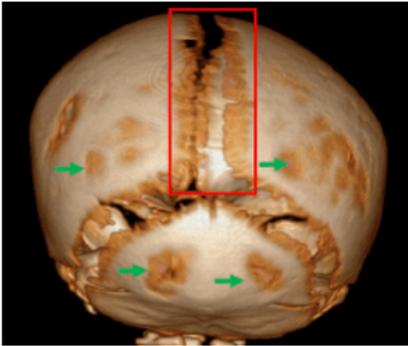
Tums and other antacid tablets:

While generally considered safe, calcium carbonate was actually the active ingredient given to rats during research studies in the 1920s-1950s to produce rickets in the mice! Crazy but true—TUMS' active ingredient (calcium carbonate) is a rickets-causing chemical due to its phosphate-binding properties (calcium carbonate is even used in dialysis patients to bind phosphate).

Are American Academy of Pediatrics Child Abuse Policies Leading to Medical Kidnappings?

Though the American Academy of Pediatrics cites “multiple unexplained fractures” as indicating abuse, they also indicate conditions as rickets, osteogenesis imperfecta, EDS, and metabolic bone disease. Braxton’s Vitamin D25 levels were abnormally low, at a level of 14. Levels this low are often associated with infantile rickets. Several medical experts have examined Braxton’s medical records and x-rays, and have identified infantile rickets. The Vitamin D deficiency, together with the antacid consumption, can account for another finding in Braxton’s records – inadequate mineralization.

Medical expert Dr. Marvin Miller evaluated Braxton’s x-rays and CT scan performed by Greenville Hospital on December 31, 2014, and concluded that his skull showed marked signs of inadequate mineralization of his bones.



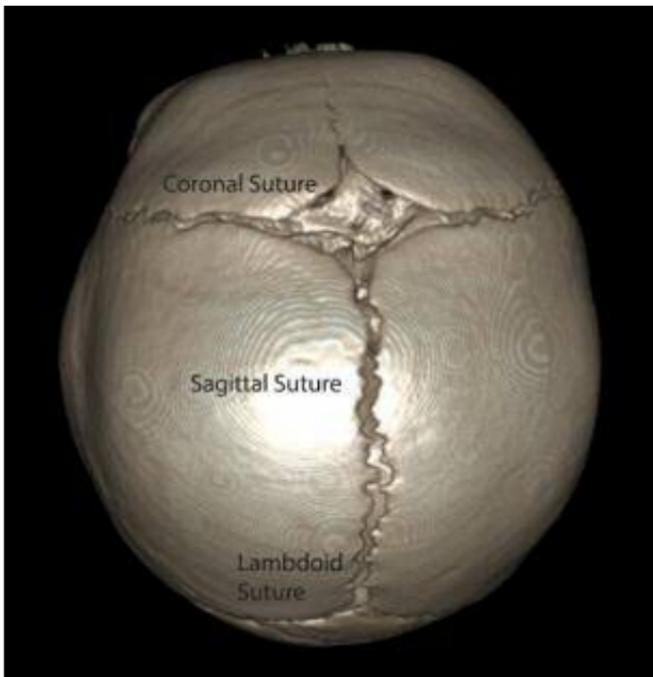
Braxton Simmons
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The brown regions of the skull are abnormal and represent poor bone mineralization. The red rectangle brackets the sagittal suture, and the brown strips of bone one each side of the suture highlight the parasutural hypomineralization.

The other brown regions outside of the sutures are indicative of craniotabes as shown by the green arrows.

Source: Power Point by Dr. Marvin Miller with CT scan from Greenville Hospital.

Contrast this image with a normal newborn skull. Note how much smaller normal suture lines are in a normal infant.



Source: [Arete Neurosurgical](#)

Though healing rib fractures were noted by several experts in the x-rays, there was no organ damage or bruising to his chest – things that would be expected if the rib fractures were caused by abuse.

Unfortunately, the American Academy of Pediatrics has a policy that does not appear to take into account that children may have valid medical conditions, such as rickets, which account for rib fractures. In one policy paper, [here](#), AAP states that “rib fractures are highly suggestive of child abuse.”

Braxton’s ribs show flared ends which, according to Dr. Benson is “compelling evidence of a metabolic bone disease,” not abuse.

Dr. Crosswell was consistent with AAP policy that states that classical metaphyseal lesions (CMLs) found in the x-rays are a high indicator of abuse. However, Drs. Ayoub, Miller, and Hyman have stated that CMLs are actually indicators of metabolic bone disease. Many doctors believe CMLs to be fractures; however, when these lesions are examined microscopically, there is no associated hemorrhaging. Instead of being fractures, they are believed to be stages of healing of metabolic bone disease. According to Dr. Benson:

Recent study [has] demonstrated that the opinions of the past that “metaphyseal lesions” are “fractures” – which are an indication of child abuse – are unsupportable.

Further, Dr. Benson states that doctors often confuse healing of traumatic fractures with the body’s metabolic repair of inadequate mineralization.

It is not difficult to differentiate if one is familiar with traumatic fractures as well as metabolic bone disorders.

However, as many families are finding out, the doctors they encounter at many Childrens Hospitals are affiliated with Child Abuse Specialists, who specialize in finding child abuse, but who are not well versed in metabolic bone disorders or other physiological explanations for their babies' conditions. The jump-to diagnosis is often child abuse, in accordance with AAP policies, and tests to differentiate or find other causes are often not performed.

For Braxton, his grandmother says that, once Dr. Crosswell said it was child abuse, the doctors stopped looking for any other possible cause for his symptoms, neglecting care for his real medical conditions.

Former Social Worker: Threat of Lawsuits and Loss of Grant Money Influences CPS and Doctors

A former social worker from South Carolina, who asked to remain anonymous, recently contacted Health Impact News to explain why doctors like Dr. Crosswell stop looking for other explanations once they have decided that a case is child abuse, and it's a case of "follow the money."

Many doctors, including Child Abuse Specialists, receive grants for their research. Millions of dollars are up for grabs. Whenever a case comes in to the hospital that the specialists can write up as child abuse, they can use that to get more grant money. However, if a doctor states that a case is child abuse, but later recants that diagnosis based on medical findings, they run the risk of lawsuits, and lawsuits on the

record impact a doctor's ability to obtain grant funding.

Rather than admit that the evidence shows a different picture than they originally thought, the grant money and their reputation influences the child abuse specialists to "stick with" an evaluation of child abuse, even if medical testing clearly shows a different explanation.

In many Medical Kidnap cases, CPS and the courts hinder parents from getting additional tests. Parents have to fight hard, and even then, some are still forbidden to get testing done for their children. Sometimes, the Child Abuse Specialists or even CPS call other doctors that the family plan to take the children to, and suddenly, mysteriously, the new doctor will no longer agree to see the child, or their evaluation changes.

Cleared of Criminal Charges, but Still Don't Get Children Back

Fortunately, Braxton's grandmother was not prevented from getting him evaluated outside of the Greenville system. Those results have cleared Tai and Shawn in the criminal court system, where they had faced the possibility of 35 years in prison.

However, DSS still has control of their family. Tai still wants to get her babies back, but DSS is allegedly fighting her every step of the way. The whole traumatic ordeal has led to Tai and Shawn divorcing, a sad, but all too common result of Child Protective Services involvement in a family.

Tai passed the psychological evaluation that DSS made her take, and all of her required drug tests came back clean. She lost her job making sure that she got to every parenting class

that DSS required, and made 100% on the test. Yet, just as many other parents report, no matter how many hoops she jumps through, it is never enough.

In a bizarre twist, DSS has accused Tai of being negligent because her son was Vitamin D deficient.

Just before Christmas, Tai felt bullied into agreeing to a DSS settlement that would remove her name from the child abuse registry. Her family had just hired a new attorney, who asked Judge Alvin Johnson for a continuance. That was denied.

Her former attorney allegedly failed to prepare for the hearing and left her defenseless, even though there was plenty of evidence showing that she had not abused her son. She tentatively agreed to the conditions of the deal, telling the judge, “Yes, sir, at this time.” Yet, Misty reports that when her daughter, who is almost 22, got the papers in the mail to sign, the documents did not at all reflect what was in court. The things that are written on paper are things that Tai said she would never agree to. She has not signed them.

In that hearing, DSS in Pickens County, SC, awarded permanent custody of Braxton to his grandparents, Misty and her husband. Bentley’s paternal grandparents now have permanent custody of him.

How You Can Help

Misty says that she wants her daughter to have “a chance to have a decent hearing and actually be represented.” A Facebook page has been set up to support the family called [Justice for Braxton](#).



Senators Joel Lourie and Katrina Shealey have been involved in a bipartisan investigation of the Department of Social Services. This case is one that they need to be made aware of.

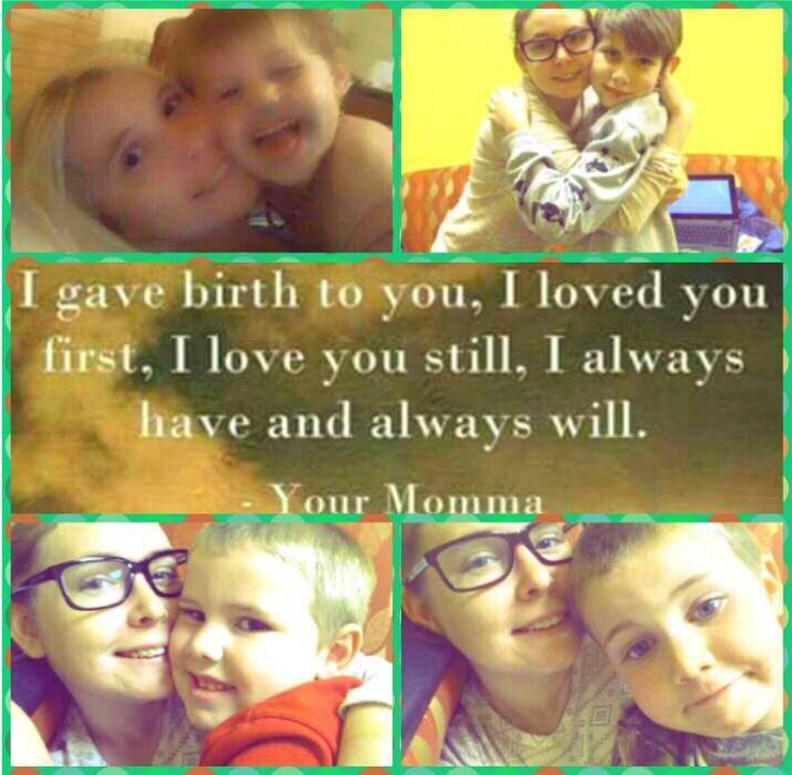
Senator Lourie may be reached at (803) 212-6116 or (803) 256-2067, or contacted [here](#).

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Senator Larry Martin represents the family's district in Pickens County and may be reached at (803) 212-6610 or (864) 306-2126, or contacted [here](#).

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South Carolina Family Destroyed: Forced Vaccines, Sexual Abuse, Bruises Show Harm in State Care



Source: Headley family.

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

The Headley boys of South Carolina aren't coming home any time soon, according to a recent hearing in family court. While their parents, William and Danielle, continue to fight

to get them back, the family says that the boys are suffering in CPS custody. They are currently being held in a group home, and the parenting of their children by the government is quite concerning to the family. The children are reportedly being forced to have vaccines that they have medical exemptions for, are losing weight, are being sexually abused, and are showing up to visits with bruises.

The state is also reportedly ignoring evidence that would clear the parents.

Danielle Headley still faces criminal charges of child abuse and neglect, but no trial date has been set. Greenville Memorial Hospital and Child Abuse Specialist Nancy Henderson have accused her of Munchausen syndrome by proxy, or medical child abuse, after the Headley's youngest son Jack, now 4, was in and out of the hospital for much of his life.

See original story:

[Four Boys in South Carolina Medically Kidnapped When Parents Ask for Second Opinion](#)

The family received documents last week summarizing the findings of the family court, and there are a number of things that are concerning to the family, things which should be concerning to every family in America with children.

Experts Testifying for Parents Ignored

Forensic expert and licensed counselor, Cindy B. Stichnoth, MEd, LPC, testified that Danielle does not suffer from Munchausen or medical child abuse. She:

“also testified that having a youngest child suffer child abuse by medical abuse is very uncommon when the other children presented with no illnesses.”

According to family court documents, the court chose to ignore her testimony, stating that they:

“gave little, if any, weight to the testimony of Cindy B. Stichnoth.”

The family states that this is just one example of the court ignoring any evidence that would exonerate them. The testimony of the Child Abuse Specialist, however, was given great weight. Yet she only came into the picture after the Headleys questioned their son’s care at Greenville Memorial Hospital.

Child Abuse Specialist Called After Parents Question Care



Dr. Nancy Henderson – Child Abuse Specialist. [Image from YouTube.](#)

As [previously reported](#), William and Danielle had concerns about the care that Jack was receiving at Greenville. The family had been in and out of the hospital with Jack for most of his life. The list of illnesses diagnosed by doctors include Short-Chain Acyl-CoA Dehydrogenase (SCAD) deficiency, a condition that prevents the body from converting certain fats into energy, gastroparesis, asthma, primary immunodeficiency disease, reactive airway disease, hypotonia and FTT (Failure to Thrive). Medical testing has confirmed these conditions.

In July 2014, doctors inserted a G-tube, a feeding tube that sends nutrition directly into his stomach. A year later, on June 11, 2015, doctors decided to change the feeding tube to a J-tube, which feeds into the jejunum, part of the small intestine, because Jack had been suffering from a stomach virus and vomiting. This was to give his stomach the chance

to heal.



Jack in the hospital. Source: Headley family.

The procedure took longer than usual, reports the family. When Dr. Avant came out to speak with the family, he reportedly told them that the reason it took longer was that

Jack “wouldn’t sedate easily,” and was kicking and screaming during the procedure, so they kept giving him more medicine. He cautioned them that Jack’s tummy might be a bit sore.

During the next week at the hospital, the family says that every time anyone tried to clean the feeding tube site, he was kicking and screaming and would have to be held down. Before this surgery that apparently began before he was fully sedated, he never fought any caregivers when they tended to the tube site.

After previous surgeries, he didn’t have problems, but this time, the drainage was “really bad,” and Jack’s stomach was swollen and tender.

It was after a week of watching their child suffer and fight that the Headleys began asking to go to a different hospital for care. This was June 19. William Headley told staff that he wanted to speak to the CEO of the hospital. That didn’t happen, and other staff allegedly tried to placate them.



Jack and his daddy. Source: Headley family.

Unbeknownst to the Headleys, that was the day that the staff called Dr. Nancy Henderson, the Child Abuse specialist. The family later saw the date of Dr. Henderson's first notification and realized that it was the same day that they started asking for a 2nd opinion because they were concerned about the quality of Jack's care there.

It was shortly after this that DSS (Department of Social

Services) – South Carolina’s Child Protective System, came into their lives and took all of their children. This was in July 2015.

Toxic Mold Found in Home After Children Were Taken

Both Jack and his mother have suffered from numerous medical conditions which have been well-documented. Recently, they have learned that Danielle has Ehlers-Danlos syndrome – a multi-faceted genetic illness which can lead to a myriad of medical issues. Because his mother has it, chances are high that Jack has it as well.

Another culprit was found just a few months after the boys were taken – mold.

There had been some very heavy rains that October, and the Headleys began to see black mold seeping through the ceiling. The environmental specialist they hired to test the mold and air quality was only in their house a few minutes before he developed a headache and went back outside to get a mask.

He removed a piece of the wall and discovered that the area behind the wall was filled with black mold.

The Headley’s had replaced their roof 6 years prior, but didn’t realize that it wasn’t done properly, and that rain had been leaking in above the ceiling and behind the walls for the entire time. Samples of the mold were sent off for testing, and 3 different toxic strains were found: *stachybotrys chartarum*, *penicillium*, and *aspergillus*.

When William Headley asked what he could do about it, the

specialist said, “Move.” It was really bad.

The Headleys moved into a new home in January.

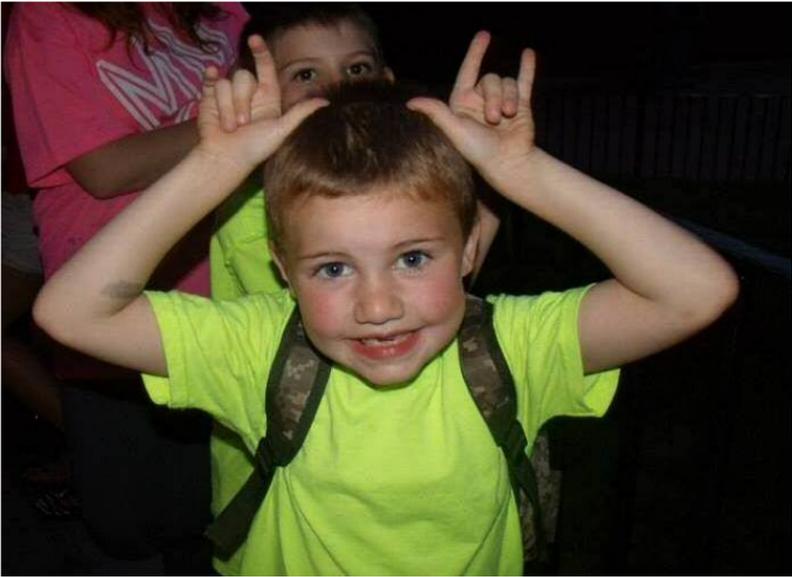
Social workers have noted an improvement in Jack’s symptoms since he was removed from his parents. According to American Academy of Pediatrics policy, this is a sure sign that there is Munchausen syndrome by proxy.

The more logical explanation is that Jack was removed from the home with the toxic mold. Because of his already compromised physical health, the mold impacted him more severely.

The court did not accept that possibility, based on the testimony of Dr. Robin Go, allergist/immunologist. According to court records:

“Dr. Go testified that some people try to claim that stachybotrys has caused them a variety of symptoms including fatigue, loss of weight, cancer, muscle weakness, and headaches. However, Dr. Go testified that those are not currently accepted because medical evidence shows those are not accepted claims.”

However, according to research by the [National Institute of Health](#), which examined the available studies to date on this subject, “significant methodological flaws” in the studies render the results of the studies inconclusive. Despite Dr. Go’s testimony to the contrary, the research does not dismiss the claims of connections between stachybotrys mold and health conditions, but rather it states that more research is needed, with better methodology in the studies.



Nick having fun before DSS. Source: Headley family.

The [CDC](#) (Centers for Disease Control) states on its website that the stachybotrys mold “may cause health symptoms that are nonspecific.” The [EPA](#) (Environmental Protection Agency) reports that “allergic reactions to mold are common.”

