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Medical Kidnapping Children in the United States: Texas

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Texas



4 Month Old Texas Baby Seized from Parents in Medical Dispute



4 month old Kathryn

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The Texas mother of a four-month old baby girl writes, “I just want her back home in my arms and love and kiss on her! To hold her and never let go!” But it has been a month now since little Kathryn Hughes was literally taken out of her mother’s arms by CPS and the UMC Children’s Hospital in Lubbock, Texas, in what appears to be another medical kidnapping.

Lorie Blalock, the mother of Kathryn, feels as though she is living a nightmare, amidst contradictory information and diagnoses from the doctors. Despite doing everything she could to follow all of the doctors’ instructions, her baby was abruptly removed from her custody and is now in medical foster care away from the family who loves her.



Baby Kathryn with mom and siblings at home.

Baby Kathryn's Story

Kathryn was born on June 9, 2014, with a rare genetic condition called Pierre Robin Sequence. She also has a cleft soft palate and feeding problems that go along with it.

Originally, Kathryn was diagnosed with craniostenosis, an abnormality in the fusion of the skull plates. That diagnosis was later thrown out, but now the doctors have gone back to the original diagnosis.

She has experienced a number of medical problems in her short life, but despite the confusion, her mother has always followed the doctors' directives, trusting that they knew best. Now that system has turned on her and her daughter.

Lorie sought to give her baby the best start in life that she could, paying attention to good nutrition and prenatal care with a licensed midwife. Even though she had planned for a natural birth, Lorie felt intuitively that something was wrong at the end. Though continual fetal monitoring at the hospital showed variable decels for six hours, with the heart rate going up to 180 with each contraction, the staff assured her that everything was fine. Lorie's maternal instincts proved correct. During the emergency c-section that she readily agreed to, they found that the cord was wrapped around her baby's neck twice and was causing complications.

Unwanted Vaccine

Because of her own history of reactions to certain vaccines with convulsions and an 18 hour period of unresponsiveness, Lorie requested that the only shot that her newborn be given would be the Vitamin K shot. Her concern was ignored, and Kathryn was given the Hepatitis B vaccine in the hospital.

From the beginning, Kathryn was having difficulty feeding, which is very common for babies with cleft palates. Lorie sought help from the hospital's nurses and lactation consultant. After that, the baby latched on immediately, but had a weak suck. The nurses said it was nothing, blaming it on the anesthesia. It was the lactation consultant who

figured out that Kathryn had a cleft soft palate.

Seizures and Medical Problems

In late July, Kathryn began to have seizures.

On September 4, baby Kathryn had an ALTE (acute life threatening event) where she stopped breathing. Her family took her to the local hospital, where they airlifted her to UMC in Lubbock. That is where mother and baby would spend the next two weeks. It was determined that they would do surgery to insert a gbutton in order to insert a long-term feeding tube into her stomach. It would remain until she could have surgery to correct the cleft palate.



Kathryn in the hospital with a feeding tube.

The surgery went well, but by the 15th, Kathryn began urinating more than she was taking in. She underwent a number of tests. On the 17th, she threw up 5 times in a 15 minute period. Just before this, her fortified breastmilk had been switched to formula. After more tests were performed,

Kathryn was released to go home with her mother.

During the entire two week hospital stay, pictures of her show a happy baby. Her mother reports episodes of baby giggles, even in her sleep. With all the surgeries, and tests, meds, and wires, Kathryn was a happy and secure little girl, as can be seen in numerous pictures. Her mother spent the entire two weeks by her side, holding and nurturing her, only leaving the room for brief trips to the cafeteria.

Though they couldn't figure out the cause of the seizures, it appeared that the medications were getting the seizures under control. The nurses showed Lorie how to give Kathryn the proper dosage of medications via the gbutton. They went home on Thursday, September 18, after a two-week ordeal.

Back to Hospital - CPS Steps In and Takes Custody

It was short-lived. Only two days later, on the 20th, Kathryn again began having seizures, and was rushed to UMC.

The next day, CPS and the staff at UMC informed Lorie that they were taking custody of Kathryn over the medical condition. She was only out of the hospital's care for two days between September 4th and the 21st. Her mother had to beg to be able to at least say goodbye.

Lorie was stunned and devastated as they literally took baby Kathryn out of her arms, accusing her of not giving her the medications. She insists that she followed their instructions on how to give it to a T, detailing every step of the complicated process to me. The basis for the accusation was simply a test that showed that the level of phenobarbital in her bloodstream was 9.5 mg, but it should have been at least 10 mg.