The [World Health Organization](#) says:

“There is clinical evidence that exposure to mould and other dampness-related microbial agents increases the risks of rare conditions, such as hypersensitivity pneumonitis, allergic alveolitis, chronic rhinosinusitis and allergic fungal sinusitis. Toxicological evidence obtained in vivo and in vitro supports these findings, showing the occurrence of diverse inflammatory and toxic responses after exposure to microorganisms – including their spores, metabolites and

components – isolated from damp buildings.”

There is a myriad of evidence, dating back to ancient Biblical times, that some molds, particularly stachybotrys, can have a severe detrimental effect on health. Yet, Dr. Go and the family court have dismissed those concerns, instead accusing a loving mother of Munchausen syndrome by proxy rather than consider the very real possibility that a likely culprit for at least some of Jack’s problems are black mold, which was stealthily growing behind the wall of the Headley home for the entirety of Jack’s life and his mother’s pregnancy with him.

Danielle Called “Bad Mother” for Son Using Pacifier

Danielle has been vilified by DSS and the Child Abuse Specialist for allowing her son to have the comfort of his pacifier and for holding him at doctors’ visits. According to court documents,

“Medical providers testified at trial that given the age of Jack, that he was being held by his Mother almost every visit, and that he always had a pacifier in his mouth (even when he was almost 4 years old), as medical providers they had to rely on the information provided to them by Mother.”



His mother held Jack a lot when he was sick. For this DSS told her she is a bad mom. Source: Headley family.

The court was told that Jack could not walk or talk, based on the doctors' observations. The family points out that the doctors saw Jack, not when he was healthy and running around, but when he was sick, and just wanted to be held by his mommy. Because of his history of illness, his family never pushed the issue of making him get rid of his pacifier. It clearly was a comfort to their child.

DSS wanted to take that away. On the day that Officer Tracy Moss took the children away from their home, Moss refused to let Jack take his pacifier or his blanket. On the day that his

life was being ripped apart by DSS, the agency officials allegedly denied him the very objects that brought him comfort. Despite their accusations, Jack was given a new pacifier at the hospital, suggesting that it is OK for the state to do it, just not parents.

Jack's speech therapist reportedly told the family that he had low muscle tone, so the pacifier was actually good, because sucking on it strengthens the muscles in his mouth.

As to the accusation that Jack could not walk or talk himself, the family has a number of videos on YouTube which clearly demonstrate that he can. See videos [here](#), [here](#), [here](#), and [here](#).



Doctors said he must not be able to walk. Yet, somehow, he managed to play t-ball. Source: Headley family.

The State Is a Poor Substitute for Loving Parents

The family has reported a number of issues in the government care of the Headley boys – instances which demonstrate that the state is an inferior substitute for parents.

Health Impact News reported in October on MedicalKidnap.com that Jack went missing while in state care. This never happened while the children were in their parents' custody. Since that time, Jack was moved out of the foster home and into a group home facility with his older brothers.

See:

[South Carolina Medically Kidnapped 4 Year Old Went Missing From Foster Care, Found After Police Search](#)

During the family court proceedings, GAL Jean Bradley testified that the children are doing well in their current placement. The family is not so sure.



Dad – “The boys have lost their real smiles.” Source: Headley family

Car Seats – The Headleys are big car seat safety advocates. They have been horrified when the younger boys have arrived at visits without being in any car seat at all. Jack is 4 and Gabe is 6. The group home where DSS has placed them is an hour and a half to two hours drive away from the place where visitation with the parents occurs. When Jack has been in a car seat, the family reports, it has just been a backless booster seat. A couple of weeks ago, they were not in any type of car seat when they arrived at the visit. The parents reportedly put their feet down and insisted that CPS find car seats for the younger boys before they returned to the group home.

South Carolina law requires that children up to 40 lbs be in a car seat, not a booster seat. Car seat manufacturers and safety experts and the American Academy of Pediatrics have even stricter recommendations. These safer recommendations are what the Headleys have always gone by.



Experts recommend keeping children rear-facing as long as possible, up to the manufacturers limits. Danielle is all about car seat safety. Source: Headley family.

Until DSS took the children, Jack was still rear-facing in a top-of-the-line convertible car seat. The Chicco Nextfit recommends keeping children rear-facing until they reach 40 lbs, and Jack only weighs around 32 lbs. Gabe was still in a 5-point safety harness, per recommendations. The Headleys have chosen to go above and beyond car seat standards to ensure the safety of their children. Since the state took over, they are sometimes not even in any car seat.

Braces – Shriners Hospital prescribed and made braces for his legs. They have told the Headleys that, if Jack doesn't wear them to correct his legs, he will need surgery in the future. Jack's state caregivers do not put his braces on him.

Therapy – Jack, Conner, and Gabe have had developmental delays for which their parents had them in therapy. According to the medical records, the therapist have been trying to reach DSS for months because the boys are not in therapy. DSS has not returned any of their calls.



Gabe in happier days. Source: Headley family.

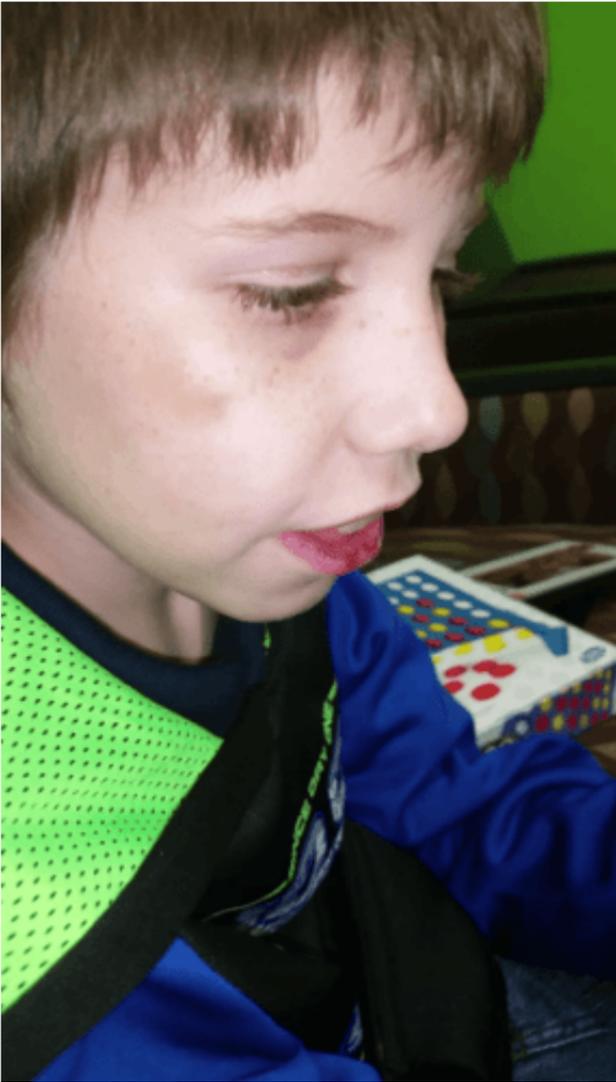
Jack is getting thinner in state care – Despite the fact that the state has tried to use weight issues against Danielle Headley, Jack is now thinner than he was when the state took over custody. When he was taken from his family, he

was wearing 4T pants. In December, the Headley's brought some 4T skinny jeans with adjustable waist, because the 4Ts were "falling off of him." Now, he needs a 3T.

Vulgar language – Jack has reportedly picked up a foul mouth since being in the group home under the government's care.

Forced Vaccines – All of the Headley children have vaccine exemptions for medical and religious reasons, including reactions to the vaccinations. Recently, their oldest son, Conner, told his parents that he got a flu shot. When confronted, the social worker denied it.

Black eye – Conner showed up at a November visit with a black eye, but his father said that he acted afraid to tell him what happened. After he "glanced nervously at the social worker," he said he ran into a pole at school. His dad is not buying it. "No way" is that the explanation, he said.



Conner's black eye. Source: Headley family.

Sexual Abuse Called “Normal Teenage Boy Behavior”

The Headleys’ attorney has had to fight to get their children’s records of their care. They were alarmed at something that they found in the DSS records.

Conner was originally placed in a cottage at the group home with his younger brothers, but he was later moved to a cottage with older boys. After the transfer, according to the report, the older boys basically blackmailed Conner to expose himself to them, or else they would beat him up.

He is mildly autistic and doesn’t have a strong self-protective mechanism, according to his family, and he was scared. So he complied.

He later had the courage to report the event to someone at the group home, and that person in turn contacted the social worker. Allegedly, nothing was done about the incident, and Conner has not been moved.

The children’s DSS attorney Katheryn Gooch reportedly told the parents that this was a “normal friendly gesture” by the older boys in the group home, and that it was “no big deal.” She said that this was normal teenage boy behavior.

Nothing like this ever happened to their boys under their parents’ care, and the family is concerned about this kind of behavior in state care being swept under the rug. The DSS supervisor reportedly told the family not to bring the incident up or to talk to Conner about it.

Mother withheld from Visiting her Young Son for Months Now

Danielle has not seen Jack since he was taken from her arms last summer. The court has ruled that she cannot see Jack, even under supervision, until after her criminal case is over. No date has been set for that hearing. The attachment between a mother and her youngest son is completely being ignored.

William is permitted to visit with all 4 boys twice a month for a 30 minute visit. Then, Jack is escorted out of the room where he waits by himself, while his mother is allowed to visit with the 3 older boys for 30 minutes. William is not permitted to spend that time with his youngest son, who cries because he has figured out that he is the only one who doesn't get to see his mom.

Is This All About the Funding?

In a recent meeting with the social worker, William Headley asked if his children could be placed back on his medical insurance that he has with his job. DSS has them on Medicaid currently. The social worker reportedly told him that they had to keep them on Medicaid so that they can continue getting their state funding.

During her explanation of the court documents, the social worker used expressions like "DSS is going to retain retention of the children," "reasonable efforts have been made," and "continuation of children in the home will be contrary to their welfare." She explained the department's use of such wording:

“These kinds of things are to help the kids keep the funding that they get through Medicaid and stuff. If it’s not worded a certain way, they can’t get funding.”

She is likely referring to the federal Title IV-E funding that state CPS departments bring into the state coffers by taking children into the foster care system.

See:

[The Medical Kidnapping Business: Bilking Medicaid](#)

How You Can Help

Supporters have set up a Facebook group that other supporters are welcome to join called [Reunite the Headley Family](#).



The Governor of South Carolina is Nikki Haley at 803-734-2100. She can be contacted [here](#). Her Facebook page is [here](#).

The Senator for the Headley’s district is Glenn Reese at 864-592-2984. He may be contacted [here](#).

Representative Harold Mitchell Jr. represents their district in Spartanburg at 803-734-6638. He may be contacted [here](#).

Spartanburg County Department Social Services – Danielle Bowles at 864-426-3610. Contact their office [here](#).

Medically Kidnapped South Carolina Boy Raped in Group Home - Attorney Speaks Out on State Abuse



The Headleys: once a happy, loving family, now devastated by CPS, suffering more harm every day that goes by. Source: Headley family.

by Health Impact News/MedicalKidnap.com Staff

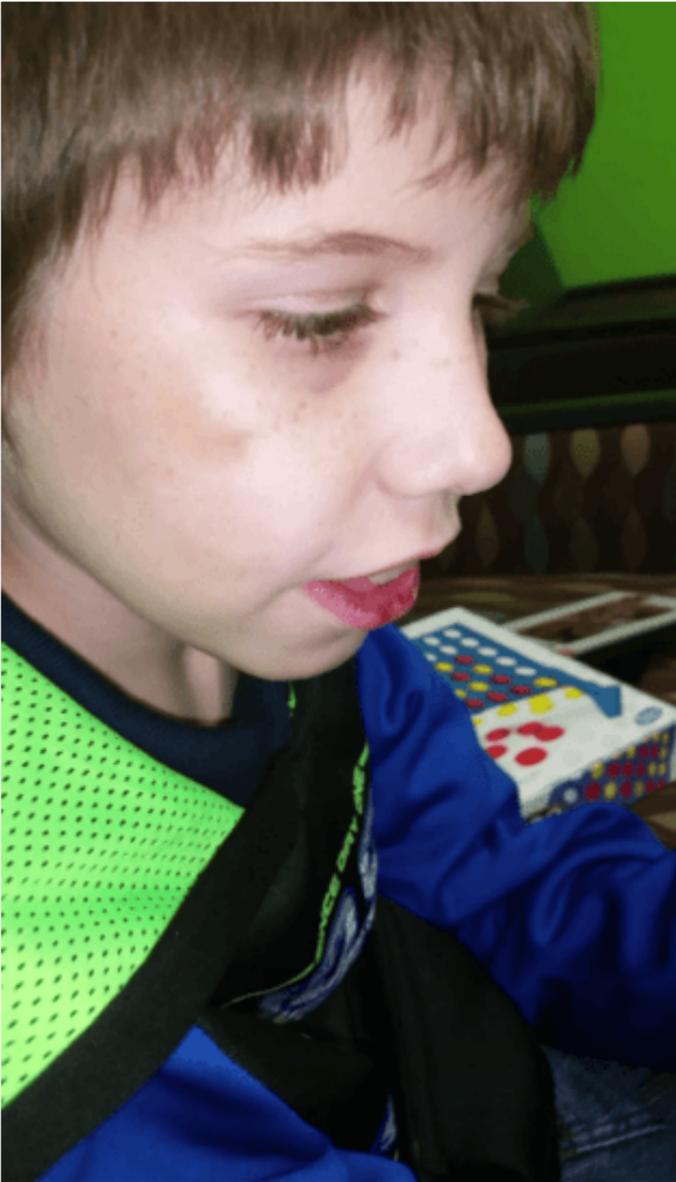
The nightmare facing the Headley family just keeps getting worse. In a horrifying new development, William and Danielle Headley learned Friday that their oldest son, age 11, was raped at the group home where Child Protective Services placed the 4 Headley boys after medically kidnapping them.

See the original story here:

Four Boys in South Carolina Medically Kidnapped When Parents Ask for Second Opinion

According to a police report from the Columbia South Carolina Police Department, the sexual assault may have occurred during late October of last year. A police report was not filed until 4 months later, on Feb. 29, 2016. Even then, the parents were not notified until Friday, March 4.

William and Danielle had noticed that their son Conner's demeanor has been "off" lately during their limited visitation (just 30 minutes per week for Danielle with the oldest 3 boys, and 1 hour for William. Jack, age 4, only gets 30 minutes per week with his dad, but is forbidden to see his mother.) The Headleys describe Conner as being quiet, not active or playful lately, and he "constantly glances at the social workers" before saying anything to his parents, as if he is looking for permission to speak.



Conner at visitation in November. Social workers said he “ran into a pole.” Source: Headley family

As Health Impact News [has reported](#), Conner experienced sexual abuse last year in which boys at the [Epworth Children's Home](#) in Columbia, South Carolina, forced the autistic child to expose himself to them under threat of being beaten up.

See:

[South Carolina Family Destroyed: Forced Vaccines, Sexual Abuse, Bruises Show Harm in State Care](#)

The children's DSS attorney Katheryn Gooch reportedly told the parents that this was a "normal friendly gesture" by the older boys in the group home, and that it was "no big deal." She said that this was normal teenage boy behavior.

Neither the family nor their attorney agreed with that assessment. After the family learned about that incident, and after Jack went missing for several hours while in state custody, their attorney, Donald Smith, filed for an emergency hearing on October 27. At that time, the attorney expressed concern that the state needed to act to return the boys before anything more serious happened.

See:

[South Carolina Medically Kidnapped 4 Year Old Went Missing From Foster Care, Found After Police Search](#)

That request fell on deaf ears, and something much more serious has allegedly now happened after the state's failure to act on behalf of the children they were supposed to be "protecting."

According to the police report, an older boy at the Epworth Children's Home forced the 11 year old into a bathroom stall, where he told him he would beat him up if he did not bend over. The perpetrator then sodomized his victim.



Source: [WLTX](#)

Though he was initially afraid to report the incident, he told 2 workers at the home about the rape, and that it hurt him. The workers reported it to the case manager, who subsequently emailed the party who reported the incident to police on Feb. 29. Staff reportedly took Conner to the Emergency Room on March 3, 2016. If the incident occurred, as suspected, in late October, why did it take the staff so long to report the crime against one of their charges, for whom they are responsible? Why was he not taken to the hospital right away?

Are children in foster care not important enough to the child

protective system that crimes against them go unreported? The same kind of delay in reporting a rape also happened with Missouri resident Isaiah Rider, who was raped while in Illinois CPS custody. See:

Missouri Teen Medically Kidnapped Was Raped and Sodomized While in Illinois Foster Care

Reportedly, the perpetrator has now been moved to a different cottage at the group home from his victim, but Conner still is forced to attend the same school as the person who harmed him, and they are still in the same facility.

Their mother, Danielle, is heartbroken. She told Health Impact News:

They take kids away from me to “protect” them, but the kids have been abused over and over, and now the worst thing besides death has happened. What is it going to take for them to wake up and realize that they are abusing my kids? Will it take one of them winding up dead for them to realize that they never should have taken them?

Nothing like this ever happened to the Headley children in their parents’ custody.

Group Foster Home Earns \$34K for Each Foster Child

Though the Headleys were notified of the attack against their son on Friday, there were no actions taken to remove him or his brothers from the group home, which profits handsomely from each child that is in the facility.

In 2014, the latest year for which there is a [financial report](#) on the home's [website](#), the home took in over \$6 million, and housed 181 children. This breaks down to an average of \$34,521.54 per child per year. Because there are 4 children in the home from the Headley family, this adds up to \$138,086.14 for Epworth Children's Home. Is this why it took so long for them to report the rape and risk losing that revenue for the Headley children?

Family Attorney: Greenville Memorial Hospital and Child Abuse Specialist Dr. Nancy Henderson are the Real Abusers

Health Impact News reached out to the family's attorney, Donald Smith of Anderson, South Carolina. On Monday (3/7/2016), he intends to file for another emergency hearing for the boys to be returned home to their family. He points out that Greenville Memorial Hospital and their Child Abuse Specialist, Dr. Nancy Henderson, are the ones who have truly abused the Headley boys, first by Greenville physicians beginning surgery on Jack Headley before he was fully sedated, then by attempting to deflect blame for their own actions onto the Headleys, and finally by accusing the parents of abuse, resulting in Child Protective Services taking children from parents who simply wanted better medical care for their son.

Now, the unthinkable has happened, because of the actions of Greenville Hospital, Dr. Henderson, and CPS.

Here is the attorney's statement to Health Impact News:

On June 19, 2015, William Headley decided that he had had enough. His youngest son had been coming to the Greenville

Hospital System to treat a variety of ailments for two years. Unfortunately, the diagnostic tests and treatment had done nothing for his son, but provide for frustration, and even pain. Starting a surgery, prior to the anesthesia taking effect, was simply too much.

He demanded to see the C.E.O. of the hospital to have his and his wife's questions answered. The hierarchy at the hospital scrambled to meet his demand—without meeting his demand. The many doctors that had treated him (futilely), had a roundtable discussion with the Headleys. They had one objective—appeasing the Headleys.

The physicians had used the little boy as a guinea pig. They even referred to him as the “subject.” He had MRIs. He had CT-scans. He had a spinal tap. He had been prescribed valium (at 3 years of age). They had put a G-Tube in his stomach. They followed that up with a GJ-Tube. The latter was the occasion in which their little boy was not fully sedated when the operation had begun.

Greenville Hospital System, and its loyal (or fearful) staff, recognized the potential liability from such a reckless act. In order to protect themselves against the determined Headleys, they decided to use their own incompetence against the Headleys. On June 19, 2015, GHS used the Headleys' alarm as a call to action. On June 19, 2015, GHS assigned their own employee, Dr. Nancy Henderson to investigate the Headleys for alleged Medical Child Abuse. This term replaced the previous term for a caretaker who injures a child for their own psychological benefit, Munchausen's by Proxy. The destruction of the Headley family had begun.

Dr. Nancy Henderson began scouring Master Headley's medical records. She sought anything that would tend to illustrate that Ms. Headley was somehow purposefully

hurting her child. Dr. Henderson, who was not his treating physician, and not been approved by the Headleys to do anything with their child, was illegally reviewing records based on the fact that she did not have an executed HIPAA allowing her to do so. She could not find that the mother was doing anything other than bringing her child to the Emergency Room, frequently.



Dr. Nancy Henderson – Child Abuse Specialist. [Image from YouTube.](#)

Danielle Headley had previously given birth to three relatively healthy boys. She was a stay-at-home mom. She was content with being a doting mother. She had the ongoing help from her mother with the process of mothering the boys. There was always someone with Danielle when she took the child to the hospital. The Headleys lived in Spartanburg and, since they had been referred to GHS for the pediatric care it was understood that it could offer, it was thirty (30) miles to the hospital. Thus, he was getting upwards of forty-five (45) minutes to an hour of travel with

a third party, before he was seen by a physician. As a rule, his health difficulties had ceased by the time he was seen. Dr. Henderson needed to find something with which to justify a claim of Medical Child Abuse.

Dr. Nancy Henderson, who had previously used the Medical Child Abuse as an explanation to justify her claim of parental child abuse, did the same against Danielle Headley. Dr. Henderson is simply a medical doctor. She is not a psychiatrist. She is not a psychologist. She had never met Danielle Headley. She had never seen any of Ms. Headley's medical records, let alone mental health records, which did not exist because she had not been treated for mental health issues. Despite not having any formal education in a psychological field, not having any practice experience in a psychological field, and never having met with Ms. Headley, Dr. Henderson made a psychological diagnosis of a complex mental illness regarding Ms. Headley.

Dr. Henderson diagnosed Ms. Headley with Munchausen's by Proxy. She contacted her friend (and loyal supporter) at the Spartanburg County Sheriff's Department. She told her that Ms. Headley suffered from the aforementioned psychological malady. "Dr. Henderson states that she feels after reviewing medical records and in the discussion with multiple medical providers that there is strong concern for medical child abuse (often termed Munchausen by proxy)." (Search Warrant, July 9, 2015). According to Dr. Henderson, "Medical child abuse is when a child is either having symptoms either fabricated or exaggerated or induced that's causing tests and procedures to be done which potentially or in reality can cause harm to the child." (Henderson Deposition, 11/16/15, p.53, 14-8).

Dr. Henderson's "strong concern" means that she didn't know what (if anything) the mother was doing. Therefore, she made it about the child. "I think a lot of times the lay

term people understand is Munchausen by proxy, but in the child abuse world we call it medical child abuse. And this is a diagnosis for XXX, not mom, medical child abuse. XXX has got the medical child abuse? Yes, sir.” (Id., p. 54, 7-13).



The Headleys found this photo of their son Jack on the [Epworth Children’s Home Facebook page](#).

Dr. Henderson’s strong concern for the Medical Child Abuse

led her to contact the police, as opposed to DSS. She talked to her good friend, Detective Tracy Moss. Tracy Moss mimicked what she was told by Dr. Henderson. A search warrant was obtained as a result. Children are only supposed to be taken when they are in imminent danger. The imminent danger that caused the Dr. Henderson directed police to take the children into custody? The youngest child was suffering from chronic constipation.

July 10, 2015 was the end of life as the Headley family knew it. The children were taken into custody. The youngest was placed with a foster family. The older boys, who had nothing wrong with them, were placed in a foster care facility. The Court forbade the Headley children from seeing anyone in their family for four months. But, the children's best interests were of the utmost importance.

As I struggled to get discovery, or evidence of any wrong that my clients had done against any of their children, I was met with delays and refusals. When I finally did get discovery from the Department of Social Services in October, I learned that one of the children had been sexually assaulted in August. While the assault was not physical in nature, it was a shot across the bow. I immediately filed for an Emergency Hearing. The children did not need to be prey for children who had become predators in the State's failed foster care system. "Defendants respectfully request that the children be returned to their home before more traumatic situations occur that leave yet more scarring." (Defendants' Motion for an Emergency Hearing, October 27, 2015). The request was summarily dismissed.



The Headley boys were happy at home; since being taken, their smiles are not as genuine. Source: Headley family.

On March 4, 2016, I was aghast with what I learned. The child that I had filed the Emergency Hearing for had been raped. When I reviewed the incident report, my disgust grew exponentially. “The original Complainant could not provide an actual time frame within the email, it stated that the incident may have occurred during late October of last year.” Two reportees had reported this incident to the Complainant. DSS and the Court kept the child there, with the aggressor.

This appalling lack of interest in the best interests of the poor children in South Carolina cannot increase. The Court was a mere pawn in Greenville Hospital System’s quest to silence critics of their work. An employee of GHS found child abuse

because that was what she was supposed to do. Greenville Hospital System stepped out of the Emergency Room, and into the Courtroom. It is my belief that this action is the epitome of the Abuse of Process. We have learned just how abusive.

I have a sick feeling in my stomach every time that I think of this horrific incident. I struggle to find words to console my clients. I know that there is nothing in this world that matters to me more than my children. The self-control that my clients are exhibiting is phenomenal.

I am also reminded of that boy's pain, both mental and physical. You can bet that he is not being counseled in any way by the Department. God forbid they admit fault for their criminal negligence. In the first week of law school, I learned a phrase that I have never forgotten. "You can't un-ring a bell." The bell that was rung for this child is louder than any bell he will ever hear.

The words of Dr. Nancy Henderson, child abuse specialist, will also never be forgotten. She probably should not have ventured into the courtroom this time. She made the following declarations in her first deposition.

11Q. Does a pediatrician have any

12 obligation to the family?

13A. I think — I can only speak for myself and

14 I think for my patients I think it's really important

15 for them to try to be as safe and healthy as

16 possible.

17Q. When you describe safe, what does that

18 mean?

19A. That they have the ability to have all the

20 things that they need, some of the basic essentials,

21 a roof over their head, food, clothing. They're able

22 to get the medical care they need, they're able to

23 get to school and education. ***They're able to thrive***

24 in a loving environment and they're able to be safe.

(Henderson Deposition, 11/16/15, p. 34, 11-24).

Dr. Henderson injected herself into a loving family in an effort to make the children "as safe and healthy as possible." The term child abuse specialist has taken an entirely different meaning. By allowing Dr. Henderson to abuse these children, the State and its system failed. When will the failure be recognized?

How You Can Help

WHEN will this family's nightmare end?

The family is understandably quite upset and simply wants to bring their children home so that they can protect them and help them to heal from the trauma that the state of

South Carolina has put them through. If the state cannot see its way to send them home, then at least they want the boys to be placed with family members, such as their grandmothers.

Supporters have set up a Facebook group that other supporters are welcome to join called [Reunite the Headley Family](#). The family has also requested prayer.



The Governor of South Carolina is Nikki Haley at 803-734-2100. She may be contacted [here](#). Her Facebook page is [here](#).

The Senator for the Headley's district is Glenn Reese at 864-592-2984. He may be contacted [here](#).

Representative Harold Mitchell Jr. represents their district in Spartanburg at 803-734-6638. He may be contacted [here](#).

Spartanburg County Department Social Services – Danielle Bowles at 864-426-3610. Contact their office [here](#).

South Carolina Baby with Metabolic Bone Disorder Medically Kidnapped and Harmed in State Care



Source: Walls family.

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

Jason and Mattie Walls both began life as foster care children, so they always dreamed of having a family of their own. The South Carolina couple desperately tried to have children for years, but Mattie had one miscarriage after another. Finally, on October 1, 2014 their dream came true and little Makenzie Nicole Walls was born, against all odds.

Mattie's pregnancy was considered high risk and she was closely monitored by a team of specialists at Upstate Fetal Medicine in Greenville. Mattie claims that:

If it weren't for Dr. Gregg and Dr. Dickert, Makenzie would not be alive.

On October 24, 2014, the family's worst nightmare began and Makenzie was medically kidnapped by Laurens County Department of Social Services (DSS) with the assistance of Greenville Memorial Hospital (GMH) Child Abuse Specialist, Dr. Nancy Henderson. Like most parents of medically kidnapped children, the Walls firmly believed in the United States Justice System. They also believed that South Carolina family courts would realize that Laurens County DSS and Greenville E.R. personnel made a huge mistake and their beautiful daughter would be returned within a matter of days.

It has been 19 long months since the kidnapping of Makenzie and the Walls realize that the South Carolina family courts and DSS never intended on reunifying their family. Jason and Mattie report that Laurens County DSS and Greenville Memorial Hospital staff involved with their case have lied, admitted to incomplete investigations and have not followed

DSS policies and procedures established to protect children.

Medical Kidnap brought you the original story about Jason and Mattie Walls in August 2015. See:

[Another Baby Medically Kidnapped in South Carolina over Broken Bones – Parents Thrown in Jail](#)

EMS Report States no Abnormalities to Baby's Legs, Arms or Body

Jason and Mattie's family court lawyers introduced the October 24, 2014 EMS transport report into court evidence in June 2015. The EMS report states:

911 for choking and possible cardiac arrest. Found patient in arms of father. Breathing normal asleep. Parents stated that after feeding she was not breathing normal. Skin pale. Transported to GMH peds for eval. Monitored airway during transport. Report given to ED staff on arrival.

In addition, emergency technician inspected Makenzie's body during transport and reported "No Abnormalities."



Jason Walls with Makenzie at a visit. Source: Walls family.

Because of Mattie’s history with miscarriages and high risk pregnancy, Jason and Mattie were extremely vigilant and careful with their beautiful infant daughter. The Walls reported leaving Makenzie’s side for five minutes while the physicians were tending to her.

It is upon their return that Mattie immediately felt the E.R. staff glaring accusingly at them. It was at that exact moment in time, both Jason and Mattie noticed one of Makenzie’s legs beginning to swell. Makenzie had no signs of an injury prior to treatment in the emergency room.

The emergency technician confirms the parent’s version of events, disclosing that Makenzie was “breathing normal asleep” during transport to GMH and not in any pain or distress. Based on this important information, the family expected the Laurens County Sheriff’s Department

Investigator, Chris Martin, as well as Laurens County DSS Investigator, Marquitta Chisolm, to broaden their investigation and include questioning all hospital staff involved with Makenzie Walls treatment on October 24, 2014.

They also feel that experts, hospital staff at GMH, were responsible for recognizing a potential medical problem with regards to fragile bones. Parents place their trust in the hospital medical experts for the diagnosis and treatment of their children.

Judge Denies Motion for New Trial Based on Medical Expert Testimony

Jason and Mattie's family court attorneys filed a motion for a new trial under South Carolina Rule 59 New Trials/Amendment of Judgments, which states that "additional testimony," "amend[ed] findings of fact and conclusions of law," or "new findings and conclusions" are grounds for requesting a new trial.

This particular motion was based on new findings from the expert medical report and testimony of Dr. Marvin E. Miller from The Children's Medical Center of Dayton Department of Pediatrics. Dr. Miller reviewed Makenzie Walls' medical records and x-rays provided by the family.

Dr. Miller states in his report dated October 16, 2015, that Makenzie presented at 23 days old with unexplained fractures. Dr. Miller states that there is compelling evidence that this is not child abuse, and that the femur fracture and other bone findings are most likely MBD (Metabolic Bone Disease).

Dr. Miller continues:

The skeletal survey showed a classical metaphyseal lesion (CML) of the right distal tibia. There were no rib fractures and the cranial sutures were wide. A CT scan of the head showed bilateral simple parietal skull fractures that could not be appreciated on the skull x-ray.

He also notes that Makenzie was evaluated by the pediatrician five times in her first month, including the day just prior to the E.R. visit. In each of these visits, the medical records indicate well child visits with no bruising or skin abnormalities, and absolutely no concern by the medical professionals about intentional harm to the child.

Expert – Follow up X-rays Show Makenzie Sustained Rib Fractures in the State’s Care

Dr. Miller states that during hospitalization the records and x-rays show that there was no bruising and Makenzie had a low vitamin D level 18.4 ng/ml (normal 30 – 100). The CT scan of the pelvis showed what was originally called an L2 fracture, the follow-up films showed no change in this abnormality. These facts in addition to the EMS report, medical expert evaluations and Makenzie’s medical records from her pediatrician clearly indicate that there are no signs of injuries or bruising on Makenzie.

The most stunning finding included in Dr. Miller’s report is this:

A follow-up skeletal survey 13 days later on November 6,

2014, showed a new healing rib fracture of the lateral left 6th rib and possible 7th lateral rib fracture. The CML was completely healed.

These rib fractures occurred while Makenzie was in South Carolina foster care.

Chest x-ray from 10/24/2015 **Chest x-ray from 11/6/2015**

Left 6th and 7th rib fractures



Makenzie Walls' x-rays from Greenville Memorial Hospital (GMH).

Dr. Miller – Fractures from Normal Handling

Medical expert Dr. Miller notes that Makenzie has “multiple radiographic findings of Metabolic Bone Disease (MBD).” He notes that there are multiple contributing factors, and that the fractures are fragility bone fractures, which are fractures

in bones of low bone strength. He continues:

Fragility fractures can occur during the birth process and with normal handling of the infant, including changing diapers and holding for medical procedures.

Dr. Miller explains the process of bone development:

Bone is made of both mineral (Calcium = Ca, Phosphate = PO₄) and protein (type 1 collagen). In order for normal bone formation to occur in the fetus and infant, there must be sufficient mineral and protein. Vitamin D is essential for normal calcium absorption from the intestine and for normal bone formation. During pregnancy it is critical that sufficient calcium be absorbed by the mother to provide sufficient calcium to her growing fetus. The catalyst for forming normal bone formation is bone loading. Decreased bone loading causes decreased bone strength. Fetal bone loading is caused by fetal movement.

Dr. Miller cites four factors contributing to Makenzie's bone strength that could cause transient fragile bone state:

1. Mother notes decreased fetal movement during pregnancy and her umbilical cord was short, adding to decreased fetal movement.
2. Makenzie had evidence of vitamin D deficiency.
3. Mother took Prilosec during pregnancy which is an acid reducer. According to Dr. Miller, drugs that lower the acid in the stomach can lead to decreased calcium absorption. Mother also took Tums which is a

phosphate binder, which can lead to decreased phosphate absorption.

4. Intrauterine Growth Retardation (IUGR) infants who show poor fetal growth like Makenzie have lower total bone mineral content, which leads to a greater risk of MBD.

In conclusion, Dr. Miller states:

Physical forces associated with normal handling of an infant that might not otherwise cause a fracture can cause a fragility fracture in an infant such as Makenzie who has MBD.

According to the Walls family, Jason's mother, Carol Young, was diagnosed with Osteoarthritis in 2014. In addition, Jason Walls was evaluated by Greenville Memorial Hospital E.R. (the same hospital involved with Makenzie's removal) on January 20, 2016, and diagnosed with Osteoporosis. These facts support the expert evaluations regarding family genetics and bone fragility.

Medical experts in this case provided medical evidence that Makenzie has fragile bones due to genetics, factors involved with the pregnancy, and vitamin deficiencies. These expert evaluations, in addition to lack of any evidence to the contrary, dispute Laurens County DSS and Sheriff's Department allegations of child abuse and neglect.

DSS Investigator Admits Inexperience and Inadequate Investigation

According to court transcripts, the investigator for Laurens County DSS, Marquitta Chisolm, admits that adequate investigation into the medical history of the family was not completed. When the Walls were interrogated by Ms. Chisolm, they reported being very skeptical about her abilities after being told that this was her first big case and that she did not have any experience as an investigator. The transcript clarifies these facts regarding Ms. Chisolm's lack of experience.

In June 2015, Ms. Chisolm testified that Jason Walls and the Greenville Hospital personnel (Dr. Henderson) requested genetic testing for Makenzie because a genetic disorder in the family history would explain Makenzie's injuries. Ms. Chisolm admits that the requested genetic testing was not completed at this time. In Ms. Chisolm's words:

. . . there was so much going on in this case. . . At that time, there was the whole thing of if Medicaid was going to cover it and, from what I've been made aware of, they denied that.

This was allegedly her rationale for her improper investigation. When asked by Mattie Walls' attorney, Mr. Edward McCallum, if she took this information to her bosses at DSS in order to rectify the problem, she states that she did not.

The court transcript shows that Mr. McCallum questioned the investigator about a letter from a second doctor hired by Laurens County DSS, Dr. Stolerman, requesting that DSS

order genetic testing on Makenzie. Mr. McCallum questioned:

Were you ever shown the letter from Dr. Stolerman indicating that a test (genetic) was appropriate?

Ms. Chisolm responded:

I've seen a lot of letters. If you show me, I could probably tell you if I've seen it.

Mr. McCallum continued:

The letter dated 12-1-14 (WHEREUPON, a document is presented to the witness).

Ms. Chisolm:

It looks familiar.

Mr. McCallum inquired:

Did you ever show that to your bosses?

Ms. Chisolm responded:

Particularly this documentation? No, I do not recall that.

Mr. McCallum proceeded:

So then when he wrote the letter on December 15th in which he indicates that he recommended sequencing of COL 1A1 and COL 1A2 genes to be performed for Makenzie in order to further investigate . . . he (Dr. Stolerman) states, ‘We feel this testing is important for Makenzie as the results may allow us to better counsel her care providers about long-term management and any potential treatment that may exist for her clinical findings — which are the multiple fractures.’

According to Laurens County DSS investigator’s own testimony, the case investigation was incomplete and DSS did not comply with medical experts request for genetic testing early on in the investigation. If the DSS investigation was thorough and the genetic disorders found by the current medical experts had been identified by DSS investigation, the outcome of the case may have been very different according to the Walls.