Since that time, Lorie reports that she has learned that seizures lower the level of phenobarbital in the bloodstream, so logically it would go down after the three seizures that day. She also reports that a nurse was supposed to come to her home each day for Kathryn, but “the nurse called me and said that she could have been here, but CPS told her not to.” Had she come, she would have witnessed the giving of the medications. The nurse could have been able to correct any mistakes that she was making if she saw any. Other non-medical people were witnesses that Lorie did what the hospital told her to do, but CPS did not appear interested in hearing from them.

Lori has twins who are almost two, born prematurely, who are generally healthy. They take albuterol as needed. There has never been any question that she has given medications appropriately to the twins. Lorie cannot understand why she is being accused of such now, when she followed all of the hospital’s instructions for her baby’s care.

CPS and Texas Attempt to Terminate All Parental Rights



Baby Kathryn now in hospital care and separated from her mother.

The paperwork describing the case for removing baby Kathryn from her mother's care is filled with contradictions, discrepancies, and according to Lorie, statements that simply are not true. On October 15, the state attempted to terminate all parental rights, but the Blalock's attorney was able to keep that from going through. But, the battle is far from over.

Lorie and the rest of the family have only been permitted to see Kathryn twice in the month since the state took over custody. The last time was two weeks ago. For a four month

old baby, two weeks is an eternity without mom. There is no way for her to comprehend what has happened to her.

Despite all the tests and procedures, when mom was with her, as moms are supposed to be, Kathryn was secure and happy. It's clear from the photographs.

A Family's Nightmare

Then, there are heartbreaking photos of baby Kathryn from the family's first visit, an entire week after CPS kidnapped Kathryn. She is obviously different. She is distant, and despondent. She doesn't make eye contact. The contrast between the pictures before and after she is taken is stark, and jarring. When babies aren't with their mommies, it is devastating to them. No government official or hospital personnel can possibly substitute.



Kathryn with her mom after CPS took custody. No longer a happy baby.

On Monday, Lorie poured out her heart in a heart-rending post on the family's Facebook Page. All she wants to do is hold her baby and have her back in her arms, where she belongs.

"Can't sleep. Everyone is asleep but me and all I can think

about is my baby girl. Just have this gut wrenching heart twisting feeling something is wrong..... don't know why but I just do. And I know she is crying extremely bad I can feel it in my breasts.... still every cry and severity of cry I feel... and feel milk fill up.... Even though there is very little milk left.....

“Miss her and love her so much and would do anything to comfort her and hold her skin to skin on my chest and let her listen and relax to my scent my touch the sound of my heartbeat!!!!

“Please pray that she is okay! That God keeps his protecting arms wrapped around her and heals her!!!!”

It has been a month since baby Kathryn has been taken from her home. Babies are fairly flexible in that home is simply where mommy is. Psychologists tell us that the place where babies want to be is skin-to-skin with mom. When they are separated, the baby feels abandoned. Even Lorie's 2 year old twins look for their sister Kathryn and cry since she is gone. They don't understand this injustice either.

It is time for the public to be aware of the story of baby Kathryn Hughes who has been medically kidnapped from loving parents and siblings. Help us get this story out there.

Lorie Blalock has set up social media accounts to keep people updated. The Facebook page is “[Bring Baby Kathryn Home](#).” Twitter is [@bringkathome](#).

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CBS 7 in Texas Covers Medical Kidnap of Baby Kathryn



Health Impact News Editor Comments

In a story of an alleged medical kidnapping in Texas [first reported by Health Impact News](#), CBS 7 in west Texas interviewed the mother of the 4 month old baby that a local hospital seized after the mother raised concerns about the care she was receiving. Here is the interview:

<https://youtu.be/azLafA3weo8>

We applaud Lauren Lanmon and CBS 7 for giving the parents a voice in speaking out against medical child kidnapping. Show your support by visiting their website and by [reading their report](#).

They need to know that these are the kinds of stories the

media should be publishing in order to stand up for the rights of parents who are having their children seized by doctors and CPS, simply for wanting to seek a second opinion on the care of their child. [Seeing a lot of traffic to the story](#) will help them know this is an important issue to be addressed, and that the public wants to know about these issues.

Watch the [YouTube video](#) above as well, and make it the #1 watched video on their YouTube channel.

It was a local beat reporter in Connecticut, Beau Berman of FoxCT, that originally broke the [Justina Pelletier](#) story of medical kidnapping at Boston Children's Hospital that became a huge national story. So we need to support these local reporters in doing a very important and necessary job of exposing these cases and letting the families tell their story.

Thank you Lauren Lanmon!