An OI genetic test was eventually performed by the state with legal pressure from the Walls’ attorneys. According to the August 18, 2014 court transcript, Dr. Stolerman, medical expert for DSS, admitted that he did not read Makenzie’s x-rays himself and the genetic testing performed only included one out of many that rule out fragile bones in infants. Dr. Stolerman also admitted that he doesn’t know anything about non-genetic disorders that cause fragile bone, like vitamin D deficiency.

Laurens County DSS Already Determined Jason and Mattie Are Guilty Prior to any Investigation

The transcript from family court in June 2015 provides statements that the DSS investigator, Marquitta Chisolm, decided the Walls were guilty with regards to the alleged crime prior to the investigation. In fact, it was on the first day. Ms. Chisolm responded to attorney McCallum's question about when she first suspected Jason and Mattie:

Once I got to the hospital and I saw that that child was in some type of harness to kind of keep her stabilized, I feel that someone did something to her.

This was on the first day that Makenzie was in the hospital. According to Laurens County DSS testimony, the Walls never had a chance to prove their innocence; their guilt was predetermined.

Ms. Chisolm also admitted in court that she failed to do her job with regards to following up with the agency tasked to determine if Makenzie could be placed with her grandparents, Barbara and Duane Anderson. Attorney McCallum began:

My question is, is it your job to follow up and make sure it [contact with grandparents] happens?

Ms. Chisolm responded:

Yes.

Mr. McCallum continued:

And did you do that?

Ms. Chisolm attempted to evade answering:

If they attempted contact with the family and the family –.

Mr. McCallum again tried to get an answer:

Ma'am, we're clear that they attempted contact. After they told you that they had attempted contact, did you follow up?

Ms. Chisolm responded:

Follow up with who? The family or Carolina Family Services?

Mr. McCallum answered:

Either one of them.

Finally, Ms. Chisolm answered the question:

Well, the family, no . . .

It becomes clear from the court transcript, in her own words, the Laurens County DSS investigator did not perform her job properly. Mr. McCallum finally asked:

And that is a breach of your duty under the statute, isn't it?

Ms. Chisolm responded:

Yes.

Makenzie's Grandmother Falsely Accused of Being on Central Child Abuse Registry

Jason's mother, Carol Young, attempted to get temporary custody of Makenzie during the investigation process. According to the court transcript, Laurens County DSS lawyer, Ms. Laura Houck, questioned the DSS case worker, Jessica Suber, about Makenzie's grandmother Carol Young and whether or not she was considered "an appropriate alternate placement for this child?" Suber replied that she was not, because:

She is on the Central Registry. . . That's for abuse and neglect she caused on a child or an adult or a vulnerable person who cannot protect themselves.



Carol Young with her granddaughter at a visit. Source: Walls family.

The Walls family and Carol Young were stunned. According to Mattie, Ms. Young contacted the Central Registry to clear up this false report by DSS. Ms. Young received a letter from Central Registry, Grace E. Riley, dated October 29, 2015, that

states:

This office received a release to conduct a search of the Department's Child Abuse and Neglect Central Registry on the above referenced individual [Carol Young is listed above]. I have completed a search of the automated database and the name does not appear.

Unfortunately, the family was not able to have this information in time for the placement of Makenzie with family.

Mattie Speaks Out for all Parents of Medically Kidnapped Children

Mattie Walls' voice broke with emotion when she talked about the court terminating parental rights (TPR):

It was like we were given the death penalty and made me feel like a surrogate mother.

When asked how she is coping with everything her family has endured, Mattie claims:

I put my faith in God. I had a long talk with our preacher, Eddie Howard, and he prayed with us and said you'll get through this by the grace of God, even though I know this is hard.



Mother and baby – holding onto each other. Source: Walls family.

You know I do hurt, a lot, beyond words. A pain that nobody can ever imagine, it feels like my soul was ripped out of me. I'm empty and a part of me is gone.

Mattie recalls the last time she was able to hold Makenzie, August 12, 2015. Jason, Mattie, and Mattie's parents, Dwayne and Barbara Anderson, were in a visit supervised by DSS. Mattie said:

When Makenzie's grandfather, Dwayne Anderson, was leaving, Makenzie cried out her very first word, "Papa!"

She also recalls vividly when social worker, Jessica Suber, attempted to take Makenzie out of Mattie's arms:

She balled up her little fists intending to strike out and would not calm down.

The last thing Mattie wanted was for this stranger to carry her baby away, but she told Makenzie that it was not right to hit and calmed her as good as possible. Throughout this horrendous situation, Mattie wanted to teach her daughter right from wrong.



Dwayne Anderson “Papa” and Makenzie. Source: Walls family.

DSS Investigator and Director Admit Terminating Parental Rights Before Completion of the Investigation

In June 2015 family court, Mattie Walls attorney questioned Laurens County DSS investigator, Ms. Marquitta Chisolm, about terminating the parent's rights prior to the investigation findings:

Were you aware that the Department of Social Services had requested permission from the court to amend a complaint to seek a termination of parental rights back in November?

Ms. Chisolm responded:

I do recall some talks of termination of parental rights, yes.

Mr. McCallum continued:

Were you present at the hearing on November 20th when this court granted the department permission to amend its complaint and add causes of action for termination of parental rights?

Ms. Chisolm responded:

I don't recall that.

Mr. McCallum asked:

Do you know who within the Department of Social Services made the decision to seek a termination of parental rights before your investigation and your report had been completed?

Again, Ms. Chisolm evaded:

I don't know that either.

Mr. McCallum continued:

Was it discussed with you?

Ms. Chisolm responded:

It was talks of it.

Mr. McCallum:

Talks of it by whom?

Ms. Chisolm responded:

It was just hallway talk. It was just something that I — that I had overheard. It wasn't anything that was staffed.



DSS Investigator Marquitta Chisolm. [Source](#).

This line of questioning and the answers make it clear that Ms. Chisolm does not know who requested Termination of Parental Rights and that it occurred before her investigation was complete. In fact, the next questions and answers in the transcript show the termination of Jason and Mattie's parental rights occurred within a week of the EPC (Emergency Protective Custody).

Mr. McCallum asked Ms. Chisolm:

So are you telling me that at the 7-day staffing, within a

week of the EPC, that the decision to TPR this child was made?

Ms. Chisolm tried to evade:

Ask your question one more time. I'm sorry.

Mr. McCallum repeated:

You testified just a moment ago that your input on this issue was given at a staffing. Did I understand that correctly?

Ms. Chisolm responded:

Correct.

Mr. McCallum continued:

So the only staffing that had been done up until 11-20 was the staffing on — I believe you said it was about the 7th or the 8th — No, it was 10-30. My apologies.

Ms. Chisolm answered:

Correct.

Mr. McCallum asked:

Five days after the child was EPC'd?

Ms. Chisolm answered:

Correct.

Mr. McCallum continued:

Had you completed your investigation in that five days?

Ms. Chisolm answered:

No.

Mr. McCallum's next line of questioning indicates that reports were available to DSS of Makenzie's birth injuries explaining the healing fractures found by Greenville Hospital E.R. on October 24, 2014. According to the transcript, Ms. Chisolm admits that these reports might have changed the course of events for the Walls family.

Attorney Mr. McCallum also questioned the Director of Laurens County DSS, Mr. Byron Dendy, in June 2015.



Director Byron Dendy. [Source](#).

Mr. McCallum asked:

Mr. Dendy, because I understood the investigator to say a little while ago that she had made up her mind and I believe it was on the 14th of November or maybe even a little earlier than that as to what her findings and recommendations were going to be.

Mr. Dendy replied:

I don't — I don't — I wasn't in the courtroom when whatever she testified to, but I wouldn't advise anybody to make up their mind on anything until all the reports were back.

Mr. McCallum continued:

Can you explain to me why the finding in the case was made three weeks after the TPR was filed?

Mr. Dendy states:

No, sir. I can't.

Mr. McCallum asked:

Is that appropriate?

Mr. Dendy answered:

I can't speak to whether or not it's appropriate or not.

Mr. McCallum continued:

Well, wouldn't you have to have a finding before you make a decision? Well, you as the director, would you like to see your staff's finding after their investigation before you make a decision as to whether or not to seek TPR?

Mr. Dendy replied:

Well, let me answer this as clear as I can. They may have had the information that they needed to be able to file a TPR before their finding was entered into record. I was not part of that conversation.

According to the Director of Laurens County DSS, Mr. Dendy, he was not a part of the decision to take away Jason and Mattie's parental rights prior to the final investigation findings, and he admits this is not the appropriate procedure, but denies any responsibility.

The worst thing DSS could have done to these parents, aside from medically kidnapping their child and falsely accusing them of child abuse, was to terminate their parental rights (TPR). In this case the TPR was executed prior to the investigation findings, and no one at Laurens County DSS was responsible for this decision.

The director and investigator for Laurens County DSS testify in court to improper and inadequate investigation, lack of supervision, and a determination of guilt prior to any investigation. How could Jason and Mattie fight these insurmountable odds? Who can be held responsible for what was done to this family?

Judge Terminated Parental Rights Without Evidence

Jason reports that Judge Joseph C. Smithdeal had no intentions of working with the family and made rulings against them with no evidence. The family court transcript provides evidence for this statement and shows that the judge was partial towards Laurens County DSS. According to the transcript dated August 18, 2014, Judge Smithdeal

admitted in court that there was not enough evidence that Jason and Mattie hurt their child or to TPR (Terminate Parental Rights) the parents.



Judge Joseph C. Smithdeal. Source.

Judge Smithdeal asked Laurens County DSS attorney, Ms. Laura Houck:

The Parent. [sic] Where is the evidence of the parent actually

doing this . . . My concern is that, my concern is the evidence which points clearly and convincingly to the parents.

In fact, Judge Smithdeal stated that:

My heart believes that someone did something.

Ms. Houck conveyed similar sentiment. Rather than DSS providing evidence that the parents did something to their child, Houck said that someone in the room knows what happened to Makenzie.

According to information in the court transcripts, there is apparently no proof necessary in the state of South Carolina to take a child from their biological parents, tear a family apart, and charge parents with a horrendous crime. The only requirement must be a judge who feels that something happened “in his/her heart.”

Judge Smithdeal terminated Jason and Mattie’s parental rights, admittedly, without any evidence of wrongdoing. Attorney for Jason, Mr. Allen, stated:

To terminate rights to the child, under the statute, clear and convincing evidence, there needs to have been at least a scintilla of evidence . . . and there has been nothing.

The judge responded:

If I’m going to take this matter up . . . I have to weigh things

in their favor (the parents), do I not?

But the judge did the exact opposite and ruled in favor of Laurens County DSS, terminating the Walls' parental rights on August 18, 2015.

Parents Will Never Give Up

Jason and Mattie will never give up their fight for Makenzie. Medical Kidnap has written stories voicing the children's perspective of being taken by the state. Time and time again these children claim that DSS and foster care personnel try to convince them that their parents don't love or want them. Mattie's voice was barely a whisper when she discussed her legitimate fear that DSS and foster parents may tell Makenzie that her mom and dad never wanted her. Nothing could be further from the truth in this case and other medical kidnapping cases.

Jason and Mattie desperately want their daughter to know how much they love her and that they will never give up on their family reunification. According to court paperwork, Makenzie is currently in a pre-adoptive home and this case is under appeal by the Walls.

The most recent court date of April 28, 2016, for a Permanency Planning Hearing was continued due to the appeals process. It has become apparent through the court transcripts and medical expert evaluations that Makenzie was taken from her parents erroneously.

How You Can Help

Supporters are asking for readers to write letters and make

phone calls to South Carolina legislators to help Jason and Mattie bring Makenzie home.

Jason and Mattie have a Facebook page, [Bring Makenzie Home](#).



The Governor of South Carolina is Nikki R. Haley, who may be reached at 803-734-2100. She may be contacted [here](#).

Their State Representative is Daniel B. (Danny) Verdin, III - District 9 - Greenville & Laurens Counties - He may be reached at 803-212-6230, or contacted [here](#).

Laurens County South Carolina Department of Social Services, Director Byron Dendy may be reached at 864-833-0100, or contacted [here](#).

South Carolina Boys Medically Kidnapped Still Not Returned to Parents - Suffering in State Custody



Headley boys in matching Mickey Mouse t-shirts, before they were taken. Source: Headley family.

by Health Impact News/MedicalKidnap.com Staff

The Headley family out of South Carolina has endured many hardships since their four boys were taken into custody in July of 2015, because the mother disagreed with a doctor regarding the care of her youngest son, and wanted a second opinion. One of the hardships they have endured was recently discovering mold in their home – a likely culprit in the health problems of their children. However, when it was suggested that mold might be the culprit for some of the children’s illnesses, a court-appointed expert rejected the possibility.



Photo by [Tim Kimzey – goupstate.com](http://goupstate.com)

Now, parents William and Danielle await a phone call to find out when their next court date will be, and it is uncertain when the boys will get to come home. Ironically, recent developments in the air quality at the Spartanburg County courthouse related to mold, the same mold that was found in the Headley home, has forced the courthouse to shut down for a while, extending their reunification date even further. See original story:

Four Boys in South Carolina Medically Kidnapped When Parents Ask for Second Opinion

Mold Threatens Health of Spartanburg Courthouse Employees

WSPA reports that several areas of the Spartanburg County Courthouse have been closed for over a week and will continue to be closed until September 9, 2016 because of mold.

Go Up State reports that the mold found in the courthouse is *Stachybotrys chartarum*, the same species found in the Headley home.

It states:

“After years of mold and air quality issues inside the aging Spartanburg County Courthouse, County Council has agreed to spend up to \$300,000 to remove the mold and consider a new courthouse for its 240 employees.”

This comes after some of the employees have “complained for years about suffering from mold-related symptoms.”



Courthouse employees wearing masks to protect themselves from mold. Source: [WSPA](#)

Go Up State goes on to say that on August 26, Clerk of Court Hope Blackley ordered all four family courtrooms closed through Labor Day, citing health concerns.

Blackley has been fielding mold concerns from many of the courthouse employees for months, like “headaches, breathing difficulties, and skin irritations.”

She said that she is “not going to allow people to work in an environment that could make them sick.” It was Blackley who first brought the mold issue to the council’s attention in January 2014 and showed members where mold was growing.

Assistant Clerk of Court Gail Moffit told Go Up State that she is concerned about the leaks and mold spores around vents and tiles. She said:

“I’ve been in it every day for 49 years.”

County officials have said that the mold in the building is “nontoxic,” but Moffit says that she is not convinced.

After court officials gave the employees a copy of a report concerning the mold, they were told that they could “see an occupational health doctor with Spartanburg Regional Health system at the county’s expense.”

Go Up State says that the report states that air samples:

“indicated elevated levels of fungi, including Aspergillus, Penicillium, Stachybotrys, and Cladosporium mold spores,” and “there are no federal guidelines or regulated safe exposure levels for mold.” It goes on to say, “At this time, there are no remarkable fungal levels that would cause the evacuation of the building,” but if anyone has a “confirmed health diagnosis, relocation within another area of the building may be considered.”

Circuit Court Judge Roger Couch said that mold in his office and courtroom “posed a public safety hazard.”



Wallpaper peeled back at the courthouse. Source: [Fox Carolina](#)



Mold behind the wallpaper at the courthouse. Source: [Fox Carolina](#)

According to the [Centers for Disease Control](#), “The term ‘toxic mold’ is not accurate. While certain molds are toxigenic, meaning they can produce toxins (specifically

mycotoxins), the molds themselves are not toxic or poisonous.”

Headley Home Found to Contain Some of the Same Species of Mold

A few months after the children were taken, Medical Kidnap reported that mold was found in the Headley home. The Headley family hired an environmental specialist to inspect the mold and air quality.

After being in the home for a few minutes, the environmental specialist developed a headache and had to go outside to get a mask.

The samples that were taken tested positive for three different toxic species: *Stachybotrys chartarum*, *Penicillium*, and *Aspergillus*. The specialist advised the family to move, and in January 2016 they did just that.

Here is the Medical Kidnap story about the mold found in the Headley home:

South Carolina Family Destroyed: Forced Vaccines, Sexual Abuse, Bruises Show Harm in State Care

Exposure to *Stachybotrys Chartarum* Linked to Health Issues

According to a blog by Dr. Luke Curtis on [Know the Cause](#):

“It is well known that airborne exposure to indoor and

outdoor molds and their mycotoxins can cause allergy related health effects such as asthma, wheezing, sinusitis, and skin/eye irritation.” Further, he says, “Indoor exposure to molds and mycotoxins (at concentrations commonly found in water damaged buildings) can cause a wide range of neurotoxic effects.”

Some of the symptoms of mold/mycotoxin exposure Dr. Curtis noted are:

- Headache
- Chronic fatigue
- Memory and concentration problems
- Lightheadedness
- Increased levels of autoantibodies to many nervous system proteins including myelin from both the central and peripheral nervous systems, as well as neurofilament and smooth muscle proteins
- Decrease in lung function
- Reduction in reaction speed, balance, color vision, grip strength, memory, concentration, and motor skills
- Fatigue and depression
- Severe neuron loss and inflammation to the olfactory nerve
- Severe rhinitis and loss of olfactory nerve neurons
- Inflammation
- Oxidative damage

- Cell death (apoptosis)
- Significantly higher cell permeability in human brain capillary endothelial cells, which suggests that satratoxin, a mold byproduct of *Stachybotrys chartarum*, may be able to damage the blood brain barrier

Jack Headley's Symptoms Dismissed by Expert Testifying for State

Medical Kidnap reported that not long after the youngest child, Jack, was removed from the home, social workers noted an improvement in his symptoms. This is likely “because of his already compromised physical health, the mold impacted him more severely.”

However, the court did not accept that possibility, based on the testimony of allergist and immunologist Dr. Robin Go. According to court records:

Dr. Go testified that some people try to claim that Stachybotrys chartarum has caused them a variety of symptoms including fatigue, loss of weight, cancer, muscle weakness, and headaches. However, Dr. Go testified that those are not currently accepted because medical evidence shows those are not accepted claims.

Why are Courthouse Employees' Claims Considered but Not the Headleys'?

This begs the question, why do officials heed their employees' claims who come to them with classic mold-

related symptoms by evacuating them and offering to pay for their medical bills, yet dismiss those of the Headley family?

Some Disturbing Events Since Last Medical Kidnap Story

While Danielle was in a coma, her children were not allowed to see her

Last April, Danielle was in a coma and on life support from having multiple epileptic seizures. While in the Neuro-ICU in critical condition, a previous foster mother of one of the Headley children who stayed in close contact with the family contacted DSS, as well as the original police officer who took the children. She begged them to let the boys come to the hospital to see their mother.

The doctors were unsure if Danielle was going to make it, and it might be the last time the boys would see their mom.

Sadly, DSS denied the request, and the boys were not allowed to see their mother who was so close to death.

During an evacuation of the building, Danielle's children and husband were not notified and locked inside

At a visitation with her children, Danielle, who is not allowed to see her youngest son, Jack, had to sit outside for the first half of the visit while he visited with his father.

While sitting outside, she watched everyone evacuate the building, the doors lock, and everyone move across the street to the parking lot.

Notably, Danielle's husband, children, case worker, and the

Guardian ad Litem were not evacuated. Danielle called her husband in a panic, fearing the worst. She worried that they were being held at gunpoint or trapped in a fire.

When her husband said that everyone was OK, he asked her why she was asking. Danielle told him that everyone had evacuated the building and the doors were locked. When William asked their caseworker why the building was evacuated, the caseworker said that she didn't know—she was never told to leave. The caseworker called her supervisor and was told that it was because of a bomb threat.

Two of the boys are experiencing severe depression

The Headley family member also told Medical Kidnap that Nick and Jack are experiencing severe depression and that they just want to come home. It is reported that Jack, who hasn't seen his mother in almost 14 months, continually says that he “just wants his mommy.” Jack has celebrated his last two birthdays in foster care, without his mom.



Jack is now 5 years old, but still cannot see his mommy.
Source: Headley family.

No trial date has been set for Danielle

Danielle was criminally charged with regards to Jack's health issues, and a trial date still has not been set. Meanwhile, she is not allowed to be in the same room with him, not even during a supervised visit.

How You Can Help

Supporters have set up a Facebook group that other supporters are welcome to join called [Reunite the Headley Family](#). Jack has his own Facebook page called [Peanut Jack's Journey, SCAD, and Medical Kidnap Awareness](#).



The Governor of South Carolina is Nikki Haley at 803-734-2100. She can be contacted [here](#). Her Facebook page is [here](#).

The Senator for the Headley's district is Glenn Reese at 864-592-2984. He may be contacted [here](#).

Representative Harold Mitchell Jr. represents their district in Spartanburg at 803-734-6638. He may be contacted [here](#).

Spartanburg County Department Social Services – Danielle Bowles at 864-426-3610. Contact their office [here](#).

Medically Kidnapped South Carolina Boys Come Home After 15 Months



The Headley boys are delighted to be home. Photo supplied by family.

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

There were squeals of delight, tears of joy, and hugs all around at the Headley residence in Spartanburg, South Carolina, on Thursday. After almost 15 months in state custody, the 4 Headley boys are home, and their parents want to thank everyone who has prayed and stood by them during the most difficult season of their lives.

The children were seized by the South Carolina Department of Social Services (DSS) on July 10, 2015, when their mother was accused of Munchausen by Proxy by Child Abuse

Specialist Dr. Nancy Henderson. That accusation came shortly after parents William and Danielle Headley complained to hospital administrators about their youngest son Jack's surgery beginning before the 3 year old was fully sedated. Jack was placed into a foster home, and his 3 older brothers were sent to a group home facility – Epworth Children's Home ([website](#)).

Now, their time in foster care has come to an end, after a judge found that “probable cause no longer exists for the minor children to remain in custody.” They spent the day Thursday laughing and being visited by lots of family and friends. The boys loved finding their old toys, blankets, and jammies.



Home! Photo supplied by family.

They came home to a different house than the one they left, but because family is there, it is still “home.” Several months after the boys were taken by the state, the Headleys learned that their home was filled with several different strains of toxic mold, which had been building up after a roof replacement 6 years prior had been done incorrectly,

allowing for leaks behind the walls. The mold was so bad that a specialist they called out told them that the best thing to do would be to move, so the Headleys moved into a new home in January.

The family suspects that, because Jack already had health problems since birth, the mold affected him more than it did his brothers. After he was removed from his home in July 2015, many of his symptoms improved (though he still lost weight in state care). While social workers attributed his improvement to being away from his family, the more likely scenario is that he got better after being away from the source of the mold.

See:

[South Carolina Boys Medically Kidnapped Still Not Returned to Parents - Suffering in State Custody](#)

Jack is excited to be with his older brothers again. During their time in DSS custody, he only was able to see them for a couple hours a month.

The family is still waiting for the criminal charges prompted by the Child Abuse doctor's psychological diagnosis to be resolved. They expect that the evidence will exonerate Danielle Headley.



The Headley family, happy together before they were ripped apart by Child Protective Services. Photo supplied by family.

Now that the children are home, the healing process can begin. Many families have reported to Health Impact News that their children often have nightmares after returning home out of foster care. Many of them exhibit fear of strangers and knocks on the door that can continue for months or years. Children who are separated from their parents, for whatever reason, tend to be traumatized, even under the best of circumstances. When they have experienced abuse in foster care, as these children have, the road to healing can be difficult.

The family is confident that they will overcome, however. Their faith is strong. It is what has sustained them during the darkest of nights. Danielle often refers to the promise of rainbows:

Often times the brightest rainbows follow the darkest rainstorms.

William and Danielle Headley thank those who have prayed for them throughout their ordeal, and they ask for continued prayers that the boys will adjust well and can begin healing from their trauma.

They are certain that they will sleep much easier now that they know their children are no longer in harm's way in the foster care system. The children will wake up in their own beds, with the love of their family surrounding them.

More on their story:

[Four Boys in South Carolina Medically Kidnapped When Parents Ask for Second Opinion](#)

[South Carolina Mother Arrested For Child Abuse After Questioning Doctors and Losing her Children](#)

South Carolina Medically Kidnapped 4 Year Old Went Missing From Foster Care, Found After Police Search

South Carolina Family Destroyed: Forced Vaccines, Sexual Abuse, Bruises Show Harm in State Care

Medically Kidnapped South Carolina Boy Raped in Group Home – Attorney Speaks Out on State Abuse

2 Year Old South Carolina Child Medically Kidnapped is Sexually Abused by Nurse in Foster Care



Sisterly love. Photo source: [Prayers for EGYPT Facebook page](#).

by Health Impact News/MedicalKidnap.com Staff

Kaya Thomas, a South Carolina mother, is wondering how the state can justify taking custody of her 2 year old daughter, Egypt, when they admit that she has done nothing wrong to harm her daughter. Egypt was taken into custody when her biological, non-custodial father, almost beat her to death during a visit with her. The father is currently in prison serving an 18 year prison sentence for the crime he was convicted of committing.

When it came time for little Egypt to leave the hospital, her mother Kaya Thomas says that the Department of Social Services kidnapped her child and placed her in foster care, because they decided that she was incapable of taking care of her child who is now labeled as “special needs.”

Instead of working with her to train her in how to take care of her daughter, the state of South Carolina provided a home health nurse 20 hours a day to a foster family that is unrelated to the child. Kaya tells us this option was never offered to her, even though she is the mother.

While in the care of the foster home, the child was allegedly abused sexually by her home health care nurse, who has since been arrested and incarcerated.

Now, they want to terminate Kaya’s parental rights and adopt her out, even though, in their own words, she “was not accused of inflicting the injuries.” She doesn’t understand how her child can be taken “for something I had nothing to do with.”

Advocate Adrienne Lomax has been working with Kaya to help her get her baby back. She has spent time with her and has watched Kaya parent her 5 year old daughter Sha’kyah, who is now back home with her mother, after being taken by

DSS and placed into foster care at the same time that DSS seized custody of Egypt, who is now 3.

Regarding Kaya's parenting skills, Adrienne told *Health Impact News*:

She is one of the best mothers I have ever seen in my life. She loves her children. Her kids are her life.

Adrienne believes this has nothing to do with Kaya's ability to care for Egypt, but everything to do with money:

With her having a disability, they can keep her in foster care indefinitely and keep drawing that money on her. The foster parents can keep drawing the stipend for her, and DSS can keep drawing the federal incentive money [provided for by the Adoption and Safe Families Act of 1997.] They don't want the incentives to stop for keeping her in foster care.

See:

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

Here is the family's story:

Egypt was born on September 11, 2013. As a single mother in South Carolina, Kaya Thomas had sole custody. Even though the law in her state did not require her to share custody, she believed that it was the right thing to do to allow her baby

and her father to bond. The father had never shown any signs of aggression or inability to care for their child, and he often texted how much he loved Egypt, so Kaya allowed her daughter to have bi-monthly weekend visitation in her father's care. She wanted her to have a relationship with her father.

In October of 2014, Egypt came home from a visit with a small bruise under her eye. Because no one could tell her what had happened to her baby, Kaya reported the incident to the police. The Laurens Police Department investigated, and reportedly told Kaya that the injury "could very well be accidental in nature" and that "the bruise is inconsistent with abuse." The report was "unfounded." Kaya believed the police because they were the experts and they knew how to investigate such things. She never saw any other indication that gave her reason to suspect her former boyfriend could be a danger to her baby.

Indeed, a later background check of the father reportedly done by an attorney turned up no reason for concern either.

Nightmare Phone Call: Child Not Expected to Live

On February 23, 2015 Kaya got a horrifying phone call telling her that her baby had been rushed to the emergency room with bleeding on the brain. When she arrived at Greenville Memorial Hospital, Egypt was in brain surgery. Because of the nature of her injury, Kaya was surprised that the police had not been called yet, so she called them. When Egypt got out of surgery, doctors told her that her child would not live 24 hours, and if she did survive, she would be a vegetable. Kaya started praying, and Egypt lived. She spent the next month in the Pediatric Intensive Care Unit.



17 month old Egypt in a coma after being beaten by her father. Photo source: [Prayers for EGYPT Facebook page](#).

The father was accused of Shaken Baby Syndrome and arrested the following day. He later confessed to throwing Egypt on the couch. In his confession, he reportedly stated that he didn't shake the baby but he punched her in the

head. According to WSPA, he pled guilty to Child Abuse and was sentenced in July 2016 to 18 years in prison. ([Source.](#))

Because of his abuse, Egypt suffered a traumatic brain injury and is forever changed. She still cannot eat on her own and requires a feeding tube. She is wheelchair bound, partially blind, and suffers from daily seizures. She requires round the clock care.

It is this care that the state of South Carolina alleges that Kaya is not able to give. For that reason, they placed Egypt into foster care, and they want to terminate Kaya's parental rights.

Egypt Kidnapped by State After Mother Asks for Second Opinion

Kaya has a learning disability. As her advocate Adrienne Lomax explains, that doesn't mean that she cannot learn. It just means that it takes her longer, and she benefits from hands-on training.



Dr. Nancy Henderson – Child Abuse Specialist. [Image from YouTube](#). Her “expert testimony” allowed a child to be taken away from a loving mother and placed into a foster home environment, where the 2-year old child was abused by a nurse attending to her medical needs.

That allegedly did not stop Greenville Memorial Hospital Child Abuse Specialist [Dr. Nancy Henderson](#) and another forensic doctor, neither of whom performed a medical evaluation on Kaya, from telling DSS that Kaya was incapable of caring for her child. One doctor who testifies against her said that the fact that she asked questions more than twice demonstrated that she cannot take care of Egypt.

Dr. Nancy Henderson was involved in the medical kidnapping of the [Headley boys](#) and of Jason and Mattie Walls’ [baby Mackenzie](#).

Despite Kaya’s own disability, when Egypt’s injuries first happened, Kaya began researching her condition and

anything that she could find about treatment options. As a woman of faith, Kaya refused to accept the doctors' grim prognosis for her daughter, standing in prayer for Egypt's healing.

She decided to ask that Egypt be sent to Charleston for a second opinion. Lomax says that the people at Greenville Memorial Hospital did not like that and denied her request. When it was finally time for Egypt to be released from the hospital, DSS placed her and her sister Sha'kyah into separate foster homes.



Egypt was placed into foster care away from her family. Despite her special needs, she still knows her family. This is not it. Source: [Prayers for EGYPT Facebook page](#).

Could it be that the request for a second opinion is partly

responsible for Egypt not being allowed to go home with her mother? *Health Impact News* has reported numerous stories where hospitals have become adversarial when parents request a second opinion. What used to be considered due diligence is now perceived as a threat, and children have been medically kidnapped following their parents' request for a second opinion.

See:

[Eight year old Jaxon Taken By Hospital When Parents Ask For Second Opinion](#)

[Four Boys in South Carolina Medically Kidnapped When Parents Ask for Second Opinion](#)

[Phoenix Children's Hospital Seizes 8 Year Old Boy Because Mother Seeks Second Opinion](#)

[Chicago Lurie Children's Hospital Takes Baby Away From Family for Seeking a Second Opinion](#)

[Fight Rages for Teenager Isaiah Rider's Freedom – His Mother Commits “Cardinal Sin” Of Questioning Doctors](#)

[17 Month Old Baby Taken from Family for Disagreeing with Doctors](#)

[Michigan Teen Medically Kidnapped and Placed in Juvenile Detention Facility as Her Health Deteriorates](#)

Child Sexually Assaulted in Foster Care by Home Health Care Nurse



Nurse Peggy Atkins. [Source](#).

The state is providing a home health nurse for 20 hours per day to the foster parents for Egypt's care, begging the question – Is training even necessary in order for the child to live at home with her own mother? Couldn't the state provide a home health nurse if the child were in her own home?

As it is, a nurse hired by DSS to provide care in the foster home was apparently not properly vetted, and the state of

South Carolina has allegedly allowed serious harm to come to Egypt under their protective custody. Peggy Louise Atkins was the home health nurse attending Egypt in the home of the foster parents. She worked for a company employed by Medicare. In April of last year, Atkins was arrested and charged with [Criminal Sexual Conduct with a minor in the 1st degree](#). Local news station [WSPA](#) has reported that the warrant cited witness testimony and photographic evidence of Atkins' crimes against the child who could not even tell anyone that someone was hurting her.

Peggy Atkins is still awaiting trial.

Kaya was devastated to learn about the abuse that she said would never have happened in her own care. She told *Health Impact News* that, had the nurse been in her home, she would have been watching her. She also would have been paying attention to learn more about how to care for her child's medical needs.

Atkins has reportedly been compelled to relinquish her nursing license. Kaya Thomas received a letter last month from the North Carolina Board of Nursing stating that Atkins has voluntarily given up her nursing license in exchange for the board ceasing further proceedings in the matter of the sexual abuse of Egypt.

The abuser was charged, but the abuse happened in the home of the foster parents. DSS never blamed the foster parents for allowing harm to come to their charge in their home.

Kaya doesn't understand the apparent double standard being shown by DSS.

DSS Refuses to Allow Mother Training Needed to Care for Her Child

According to court documents, DSS alleges that Kaya is “unable to provide minimally acceptable care for Egypt” due to her medical condition. Because of Egypt’s complex medical situation, she requires round-the-clock care. Kaya has documented requests over the past two years to DSS and her social worker for training to care for her daughter, all of which has been denied.

She has made many calls and written many letters to different places seeking the training she needs, including a school for the deaf and blind, Meyer Center, Babynet, Nurse Lines GHS at St. Francis hospital, schools, doctors, and any program she can think of. They all tell her that the child has to be in her care for her to be trained. They all say that they could train her if they have a referral from DSS – a referral that DSS refuses to give her.

This is very unfair, says Kaya. They keep telling her that she needs to be trained but they will not give her the opportunity. In one text to her social worker Gretchen Dalton, she wrote:

I really wanna be there so I can learn and get knowledge of my daughters care.



Despite her limitations, Egypt knows her mama. Photo source: [Prayers for EGYPT Facebook page](#).

Despite the lack of cooperation from DSS, Kaya has taken classes on her own and has become certified by the American Heart Association in Heartsaver First Aid CPR AED (automated external defibrillator).

She has certificates for other classes that DSS has asked her to do, including parenting classes, Nurturing Parent classes, a 12 week course in an anger management therapy group, and Stewards of Children's Training. She has demonstrated a willingness and ability to complete any training that is

needed; DSS simply refuses to allow her to get the training she most needs and desires.

Kaya is accused of lacking “the ability ... to provide the required level of care” for Egypt.

Faith in God Used Against Her

Because Kaya has a strong faith in God and belief in miracles, Kaya says that social workers see that as evidence that she is too stupid to care for her child. They have reportedly told her that, because she is holding onto belief that God will completely heal and restore Egypt, she demonstrates a poor grasp of the seriousness of her daughter’s condition.

That is not what is happening, Kaya explained to *Health Impact News*. She recognizes that Egypt needs continuous care, and she is trying hard to get the training she needs. However, she has seen evidence of the power of God in her daughter’s life. Originally, they were told that Egypt wouldn’t survive, or if she did, she would be a vegetable.

She lived.

She was told that she would never talk, but she is beginning to say phrases.

When doctors said that she needed a particular surgery on her skull, bone grew back on its own – something that only had a 1% chance of happening. No surgery was needed.

She watched Egypt go from having 10 seizures a day to only about 3 per week.

They said she would never show emotion, but she does.



Egypt smiling at a visit last summer. Source: [Prayers for EGYPT Facebook page](#).

Egypt smiles now when she hears her mother's voice. She is

improving, albeit slowly. Kaya has faith that Jesus is the Great Physician, and that God is not finished with her baby yet. Does that make her “ignorant” or does it show a woman with incredible faith and strength?

Services Are Available, But DSS Withholds Them

Adrienne Lomax sees Kaya Thomas as one who continues to overcome the odds. They understand that Egypt needs a great deal of care, but according to Adrienne:

For everything they [DSS and doctors] say she can't do, there are resources out there available to her to make it possible. The state just is not offering the resources to her.

Adrienne says she asked Kaya what she would do in case of an emergency. Her response was the same as anyone else:

I'd call 911.

She is resourceful and has a support system. She has worked to comply with all of the demands by DSS. Her 5 year old daughter was returned home to her last year, and is allegedly thriving and happy at home.

DSS Seeking Termination of Parental Rights

Kaya Thomas has a permanency hearing scheduled for February 1 and 2. DSS is seeking the termination of Kaya's parental rights for Egypt, even though they acknowledge

that Kaya did not hurt her child. DSS has decided that:

it is in the best interest of the defendant child that the termination of parental rights ... be granted and that the dependent child, Egypt Morales, be placed for adoption.

Further, DSS requests to “have full and complete authority” to:

give written consent to any necessary hospitalization, inoculation, medical, psychiatric or psychological treatment, surgical or dental care.

They have petitioned the court to “be relieved of offering services to” Egypt’s mother.

How You Can Help

There is a Facebook page set up for the family called [Prayers for EGYPT](#).



Kaya Thomas and her supporters want to know why the same services that are being provided to the foster parents to care for her medically fragile, special needs child cannot be

provided to her, so that Egypt can live with her own family.

The new governor of South Carolina is Henry McMaster. He may be reached at (803) 734-2100 or contacted [here](#).

The Senator for Kaya Thomas' district is Karl B. Allen. He may be reached at (803) 212-6008 or contacted [here](#).

Representative Chandra E. Dillard represents the district. She may be reached at (803) 212-6791 or contacted [here](#).

SC Family Reunited at Easter Almost 3 Years After Child Abuse Doctor Falsely Accused Mother



The Headley family is finally reunited after 2 years and 9 months. Mother Danielle was not permitted to see or have any contact with her youngest son, Jack, during that time. All charges against her were dropped due to “lack of evidence.”

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

They say that it is always darkest before the dawn. William and Danielle Headley came very close to giving up and believing that their family would never be whole again. Their family was ripped apart almost 3 years ago based on the seemingly omnipotent power of the word of a Child Abuse Specialist doctor.

The Headleys were reunited this week, but it was a day they had begun to doubt would ever arrive.

In July of 2015, [Dr. Nancy Henderson-Hines](#) of Greenville Memorial Hospital reportedly accused Danielle Headley of Munchausen Syndrome by Proxy. Based on her allegations, the mother of 4 was criminally charged with felony Child Abuse and Neglect and faced the prospect of up to 30 years in prison.



Dr. Nancy Henderson – Child Abuse Specialist. Image from YouTube.

This doctor was someone that they had never even met, yet her words held the power to persuade law enforcement, social workers, and prosecutors that Danielle Headley had hurt her youngest son, dividing their family and unleashing a reign of destruction upon their family that they could never have fathomed in their darkest nightmares.

It's over now. None of the doctors from Greenville Memorial Hospital, including Danielle's accuser Dr. Nancy Henderson-Hines, showed up at court on Monday, March 26, 2018. They

were reportedly no longer willing to testify in Danielle Headley's criminal court case.

Danielle told *Health Impact News* that her lawyer told her Monday that the prosecutor, known as a solicitor in South Carolina, said:

We are dropping everything. We don't have any evidence.

Two years and nine months of trauma for Danielle, William, and their 4 sons, as well as grandparents, aunts, uncles, cousins, and friends, is over.

There was no evidence that she hurt her son.

There never was.

This story is a victory tale for the Headley family, celebrating the end of their nightmare. It is also a cautionary tale of the unimaginable power for destruction that is held by an elite group of people known as "Child Abuse Specialist Doctors." Their power is virtually unlimited, and child welfare system bows down to them with loyalty that is almost religious in its fervor.

There is no accountability and almost nothing that the average person can do to protect themselves and their family once they land in the cross-hairs of a member of this powerful posse.

These doctors have formed an almost unstoppable alliance with the Child Protective System and the family court system.

Parents who find themselves caught up in their web are practically helpless because any evidence they have contradicting the word of the Child Abuse Specialist is usually ignored or swept under the rug.

William Headley said that he believes that their faith in God has brought them through their ordeal – that, and the fact that they took their story to the public and exposed the major players in the network bent on destroying his family:

DSS [the SC Department of Social Services] will rip your family apart, and we came close to not making it.

You've got to keep faith. If you don't have faith in God, you just don't make it.

This is the first Easter holiday that they have been able to celebrate together in 3 years.



Three years ago was the last Easter that the Headley family was able to spend together as a family – before Child Protective Services and the Child Abuse Specialist doctor. Photo provided by family.

See their original story and continuing coverage:

[Four Boys in South Carolina Medically Kidnapped When Parents Ask for Second Opinion](#)

[South Carolina Mother Arrested For Child Abuse After Questioning Doctors and Losing her Children](#)

[South Carolina Medically Kidnapped 4 Year Old Went Missing From Foster Care, Found After Police Search](#)

[South Carolina Family Destroyed: Forced Vaccines, Sexual Abuse, Bruises Show Harm in State Care](#)

[Medically Kidnapped South Carolina Boy Raped in Group Home - Attorney Speaks Out on State Abuse](#)

[South Carolina Boys Medically Kidnapped Still Not Returned to Parents - Suffering in State Custody](#)

[Medically Kidnapped South Carolina Boys Come Home After 15 Months](#)

Mother Was Not Allowed Home

The Headley boys were released from foster care in November 2016 and allowed to come home to their father's house. They were able to sleep in their own beds in their own home.

However, there was a "no-contact order" on Danielle for their youngest son Jack. DSS said this was to be enforced until Danielle's criminal trial.



Jack is finally able to have his mommy back in his life after allegations from a Child Abuse Specialist kept them apart. Photo provided by family.

That meant that, though the boys were home, she could not be. She had to move out of her home. William became, in effect, a single father, raising the boys by himself.



Playing in the sand. Photo provided by family.

It was far better than foster care, because the children were home with their daddy. No longer were they in [Epworth Children's Home](#) where they were allegedly abused and one of them allegedly molested. Their grandmothers were once again able to be a big part of their lives.

All visits with their mother, however, had to be supervised. Only the 3 older boys could see her. Jack was not allowed to see his mother. The state of South Carolina put the children in the position of having to lie to their little brother, but he eventually figured out that they were going to see their

mother and he wasn't.

William and Danielle tried their best to make life be as normal as possible to minimize the trauma on their sons, but the separation took a toll.

“100% Proof” Vanished

At times William and Danielle wondered if the criminal case would ever go to trial or if their family would stay in this limbo forever. Danielle had not seen Jack even once since the children were taken on July 10, 2015. She was arrested on October 13, 2015. The kids came home in November 2016. Finally, the court date was set for March 26, 2018.

William reports that the solicitor (prosecutor) tried to wear him down for the trial. She reportedly contacted him repeatedly, hoping he would turn on Danielle and testify against her. As the date for the trial grew closer, she called him “every day. Non-stop.” He says that the solicitor told him that they had “absolute proof” that Danielle had been making Jack sick. It was “100% proof” that she had hurt him, she said.

Their “proof” evaporated on the day of trial.

Neither Dr. Nancy Henderson-Hines nor any of the doctors from Greenville Memorial Hospital were willing to testify on the day of court. No one from DSS showed up.

The Headleys report that the social worker involved with their case moved out of state as soon as their DSS case was closed in April 2017, and the GAL (Guardian ad litem) retired after the case was closed.

Tracy Moss is the police investigator who originally walked into their house without knocking and seized the children from their home, based on Dr. Nancy Henderson-Hines' assertion of abuse. She and the solicitor were the only people who came to court to accuse Danielle.

Danielle's attorney told her at court that the solicitor was dropping all the charges against her because, even after all this time, they had no evidence against her.

Instead, they asked her to plead "no-contest" to having a messy house. She has 4 boys, so she said she had no problem admitting to that. On the day before Investigator Tracy Moss came into her house to take the children, the family had been swimming all day. They came home, then got everyone bathed and put to bed. She said she was worn out and did not clean the house before going to sleep, so the house was, indeed, messy.

Finally Reunited

The criminal case is over. It ended on Monday. The next day was the day that Danielle has been waiting for and praying for, for 2 years and 9 months.

<https://youtu.be/1OnNYgyJzfU>

After that glorious day, the Headley family headed to the beach for a well-deserved vacation – together. For the first time in almost 3 years, all 6 Headleys are together.

Danielle loves tucking her sons into bed at night again.

I've definitely waited a long, long time for this.

Their 2nd oldest son Gabe told his mother:

We can live like the old days.

There were happy, noisy sounds in the background as William and Danielle told *Health Impact News* about dyeing Easter eggs together. William said:

We're doing so much better now. I can't explain it. We left that state, and now everything's pretty much back the way it's supposed to be.



The Headley family enjoy coloring Easter eggs together. Photo provided by family.

Real Medical Issues – Wrong Diagnosis by Child Abuse Doctor

There were, in fact, real medical issues going on with Jack. When a parent is accused of Munchausen by Proxy or Medical Child Abuse, the thinking of the Child Abuse Specialist doctors is that, if the child's health improves when the mother is out of the picture, that is proof positive that the

mother caused the issues. Indeed, this thinking is canonized in the Child Abuse Specialist policies.

However, this simplistic characterization can overlook important information, such as in the Headley case.

Jack's health did, indeed, improve somewhat after he was medically kidnapped by DSS. However, it was not his removal from his mother that made the difference; it was his removal from the family home.

Not long after the children were taken, William Headley discovered that there was a great deal of toxic black mold behind the ceiling and walls. It was so bad that the environmental specialist they hired to test the mold and air quality had just one recommendation:

Move.

Jack already had a compromised immune system. He was diagnosed at age 2 with a form of mitochondrial disease called SCAD – Short Chain Acyl-CoA Dehydrogenase Deficiency, a condition that prevents the body from converting certain fats into energy.

His little body could not handle the mold. Jack's improvement in his health was because he was taken out of the house with the mold, not because he was taken from his mother.

By the time the boys came home, William had moved into a different house. It wasn't long before he noticed some of Jack's symptoms recurring. His mother was not permitted to be around him, so this had nothing to do with her. Much to

his dismay, William found that THIS house had mold, too. After he moved out of that house, the symptoms subsided once again.

The tragedy is that a doctor not only missed the real cause of Jack's symptoms, but she also tore the family apart.



After they were reunited, the Headley family headed to the beach to spend time together, without DSS over their shoulder. Photo provided by family.

Danielle says that no one involved with their case has apologized to them.

Her children suffered abuse and the trauma of separation. One of the children was raped and sodomized in the group

home, but the attack was swept under the rug. All this happened in the name of “protection,” based on the word of a doctor who, in the words of the Headley’s attorney Donald Smith:

is simply a medical doctor. She is not a psychiatrist. She is not a psychologist. She had never met Danielle Headley.

She had never seen any of Ms. Headley’s medical records, let alone mental health records, which did not exist because she had not been treated for mental health issues.

Despite not having any formal education in a psychological field, not having any practice experience in a psychological field, and never having met with Ms. Headley, Dr. Henderson made a psychological diagnosis of a complex mental illness regarding Ms. Headley.

Dr. Henderson diagnosed Ms. Headley with Munchausen’s by Proxy. She contacted her friend (and loyal supporter) at the Spartanburg County Sheriff’s Department. She told her that Ms. Headley suffered from the aforementioned psychological malady.

“Dr. Henderson states that she feels after reviewing medical records and in the discussion with multiple medical providers that there is strong concern for medical child abuse (often termed Munchausen by proxy).” (Search Warrant, July 9, 2015).

According to Dr. Henderson, “Medical child abuse is when a child is either having symptoms either fabricated or exaggerated or induced that’s causing tests and procedures to

be done which potentially or in reality can cause harm to the child.” (Henderson Deposition, 11/16/15, p.53, 14-8).

Dr. Henderson’s “strong concern” means that she didn’t know what (if anything) the mother was doing. Therefore, she made it about the child. “I think a lot of times the lay term people understand is Munchausen by proxy, but in the child abuse world we call it medical child abuse. And this is a diagnosis for XXX, not mom, medical child abuse. XXX has got the medical child abuse? Yes, sir.” (Id., p. 54, 7-13). (See [link](#).)

After the accusation by Dr. Henderson, who never actually saw Danielle, she had a total of 4 psychological evaluations, one of which was with a psychiatrist through DSS.

None of the doctors who personally evaluated her diagnosed her with Munchausen by Proxy. In fact, the only diagnosis that was given was that Danielle suffered from “emotional disturbances based on surroundings.”

In other words, she was traumatized by having her children kidnapped.



The boys have grown so much since the family was forced apart. Now, they are all smiles. Photo provided by family.

How Does One Doctor Carry So Much Power?

Though police investigator Tracy Moss, DSS social workers, and the state solicitor's office were all involved with the seizing of the Headley children, all of their actions hinged on the word of one person – Dr. Nancy Henderson-Hines, a doctor who had never seen or talked with the family.

Based on her accusation, a family was kept apart for 2 years and 9 months. Children were placed into foster care where they suffered abuse, trauma, and even sodomy.

A marriage was almost ripped apart. Reputations were destroyed. An innocent woman faced the possibility of spending 30 years in prison for a crime that didn't occur.

In the end, there was no actual evidence that Danielle had committed any crime along with an abundance of evidence that she was innocent.

Dr. Henderson-Hines is not alone.

Child Abuse Specialist doctors figure heavily into many Medical Kidnap stories, from all over the country. See:

Are New Pediatric "Child Abuse Specialists" Causing an Increase in Medical Kidnappings?

Once these doctors proclaim that a child has been abused, all medical investigation into other possible diagnoses ceases, sometimes to the physical detriment of the child involved. Children are traumatized by being torn from everything and everyone they know and love.

Parents are often left bereft of hope of fighting such an all-powerful entity.

Social workers take these doctors' word as gospel truth. Investigation stops. Judges either ignore or are never presented with medical evidence from doctors who are actually qualified to evaluate the medical issues at hand.

Justice is not served, as the opinion of a single person

carrying the title of “doctor” over-rules any other evidence, or lack of evidence.

William and Danielle Headley believe that getting their story out to the public and exposing Dr. Henderson-Hines and other players involved in their case certainly contributed to their positive outcome. Danielle said that she does not believe their story would have ended as well had they not talked so publicly about what was happening to their family.

William agrees:

One thing I know for sure: If you keep your mouth shut, you're going to lose for sure.

Young Child Molested by Nurse in Foster Care Still not Returned to Mother More than a Year Later



Kaya Thomas and her daughter, Egypt, at a recent doctor visit. Photo source: [Prayers for EGYPT](#) Facebook page.

by Health Impact News/MedicalKidnap.com Staff

After 3 years of fighting to get her daughter home from foster care, South Carolina mom, Kaya Thomas, has been given a new hoop to jump through. She was told in court on April 18, 2018, that she has to get a bigger vehicle by the beginning of June as a condition for Kaya to begin unsupervised visits with her daughter, Egypt.

This is just the latest in a long line of requirements that social workers have added to the list of things that she must do in order to get her child back. Kaya Thomas has been fighting to bring Egypt home for more than 3 years. She told *Health Impact News* that South Carolina Department of Social Services (DSS) keeps adding things to the list.

Her advocate, Adrienne Lomax, asks:

Since when is having a car a requirement for having kids?

Kaya never abused or neglected her children, yet she lost custody of Egypt and her big sister, Sha'kyah, after Egypt's father nearly killed her during one of his bi-monthly weekend visitations.

Joseph Kevin Morales is currently serving an 18-year sentence for beating his daughter. ([Source](#))

Even though Kaya was not present and had nothing to do with her ex-boyfriend's vicious attack on their baby, DSS seized custody of the two sisters shortly after Morales was arrested.

We published their story in January 2017. See:

2 Year Old South Carolina Child Medically Kidnapped is Sexually Abused by Nurse in Foster Care

Sha'kyah did not stay in foster care long. She is home with her mother and her step-father. However, although DSS admitted that Kaya did not hurt her baby, they intended to terminate Kaya's parental rights for Egypt and placed her for adoption.



Egypt and her sister during a visit just before Christmas 2017. Photo source: [Prayers for EGYPT](#) Facebook page.

Since publication of our previous article, the plan has allegedly changed from adoption to reunification.

DSS Makes Unrealistic Conditions for Mother to Take Daughter Home, Resulting in Keeping Child in Foster Care

As we have seen in many stories that we have covered, the reunification process is rarely quick, and social workers seem to love to throw in additional requirements as much as possible in an apparent attempt to sabotage the judges' orders to reunify. The longer a child is kept in foster care, the longer the state is able to collect funds for that child.

When parents fail, for any reason, to meet the increasing demands, it is not uncommon for social workers to tell judges and foster parents that “the parents are not compliant,” or “they aren't doing what they need to do in order to get their child back.”

When they told Kaya that her home was too small to get Egypt back, she moved out of her 2-bedroom mobile home into a 4-bedroom home.

Kaya didn't drive, but instead relied on friends and public transportation to get around. That was reportedly not acceptable to DSS, so she got her driver's license.

Then, she had to get a car. It was not enough to have a plan in place to utilize the Medicaid van to take Egypt to medical appointments.

She got a car. Now, it isn't big enough to meet the DSS standards. They are reportedly demanding that she get an SUV or a van.

There was reportedly no mention of the size of car that the state required her to have when Kaya committed to the monthly payments of the car loan. Had she known that the car would not be good enough, she says she would have waited until she could afford a bigger car.

In South Carolina, the Medicaid program provides for patients who do not have a car to get to medical appointments. (See [link](#).) Lack of transportation seems a flimsy excuse for keeping a child from their parents.

Mother Not Allowed to Care for her Daughter, Even After She was Molested while in Foster Care

In our earlier coverage of Egypt's story, we reported that DSS required Kaya to be trained to take care of Egypt, whose is still considered to be "medically fragile." This would seem to be a reasonable requirement, and Kaya is determined to learn everything she can to make sure she can take care of Egypt.

Egypt suffered brain damaged from her father's abuse. She is partially blind, confined to a wheelchair, requires a feeding tube, and she experiences daily seizures. Her complex medical condition requires round-the-clock care.

Her mother has completed numerous classes, including CPR. She has attended all of Egypt's medical appointments for three years and has been paying attention to what needs to be done.

However, DSS allegedly wants her to become certified. Kaya explains that there is no certification for this.

Her doctor has reportedly said that Egypt's care has to be learned by hands-on experience. DSS was reportedly ordered in October to have her admitted to the hospital for a 48-hour period so that Kaya can learn what she needs to care for her little girl.

To date, DSS has allegedly not done their part in this, making it impossible for Kaya to meet this requirement.

Egypt has made some improvements since our last article. When it was written in January 2017, she was still in the foster home where a home health nurse had molested her. It took until December 2017 for DSS to move her out of that foster home into a new one.

The new foster parents are reportedly keeping her cleaner than the former ones, and the number of seizures Egypt experiences per day has declined. Her feet are no longer swollen and she is more alert. Kaya told us:

It's a big change, but I feel like she'll change more with me, because I am her mother and I know her.



Egypt smiles – March 19, 2018. Photo source: Prayers for EGYPT Facebook page.

While she continues to press for getting whatever training DSS believes that she needs, she continues to pray that Jesus will heal her daughter.

When she comes home, there will be a home-health nurse available to come to the home each week.

She points out that DSS doesn't believe she can handle caring for Egypt and any other children, yet the foster parents reportedly have not one, but two, medically fragile children in their care. Egypt is 4 years old, and the fosters are also responsible for another foster child who is a year old.

This is reminiscent of the [Ad Council](#)'s slogan used to recruit foster parents that says, "You don't have to be perfect to be a perfect parent."

The ad is aimed at potential foster and adoptive parents, but it is a slap in the face to real parents like Kaya Thomas who are told by the state that they cannot parent their children because they may be less than perfect.

As countless parents have told us, there is a serious double standard within Child Protective Services and the foster care industry regarding parents versus fosters.

Child Abuse Specialists Diagnose Mental Illness Without Examining Mother

Even though DSS has acknowledged that Kaya had nothing to do with the abuse of her daughter, they continue to keep the family separated based on allegations by Greenville Memorial Hospital Child Abuse Specialist [Dr. Nancy Henderson](#) and another forensic doctor that Kaya was not capable of caring for her child.



Dr. Nancy Henderson – Child Abuse Specialist. Image from [YouTube video](#) which was removed since previous article.

This allegation was made to DSS even though neither doctor performed a medical/psychological evaluation on Kaya.

In their petition to terminate Kaya’s parental rights in 2016, DSS stated that Kaya:

...has the diagnosable condition of Bi-polar Disorder, which renders her unable or unlikely to provide minimally acceptable care of Egypt Morales due to Egypt’s medically fragile condition.

This is a ground for termination of parental rights pursuant to South Carolina Code Section 63-7-2570(6)(2009), as amended.

That section of the South Carolina code states grounds for termination of parental rights (TPR). Point (6) says that one of those grounds includes mental illness:

(6) The parent has a diagnosable condition unlikely to change within a reasonable time including, but not limited to, alcohol or drug addiction, mental deficiency, mental illness, or extreme physical incapacity, and the condition makes the parent unlikely to provide minimally acceptable care of the child.

It is presumed that the parent's condition is unlikely to change within a reasonable time upon proof that the parent has been required by the department or the family court to participate in a treatment program for alcohol or drug addiction, and the parent has failed two or more times to complete the program successfully or has refused at two or more separate meetings with the department to participate in a treatment program.

Even though TPR is no longer being pressed, as of court on April 18, DSS is reportedly demanding another psychological evaluation on Kaya. She has already had three such evaluations that have found no issues, other than normal stress from her situation.



Besides numerous supporters and advocates, Kaya also has the loving support of her husband, whom she married, since the tragedy that hit her family three years ago. Photo source: [Prayers for EGYPT](#) Facebook page.

She does not have any mental illness. One doctor's report says that medication is not recommended. She notes that her history includes possible attempts to diagnose some kind of mood disorder; however, she does not have one. The

doctor found that there was no need for any therapy or medication.

So why does she need yet another psych eval? Is this a fishing expedition to try to keep Kaya from getting her daughter back?

Kaya Thomas did not abuse her daughter. This fact is not even in dispute. Egypt was the victim of a crime perpetrated by her biological father when her mother was not present. For that, he is behind bars.

Yet, three years later, an innocent mother is still fighting the system to get her daughter home.

She is not financially in the position to be able to go out and get a bigger vehicle. She only has a month to get it. Social workers have told her that if she sets up a GoFundMe type of account to ask for help, that will be used against her.

How do parents fight this kind of tyranny? All Kaya Thomas wants is for her little girl to be home where she can love her and take care of her.

Will the lack of a larger vehicle really keep the state from returning a child to her mother?

How You Can Help

There is a Facebook page set up for the family called [Prayers for EGYPT](#).



Prayers for EGYPT

@prayersforbabyegypt

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The new governor of South Carolina is Henry McMaster. He may be reached at (803) 734-2100 or contacted [here](#).

The Senator for Kaya Thomas' district is Karl B. Allen. He may be reached at (803) 212-6008 or contacted [here](#).

Representative Chandra E. Dillard represents the district. She may be reached at (803) 212-6791 or contacted [here](#).

Child Abuse Pediatrician Testimony Rips a South Carolina Family Apart



Robbie and Jennifer Ray with their twins Evren and Elijah at Christmas 2017. Photo provided by family.

By **Health Impact News/Medicalkidnap.com Staff**

One doctor says that the ONLY way a child's injuries could

happen is by “brute force.” Other doctors can look at the same data and say that that the injuries could have been caused by an accident, metabolic disorder, nutritional deficiency, infection, or other non-abusive mechanism.

When these two perspectives collide, then justice demands that we examine other evidence. Is there a history of violence? Is there other evidence of abuse? Has anyone witnessed abuse? What about the perspective of those who know the accused – is abuse consistent with the character of the person who is accused?

All too often, parents lose their children to Child Protective Services, often permanently, and others have gone to prison based on the testimony of one particular kind of doctor – a Child Abuse Pediatrician (CAP) – even though there is no other evidence that the parents have abused their child.

Robbie and Jennifer Ray of South Carolina are facing just such a scenario. Dr. Susan Lamb, CAP at Palmetto Health Children’s Hospital, says that the only possible explanation for the couple’s twins’ injuries is child abuse, even though other doctors and their families disagree. Jennifer Ray told *Health Impact News*:

If there is no evidence to prove physical abuse, then you need to second guess the diagnosis [made by the child abuse doctor].

CAPs present themselves to the public and to the courts that they are “THE experts” on all things child abuse related. Yet there are other doctors, many of whom are highly esteemed experts in their respective fields, who dispute the findings and conclusions of the CAPs.

We recently reported that the Helper Society, an elite group of CAPs, has made it part of their mission to educate the public and media that their way is the right way, calling into question the reputations of any doctors who disagree with them. See:

Elite Medical Doctors Seek to Control the Media and Public's Perception of Child Abuse Specialists

Though CAPs only began to be board-certified in 2010, their history traces its roots back to a group of pediatric radiologists who began writing and organizing in the 1940's to set themselves up as experts in being able to see what no other doctors were clever enough to see. Their papers formed the basis of what we now know as Child Protective Services. See:

Has the U.S. Become a Medical Police State? How Doctors Deny Due Process to Kidnap Children Through CPS

History of Shaken Baby Theories Exposed: How an Elite Group of Pediatric Radiologists Started Medical Kidnapping in the 1940s

The Ray family story is yet another example of a story repeated all across the United States and across the ocean in the UK, Australia, and other nations – that of parents accused of abuse based on the interpretation of one kind of doctor, a Child Abuse Pediatrician, without any other evidence that indicates that they abused their child. Family and friends who know them best have written letters affirming that they know the parents to be caring people incapable of hurting anyone. While there is no history of violence, there is family history of medical conditions that

can cause fragile bones.

How is it that we have given the power of judge, jury, and executioner to one kind of doctor, even when other doctors disagree with them? How is it that law enforcement investigators, social workers, and some other doctors stop investigating further the moment that a CAP declares “child abuse”?

The Ray Family Story

Jennifer Ray describes her pregnancy with twins Evren and Elijah Ray as “great.” She took a lot of Tums for heartburn, but otherwise she enjoyed being pregnant.

When the babies’ growth slowed down during the last weeks of pregnancy and Jennifer developed pre-eclampsia, doctors decided that it was time for the babies to be born at 36 1/2 weeks. They arrived on May 9, 2017, via c-section. They were pulled out of the womb by their ankles.

They spent just 6 hours in the NICU after birth, but both babies were jaundiced. Evren’s levels were higher and she was sent home with bili lights to help bring down the high bilirubin levels. Over the course of the next couple of weeks, the babies had blood drawn from their heels more than 20 times as their levels were monitored.

The last heel stick test was at the 2-week doctor visit on Wednesday, May 24. The babies got all of the routine vaccines that day.



Jennifer Ray with her twins Evren and Elijah. Photo provided by family.

Both Jennifer and Robbie Ray come from large families, and the Memorial Day weekend was a time for the extended family to celebrate and enjoy the new babies who were now 2 1/2 weeks old. Evren was “fussier than usual” through the long weekend, but they assumed that it was colic and tried treating her with gripe water.

It was Tuesday morning, May 30, that Jennifer noticed that her daughter Evren’s ankle looked swollen. As she looked closer, she found a bruise. Her first call was to the pediatrician, who told her to come in at 4:30 that afternoon. Jennifer then called her husband at work and her mother who lived down the street.

The pediatrician sent Jennifer over to the nearby hospital, Palmetto Health Children’s Hospital, for x-rays. Her

husband, and later her parents and other family members, met them at the hospital. It was there that the Ray family's lives turned upside down.

An x-ray revealed that Evren's right ankle was fractured. As the stunned parents tried to figure out how their baby's ankle could have been broken, the hospital's Child Abuse Pediatrician Dr. Susan Lamb had already been consulted.



Dr. Susan Lamb – Child Abuse Pediatrician at Palmetto Health Children's Hospital. Photo [source](#).

American Academy of Pediatrics protocols, written by Child Abuse Pediatricians, state that certain injuries indicate that a child has been abused, including:

Fracture(s) in nonambulatory infants, especially in those without a clear history of trauma or a known medical condition that predisposes to bone fragility. (Source.)

The same policy statement says that when “there is either no explanation or a vague explanation given for a significant injury,” it should “raise a concern for abusive trauma.” See:

Exposing How Child Abuse Pediatricians Medically Kidnap Children: A Guide for Parents

The Rays had no explanation. They didn’t know how the injury happened. While they were being interrogated by the Child Abuse Pediatrician, they were asking questions themselves, trying to figure out what could have happened.

Jennifer recalls that Dr. Lamb told them that there was no way that this was an accidental injury and that “brute force was needed in a pull and twist manner.”

She also told them that it appeared that there was a fracture on baby Elijah’s ankle as well, along with 2 bruises on his back.

The “bruises” were tiny red marks on his back first noted by Dr. Lamb, who said that the bruises were caused by “blunt force trauma.” Jennifer said that no one in her family had seen the bruises, and they could well have happened in the hospital as he was being handled by the doctors. He had never shown any symptoms of injury whatsoever and had always been a happy baby.

South Carolina Department of Social Services (DSS) and law enforcement were called, and both babies were admitted to

the hospital that night. One investigator reportedly told the parents that she didn't see any signs of abuse and allowed them to stay with their babies that night.

The next day, Robbie and Jennifer Ray were escorted out of the hospital and their 3-week-old babies were placed into foster care with strangers, based on the allegations of abuse by the Child Abuse Pediatrician. According to Jennifer:

Their WHOLE case relies on the testimony from that one "child abuse specialist" who said the ONLY way their injuries could have happened were from child abuse.

The family's attorney was later able to get the twins placed with an aunt. Meanwhile, the family sought answers. One doctor told them that Evren's fracture was a hairline fracture that should heal within a couple of weeks. Another doctor told them that they couldn't find Elijah's "fracture" on the x-ray.

Jennifer asked DSS to test the babies' Vitamin D levels. When the social worker asked Dr. Lamb about testing, she reportedly replied that there was no way that they had rickets.

This is not surprising. Since the 1940s, pediatric radiologists and, later, Child Abuse Pediatricians have made it clear in their papers that they do not take infantile rickets, or any other medical explanation for bone fragility, seriously.

This is in contrast to numerous other doctors around the world who assert that much of what is called child abuse is actually a medical condition such as a metabolic bone disorder, nutritional deficiency, or infantile rickets, or a

simple accidental injury that could happen to anyone. See:

[Has the U.S. Become a Medical Police State? How Doctors Deny Due Process to Kidnap Children Through CPS](#)

[History of Shaken Baby Theories Exposed: How an Elite Group of Pediatric Radiologists Started Medical Kidnapping in the 1940s](#)

Ehlers-Danlos Syndrome

Soon after, Jennifer requested that the follow-up orthopedic doctor consider the possibility of Ehlers-Danlos Syndrome and have their Vitamin D levels checked. Dr. Whitaker contacted Dr. Lamb, who told him that it was not possible for Ehlers-Danlos to have caused the fractures.

Dr. Lamb's perspective is consistent with that of other Child Abuse Pediatricians, but there are studies from other doctors that indicate otherwise. These are doctors without a vested interest in finding abuse, whether or not it truly exists.

World-renowned Vitamin D expert Dr. Michael Holick is known for his work on Ehlers-Danlos Syndrome. He published a paper in 2017 entitled, "Multiple fractures in infants who have Ehlers-Danlos/hypermobility syndrome and or vitamin D deficiency: A case series of 72 infants whose parents were accused of child abuse and neglect." ([Source.](#))

However, he is certainly not alone in his medical perspective that the collagen deficiency syndrome can be linked to bone fragility. A 2015 Italian study published by the Endocrine Society found a "High Prevalence of Vertebral Fractures in

Patients with Ehlers–Danlos Syndrome.” ([Source](#).)

A similar study was published in 2016 by *Osteoporosis International*. ([Source](#).)

In September of 2017, the Rays flew to Boston to see Dr. Holick. Both parents were diagnosed with Ehlers–Danlos Syndrome, hypermobility type 3. There is also family history that indicates that there are other family members with this inherited disorder. Both Jennifer and Evren have the classic EDS sign of blue sclerae in their eyes. Other symptoms in the twins include gastroparesis, which is often misdiagnosed as reflux, transparent mottled skin, profuse sweating, joint clicking, and skin flushing.

Despite his findings, Dr. Holick’s report was never brought up in the Rays’ court case.

Did Heel Sticks Cause Fracture?

The explanation for what happened to the twins may well be something much simpler and less controversial. At the babies’ follow-up orthopedic appointment in September, Dr. Christopher Hydorn reportedly told the family that the injuries could have happened from the numerous blood draws from their heels.

Because of their jaundice, they had more than 20 “heel sticks” in their first 2 weeks of life. Jennifer notes that “Evren was harder to draw blood from.”



The heel stick procedure can be rough, especially if the practitioner is having a difficult time getting a blood sample. Photo [source](#).

A family friend who is also a long-time OB nurse has known Jennifer for more than 15 years. She wrote a letter to the court on the Ray family's behalf, speaking of how kind and loving that Jennifer has always been to children, the elderly, and to animals.

This was one of many such character witnesses who wrote letters on behalf of Jennifer and Robbie. According to the nurse:

When I was told of the case DSS filed I was dumfounded. At NO time did the thought cross my mind that there was any merit to the accusations.

As a nurse who drew blood to check bilirubin levels from countless infant heels I immediately assumed the blood draw

caused injury. I have personal knowledge and experience of how difficult it can be to get the blood ...

I myself have squeezed and bent little feet to get the blood, hating the pressure I was inflicting but knowing the potential brain damage from a very high bilirubin was a far greater risk than a bruise or even hairline fracture.

These children are being robbed of their loving home and family unit, these parents are being robbed of 1st everythings. Evren and Eli may not remember this time spent apart. Jen and Robbie will never forget.

Dr. Lamb later testified that one cannot look at bruising and tell how old the bruises are. Another doctor told Jennifer that Evren's fractures on the x-ray appeared to be healing and could be a week and a half to two weeks old.

The twins' Guardian ad Litem told the parents that she believed that the injuries likely happened during the heel sticks.

Trial – Babies to Go Home

Dr. Lamb testified in the Child Protective Services hearing on the morning of December 4, 2017. When court resumed after lunch, the parents were asked to make a deal to reunify. Witnesses on behalf of the parents never testified.

The parents were required to complete assessments with a DSS-approved counselor to determine their risk of abusing their children. Both passed with flying colors. Their only diagnosis was Acute Stress Disorder from having their children taken from them.

Reunification would begin with unsupervised weekend visits after DSS received the results of the assessments.

Immediately the couple scheduled an appointment with an orthopedic doctor to try to get a definitive answer as to what had caused their babies' injuries. Even though the trial was over, they still wanted "to know if there was anything wrong that they needed to know about for the babies."

Home at Last

Evren and Elijah had been gone since they were 3 weeks old. They were now almost 8 months old. Jennifer and Robbie had never really had the chance to be parents to their children. The first unsupervised visit began on Christmas Eve. The next was New Year's weekend. The holidays were filled with visits from relatives who were excited that the twins were finally transitioning home.

Jennifer describes their New Year together:

We were blessed to ring in the New Year as a family again. Robbie and I sat with the kids in our laps and cried happy and sad tears with our children when the ball dropped. New Year's Eve Evren said her first word which was "Da-Da." We were slated to bring the kids home officially on February 7th.

Their first opportunity to finally act somewhat like a "normal" family was the following weekend.

Evren is normally the more outgoing and independent of the twins, but that day she didn't seem to feel well on that Saturday, January 6. Since several extended family members

had experienced colds, Jennifer says that they wondered if she was coming down with a cold.

When the babies went down for their naps, Jennifer headed to the store to get a few things while Robbie watched them.

When the babies woke up from their nap, Robbie fixed their bottles. Elijah liked to be held and loved on when he took his bottle, but Evren liked to hold her own bottle. Robbie put Evren in her Snugapuppy swing and gave her the bottle. He didn't realize till later that he didn't buckle her in completely. One leg was not strapped in.

Robbie sat on the couch and began feeding Elijah. A few minutes later, he heard a "thud," then saw Evren lying the carpet with her face on the metal bar of the swing. He set Elijah down on the floor and rolled his unresponsive daughter over. He could see immediately that it was bad and he called 911.

In retrospect, the Rays believe that she must have dropped her bottle, tried to go after it, and fell out of the swing.

Shortly after the paramedics got her into the ambulance, Robbie heard her crying. A paramedic told the terrified father that her cries were a good sign and that she was coming around.

Family members who live nearby heard the sirens and came running. Jennifer's phone wasn't working right, so she didn't hear any phone calls. She arrived home shortly after the ambulance left and found an empty house. The car seats were still there, so she assumed he must have taken the babies to her parents' house. She says that when she called her husband:

...he was sobbing in panic when he answered the phone and was extremely upset trying to tell me what had happened and that he was so sorry for not strapping her in all the way.

She rode with her mother to the hospital. A relative had picked up Elijah from the house. Other family members gathered at the hospital.

Evren's right eye was swollen and she had a red line across her nose. She was intubated, and x-rays showed that her right femur was broken near the hip. There was subdural hemorrhaging (brain bleeding) as well.



Evren in the hospital after falling out of the swing. Photo provided by family.

Child Abuse Pediatrician Dr. Susan Lamb was working that day at Palmetto Health Children's Hospital. According to a police report:

When Dr. Lamb arrived, she examined [Evren] and after looking at her, she provided that the injuries she observed were not consistent with the report of [Evren] falling out of a swing.

The original complaint for removal states that Dr. Lamb:

...”determined that Evren suffered from bilateral [on both sides of the head] subdural hemorrhaging.... [She] determined that these injuries were indicative of physical abuse, due to blunt force trauma to both sides of her head.”

Subdural hemorrhage is, according to Child Abuse Pediatricians, indicative of Shaken Baby Syndrome, or Abusive Head Trauma as CAPs prefer to call it.

The CT scan done at 5:55 pm that day didn't show bilateral hemorrhaging, but rather found that “there is a small right sided subdural hematoma,” which the Rays believe would be consistent with their daughters fall from the swing.

Dr. Lamb said that there were bruises on the baby's ears and that there were “multiple planes” of injuries that she said were inconsistent with the father's explanation.



This earlier photo shows Evren in her swing at her aunt's house with the point of impact marked. Note that one of the bars is slightly higher than the other bar that it connects to on the base, which could account for injuries on "multiple planes." Photo supplied by family.

A tightly-held doctrine asserted by Child Abuse Pediatricians

is that the symptoms of Abusive Head Trauma cannot arise from short falls. Other doctors refute this assertion. There are case studies and other medical articles showing that short falls can indeed cause serious injury and even death, such as a 2001 study published in *The American Journal of Forensic Medicine and Pathology* ([Source](#)).

More recently, Dr. Steven Gabaeff has published research challenging the subdural hematoma/abuse diagnosis connection, asserting that:

...clinically, short falls have been documented to cause serious injury. ([Source](#)).

At one point, Dr. Lamb told the Rays that the leg fracture was 2 weeks old, even though none of the relatives' accounts indicate any sign of injury before she fell. Some family members had been at the Ray home only hours before the accident, but the only complaint anyone noted was that she didn't seem to feel well, as if she were coming down with a cold.

Once Dr. Lamb decreed that Evren had been abused, other doctors and law enforcement fell in line with her playbook, repeating her allegations that the baby's injuries could not be explained by the short fall out of the swing that Evren's father described and thus had to be abuse. Jennifer Ray calls it a "snowball effect."

Police arrested Robbie Ray 3 days later based on Dr. Lamb's word. According to the police report:

Medical professionals [i.e. Dr. Susan Lamb – Child Abuse

Pediatrician] said the child's injuries are consistent with abuse, and inconsistent with the account provided by Ray.

While Evren was in the hospital, she developed a high fever and showed a high white blood cell count. She was treated with multiple antibiotics for a urinary tract infection, e-coli, and MRSA.

A brain scan also later showed an infarction, or an area of brain tissue death, according to Dr. Lamb's final report. Medical records show that there was no infarction in the CT scan that was performed on the first day.



Evren and Elijah Ray playing with their family at a visit several months after Evren's accident. She is "doing great." She still has some weakness but she has recovered excellently, according to her family. Photo provided by family.

The family believes that there was more going on in the hospital with their daughter, but there are conflicting medical reports. They don't have clear answers, and they still don't know if their children have an underlying metabolic condition.

They don't know how they got an infection or why doctors inserted a "central line" into Evren's femoral artery. They know that they themselves have been diagnosed with Ehlers-Danlos Syndrome, and that their children are more likely to have it because they do.

Child Protective Services seized custody of both babies and placed them in foster care, this time with strangers. There was a period of time that the twins were even separated from each other.

Social workers explained that they didn't want any relatives to have the babies, because then Jennifer and Robbie might have "access" to their children. Jennifer wasn't even home when the accident occurred, but DSS wants to terminate her parental rights as well as Robbie's. The DSS goal is now to adopt them out.

In the Termination of Parental Rights petition in April 2018, DSS wrote:

Evern [sic] Ray is brain dead on the right side of her brain.

Dr. Susan Lamb stated that the child may not live, due to the extent of her injuries.



Elijah and Evren seem to be doing well. This photo was taken at a visit on October 16, 2018. Supplied by family.

Dr. Lamb – “My Job Is to Interpret”

The common thread in many medical kidnap stories is a Child Abuse Pediatrician. Parents lose their children, and some go to prison, and the only “evidence” that they abused their children is the interpretation of a Child Abuse Pediatrician. That interpretation is the lens through which social workers, law enforcement, and judges view the parents and the case.

Any testimony or reports of doctors who disagree with the allegation of abuse is dismissed, and evidence of the parents’ innocence is often ignored. The testimonies of the parents’ character from people who have known them their whole lives becomes irrelevant once a narrative to follow has been determined.

It isn't the medical evidence or facts that convict parents; it is the INTERPRETATION of the data that signs the family's death warrant and tears families apart.

Dr. Susan Lamb spoke about how she sees her role as a Child Abuse Pediatrician in a video that was previously on the Palmetto Health Children's Hospital website ([here](#)), and on [YouTube](#). It has since been taken down after the Rays posted it on social media. Jennifer Ray recorded the video before it disappeared.

Here is what Dr. Lamb stated in the video:

We just provide medical information, medical diagnoses, and help them understand.

We don't work for DSS. We don't work for law enforcement. We're just medical interpreters. We kind of stand at that gap between the medical world and the investigative world, and we interpret for them.

It's collecting the medical pieces and putting them together and trying to help the investigators figure out what could or could not have happened to this child.

Dr. Lamb works for the Metropolitan Children's Advocacy Center in Columbia, South Carolina. ([Source](#)).

According to SC state law, the Children's Advocacy Centers are sanctioned and funded by the state to address child abuse. ([Source](#)).

Doctor in South Carolina Claims Mom's IQ Too Low to Take Care of Handicapped Daughter Who Was Sexually Abused by a Nurse in Foster Care



Kaya Jackson and her children want nothing more than to be together, but DSS doesn't think she is smart enough. Photo taken August 2018 and provided by family.

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

Child Protective Services doesn't believe that Kaya Jackson is smart enough to take care of her youngest child Egypt. Though a judge ruled months ago that Kaya didn't need to have a neuropsychological evaluation, another judge since then approved the South Carolina Department of Social Services (DSS) request for the test.

Now a doctor says that her IQ is too low to care for a special needs child, even though she has taken many classes and learned what she needs to know to care for her daughter.

All this comes at a time when it looked like their family's nightmare was finally coming to an end and they would be reunited. Unsupervised visits had begun in October, and Egypt was supposed to be returned home by February at the latest.

This new development unravels the progress that has happened over the last 4 years as Kaya has fought to bring her family back together again. She has jumped through every hoop that DSS has placed before her. Every time that she meets another demand, social workers have managed to get a judge to approve yet another demand.



This photo was taken on December 13, 2018. If DSS has their way, this may have been her last visit with her family. Photo provided by family.

Mother Never Abused Children

Kaya Jackson never abused or neglected her children. It all

boils down to the fact that the government agency known as Child Protective Services has decided that she doesn't have enough intelligence to care for one of her children.

Egypt was abused, but her mother had nothing to do with it. Her non-custodial father Joseph Morales is currently serving an 18-year prison sentence for beating her during one of his weekend visits. He confessed to throwing her on the couch and punching her in the head, actions which put his daughter into a coma and left her permanently brain damaged. ([Source.](#))

Kaya was not involved in any way with the abuse. She had not seen any reason to suspect that her child's father was capable of violence, but DSS seized custody from her anyway.

When Egypt was released from the hospital, she left with multiple medical problems. She is wheelchair bound, requires a feeding tube, is partially blind, and suffers from daily seizures.

The foster family was provided with a home health nurse to help with her medical care, but the nurse hired by the state sexually abused the child while she was in the foster home. ([Source.](#))

It took almost a year for DSS to move Egypt to a different foster home.

See original story:

2 Year Old South Carolina Child Medically Kidnapped is Sexually Abused by Nurse in Foster Care

Peggy Louise Atkins was offered a plea deal to reduce her charge from sexual misconduct on a minor to unlawful child neglect. She received a 6 year suspended sentence with 30 months of probation.

When DSS seized custody of Egypt, they also took her 4-year-old sister Sha'kyah and placed her in foster care. Her older brother and sister went to live with their grandmother.

Other Children Returned Home, Reunification Ordered for Egypt

Sha'kyah did not spend long in foster care and was returned to her mother, who has since remarried. The older kids came home in the summer of 2018. The children are thriving and happy with their mother and step-father. They are all doing well in school, but they miss their little sister terribly.

A judge ruled in the fall that Egypt would be reunified with her family, with unsupervised visits beginning in October, transitioning to her being home for good by February 2019 at the latest. Finally, they thought, Egypt was coming home and they would all be together again.

Mother Jumped through Every DSS Hoop

At the time when Egypt was first medically kidnapped in 2015, Greenville Memorial Hospital Child Abuse Pediatrician [Dr. Nancy Henderson](#) told DSS that Kaya was incapable of caring for her child.

In the time since then, Kaya Jackson has attended many

doctors appointment and has worked hard to learn how to care for Egypt's medical needs and to meet every new requirement placed on her by DSS.

When they said that her home was too small, they moved into a 4-bedroom home. When they said that she could not rely on public transportation but needed a driver's license, she got it. Then she needed a car. It wasn't big enough for DSS, so they got a van.

See story:

Young Child Molested by Nurse in Foster Care Still not Returned to Mother More than a Year Later

Kaya took every class that DSS requested and then some, including classes on CPR, first aid, seizures and epilepsy, G-tubes, special needs children, and medications. She passed every class.

DSS reportedly never worked with her to get the classes, but she found ways to learn what she needed to without their help.

Her social worker told her that she had to get certified in car seats. She sought classes and watched YouTube videos, only to find out that there is no certification for parents in car seats. Certification is for EMTs and other specialists who work with parents.

She now knows more about car seat safety than many social workers who snatch children only to place them in the wrong car seat for the child's size. (Many parents report their children being taken by social workers or transported

by foster parents using incorrect car seats. Some have reported that their children are not properly buckled, or even placed into car seats that are not even buckled into the vehicle at all!)

For more than 2 years they told her that she needed training in how to care for Egypt, but they refused to give her the referrals that she needed to get the training.

She and her husband were finally able to complete a 3 day intensive training at Greenville Memorial Hospital. She learned how to change out the connectors on the feeding tube, how to give rescue medications for Egypt's seizures, and how to recognize when to take her to the emergency room.

She knows, and described to *Health Impact News*, what to do if problems arise.

The hospital where she took classes reportedly agreed that she was capable of caring for Egypt.



Kaya and Egypt at a doctor appointment March 2018. Photo provided by family.

It was one hoop after another, and Kaya met everything that was asked of her. She has “lots of certificates.”

DSS Chooses Own Judge to Reverse Reunification?

DSS was not happy with the judge who ruled for Egypt to be

reunified with her family. South Carolina has an odd quirk with family court that may be unique to that state – cases rotate through different judges instead of staying with the same judge. One advocate said that a clerk told her:

DSS makes their own court docket.

DSS is able to look at which judge will be present at what time so they can set up cases the way they want them.

This is how, presumably, at the next court hearing after reunification was ruled, DSS was able to get a new judge to back everything they wanted, including the demand that Kaya get a neuropsychological evaluation. The previous judge had stated that this was not necessary. DSS said that Kaya:

...has the diagnosable condition of Bi-polar Disorder, which renders her unable or unlikely to provide minimally acceptable care of Egypt Morales due to Egypt's medically fragile condition.

However, Kaya already has 3 psychological evaluations that say that she is not bi-polar. Nor does she have any other mental illness.

The neuropsych evaluation included an IQ test. Before the test, Kaya says that the psychologist Dr. Laura Stone Anthony said to her:

I already know what DSS is looking for. I have to give it to them.

Several advocates have told *Health Impact News* that the providers of services for DSS/CPS are usually contracted with them, and if they don't "find" the way the agency wants them to, they won't continue to get the lucrative contracts with CPS.

Alabama attorney Lisa Chasteen has reported that an attorney for CPS complained in a court hearing that a particular provider did not "find the way we want them to," and thus they rejected the services of that provider.



Egypt responds to the love of her family at a visit in February 2018. Photo provided by family.

The doctor contracted by DSS to do Kaya's evaluation found

that she was “borderline learning disabled,” with an IQ of 70.

Eric Ziegler and Amy Fabbrini are another couple who lost their children to “low IQ,” but they eventually got them back after their story went viral and was picked up by the Glenn Beck Show and many other media outlets. Eric’s IQ was tested to be at 66 and Amy’s, 72.

See:

[**Oregon Couple Labeled “Incapable” Parents by Social Workers – 2 Day Old Baby Kidnapped**](#)

[**Oregon Couple Loses Children due to “Low IQ”**](#)

[**After Public Outcry Oregon Judge Orders Children Returned to Parents with “IQ Too Low to Parent”**](#)

There were concerns expressed because Kaya didn’t “know the medications off the top of her head.” Kaya’s response is this:

Like I told her nurse, I have a list of her medications. All I have to do is read the bottle and pull her medications. What’s so hard about that? I know all her basic care.

When we first covered Egypt’s story, Kaya’s advocate Adrienne Lomax explained that she is a good mom who is capable of learning anything that she needs to; she simply learns a little slower. Things may need to be explained twice. Her experience has been that Kaya is quite competent in

figuring things out and looking up information that she needs.



Egypt is much loved by her family. Her oldest sister is smiling with her during a visit in August. Photo provided by family.

“Low IQ” Finding Destroys Hope of Being Together Again at Christmas

Nonetheless, Dr. Anthony’s findings have had a devastating effect on Egypt’s case.

Egypt’s pediatrician, who recently said that Kaya was capable of taking care of her daughter, has since changed her

recommendation, telling the court that she no longer recommends that Egypt be returned home due to her mother's low IQ and learning disability.

Visitation, which has been unsupervised since early October, has now stopped completely.

There will be no family visit at all for Christmas. The next court hearing is scheduled for January 30, 2019, and DSS is again recommending that all parental rights be terminated.

Kaya and her family are heartbroken.

Egypt's older siblings are "always asking when their sister is coming home."

Sha'kyah, who is now 7, sleeps with her little sister's picture. They were so happy about Egypt coming home, and now they cannot see her at all.



Egypt and her siblings at McDonalds after a doctor appointment – October 2018. Photo provided by family.

Kaya Jackson asks how that can possibly be good for Egypt. She has been told that the current fosters do not want to adopt her and that Egypt may be “unadoptable,” which could mean that:

now my child will be passed around in the system till she dies.

She has a family that loves her and wants her home.

Caring for special needs children is certainly a challenge, but

Kaya would not be alone in taking care of Egypt. She has plenty of support available to her, and she has trained to be able to care for Egypt.

DSS provides home-health nurses to help the foster parents with her care. At one time, there were nurses in the foster home for 20 hours per day (including the nurse who was arrested for sexually assaulting the child).

Medicaid would still cover a home-health nurse for 56 hours per week if Egypt goes home, (and they would be supervised by the family to ensure Egypt's safety in their care). That works out to 8 hours per day.

Kaya has already talked with a special school for her daughter. The school is year-round, and there would be a nurse on the school bus.

Some of the time at home are hours when Egypt will be sleeping. Kaya's husband will be home in the evenings to help. The other children are old enough to help with their sister's care as well, and the family has backup support already lined up.

Wouldn't it be better for Egypt to be surrounded by those who love her most?

ADA Violation by DSS

Kaya apologized on Facebook to her daughter "for having a learning disability." She wrote on the [Family Forward Project](#) page and the [Prayers for Egypt](#) page:

Im so sorry i don't have a genius iq!!!

People were shocked. Comments were very supportive and included statements like these:

- *Never apologize for who you are! It is not your fault the system failed you and your daughter. A learning disability does not make you a bad or unfit mom. You are a strong woman to go thru 4 years of fighting for your baby, that's exactly what a good mother would do. I'm so sorry, my heart breaks for you. Stay strong mama and never give up.*
- *Girl what I saw you do in the court room blew my mind!!! I don't even think I could have done that! They way you showed that judge how you knew how to take care of your daughter!! DONT YOU GIVE UP!!!*
- *This can't be real life. Idk you at all but I've followed your tragedy. My heart breaks for you. My prayers are with you both.*

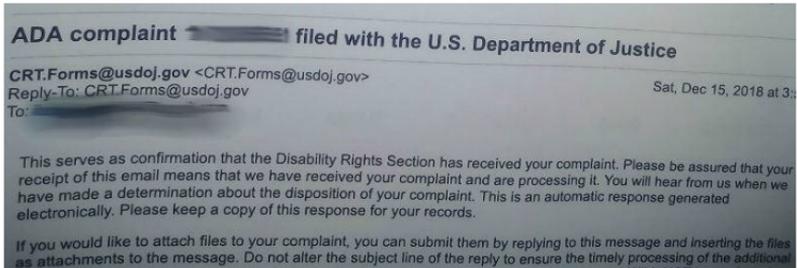
Many reminded her that, if she is learning disabled, then DSS must make reasonable accommodations for her in order for them to be in compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). They have not.

See:

[Disabled Parents Losing Right to Parent their Own Children in America while Foster Parent Recruitment Seeks "Imperfect Parents"](#)

Disabled Father Denied by State of Tennessee to Father his Own Child

Because this is a violation of Kaya Jackson's civil rights under the ADA, she has already taken action and filed a complaint with the Department of Justice. She received notice on December 15 that the DOJ has received her complaint.



The family is now in contact with a civil rights attorney whom they hope will take the case.

How You Can Help

There is a Facebook page set up for the family called [Prayers for EGYPT](#).



The governor of South Carolina is Henry McMaster. He may be reached at (803) 734-2100 or contacted [here](#).

The Senator for Kaya Jackson's district is Karl B. Allen. He

may be reached at (803) 212-6008 or contacted [here](#).

Representative Chandra E. Dillard represents the district.
She may be reached at (803) 212-6791 or contacted [here](#).

South Carolina Judge Orders Child Immediately Returned to Parents After Two Years Due to False Child Abuse Charges



2 Year Old Foxx Coker is reunited with his parents after being taken away at 2 months old. [Image source Post and Courier.](#)

SC parents work to reconnect with toddler son after child abuse probe pulled them apart

By [Glenn Smith](#)
[Post and Courier](#)

Excerpts:

Watching young Foxx Coker pad around his Johns Island home, clutching his favorite toy dog and dancing to the theme of SpongeBob SquarePants, his parents can't help but think of all the little moments like this they have missed over the past two years.

His first steps. His first words. His first taste of solid food. Moments forever lost amid a swirl of accusations and heartache.

Foxx was just 2 months old when the state Department of Social Services whisked him away in May 2017 after a variety of broken bones in his body led to suspicions of child abuse. Then, a judge unexpectedly returned him to his parents Wednesday after a medical expert testified that the boy's injuries resulted from a bone-weakening case of nutritional rickets, not physical abuse.

He's already spent more time with them than he has since he was placed in protective custody and shuttled through a series of foster homes. During that time, his parents were allowed to see Foxx for two hours each month in a DSS facility while case workers watched from behind two-way mirrors.

“He knew who we were,” said his father Joshua Coker. “But there is no way you can truly bond with someone in two hours a month.”

That's just 24 hours in a year, he said. The equivalent of a single day.

They would watch as the foster parents' car pulled away with Foxx inside after each visit. It was like the moment he'd

been stripped from them was being played on an endless loop, his mother, Ashley Joyner, said.

“It’s been awful,” she said, shaking her head. “An absolute nightmare.”

The family’s long journey started, Joyner said, when she discovered her infant’s son left leg was swollen one day, though without signs of obvious bruising. They ended up at Medical University Hospital, where doctors informed them that Foxx had a leg fracture.

The medical staff didn’t mention at the time that X-rays had pinpointed several other fractures as well. But soon, DSS investigators arrived on the scene and began questioning Joyner and Coker about the injuries, the couple said.

They were caught off guard by the sudden scrutiny but were confident, they said, that authorities would realize their suspicions were misplaced. That didn’t happen. Foxx was soon placed in protective custody.

A few weeks later, Charleston County sheriff’s deputies moved in to arrest the couple on suspicion of child abuse after testing failed to pinpoint a medical condition that could have caused the injuries and doctors pointed to signs of possible trauma, according to arrest affidavits.

After news of the arrests broke, the couple received death threats over social media, Coker said. Joyner said anger, depression and stress set in, and she grew uncomfortable even venturing out to the grocery store.

Foxx had been their “miracle baby,” as Joyner, 27, had a

medical condition that doctors said would prevent her from having a child. How could people think they would harm him, they wondered.

<https://youtu.be/wc3Qn5mhduU>

Read the full story at the [Post and Courier](#).