[Learn more about baby Kathryn.](#)

UPDATE:

There is a [Facebook Page to support Baby Kathryn here.](#)

Lorie updated the situation on her last allowed visit with her baby:

So happy I finally got to see my baby girl today! Breaks my heart to leave her there! I am very concerned and worried about her! Her cry is extremely I mean extremely weak.

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medications or something again?!

Don't know what's going on in her medical care.

And as you can see in some of the pictures some of this is completely uncalled for.

She didn't even know how to grasp or reach for a toy or to bring a teething ring to her mouth. It's sad she was developing way ahead at home! She is almost 5 months now.



Just want my baby home!

After the visit we went to get diapers for the twins. I seen so many age appropriate baby toys and blankies booties and headbands and made me cry again because I want to be able to do things for my little girl and give her things and love on

her.

Miss her and want her home!

[Bring Kathryn Home Facebook Page.](#)

KAMC ABC in Lubbock Texas Reports on Baby Kathryn Medical Kidnap



Health Impact News Editor Comments

Reporter Anna Wiernicki of KAMC in Lubbock Texas interviewed the mother of 4 month old baby Kathryn who was taken away from her parents when they wanted to seek a second opinion regarding her medical care.

We applaud Anna Wiernicki and KAMC ABC for giving the parents a voice in speaking out against medical child kidnapping. Show your support by [visiting their website](#).

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Video no longer available.

Thank you Anna Wiernicki!

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2-year-old Taken From Loving Parents Killed by Foster Mother



Image from [Justice 4 Alex Hill Facebook Page](#).

Health Impact News Comments

A tragic story was back in the news this week in Texas. The foster parent of 2-year-old Alex Hill was sentenced to life in prison for the death of the young child who was taken away from her parents' home.

Alex Hill was reported to have been taken away from her biological parents because her father admitted to using marijuana at night after the child was in bed. With no evidence of abuse, CPS took custody of the child and placed her in a foster home with Sherill Small. Sherill Small reportedly admitted to police that she had slammed the child onto the floor, saying it was an accident.

It was also discovered that Sherill Small's husband, who lived in the home while the child was there, was himself a recovering crack cocaine addict and admitted to multiple drug charges.

So here we appear to have another case where social services removed a child from a loving home with no sign of abuse, and then put the child into an abusive foster home, with the child tragically being murdered.

Excerpts from [Fox43](#):

On Tuesday Alex's foster mother, Sherill Small, was sentenced to life in prison for the July 2013 death of the little girl, who would have turned four on Friday.

Alex's parents, Joshua Hill and Mary Sweeny, had reported bruises on their child during visitations, but were never told about Small's numerous violations.

Four months before Hill was set to regain custody he received a call that Alex was in the hospital. Small admitted to police

that she had slammed the child onto the floor, saying it was an accident.



Image from [Justice 4 Alex Hill Facebook Page](#).

Alex's autopsy revealed several bruises all around her body, and a medical examiner stated her head hit the floor so violently that she had "subdural hemorrhaging, subarachnoid hemorrhaging, and retinal hemorrhaging in

both eyes,” according to court testimony.

What may be one of the most frustrating parts of the case, Sherill Small’s husband who lived in the home while Alex was there, was himself a recovering crack cocaine addict and admitted to multiple drug charges.

The couple admitted this information during the home study portion of their foster application, but their home was still considered a “safe environment.” ([Source.](#))

The family has a memorial Facebook Page setup to honor their daughter: [Justice for Alex Hill.](#)

Texas CPS Kidnaps 19-month Old Child for "Failure to Thrive"



The Giwa Family. Image courtesy [Fox 26 Houston](#).

UPDATE 1/8/2016

[Texas Judge Admonishes CPS – Demands Return of Giwa Girls – Boy Remains in CPS Custody However in Partial Victory](#)

UPDATE 11/15/2015:

[Couple Arrested and Children Taken by CPS When Trying to Leave Texas to Visit Dying Grandmother](#)

UPDATE 10/13/2015:

Houston Couple Gagged and Told to Fire CPS-fighting Attorney in Order to See Medically-Kidnapped Child

Original Story:

By [Randy Wallace](#)
[MyFoxHouston.com](#)

Excerpts:

“It’s just painful it makes no sense,” says Olubunmi Giwa. The Giwa’s are not the kind of parents who come to mind when you think Child Protective Services.

“They’re well educated they are hardworking people the mom actually has a PHD in special education dad works for an energy company here in Houston” says attorney Jon Parchman.

The couple says they know their 19-month-old son is not developing like he should but say they’ve never gotten a medical reason for his developmental delays and say they’ve never denied him medical treatment.

In court documents CPS admits the reason for the boy’s developmental delays are not known but still that state agency is accusing the parents of medical neglect.

As for the medical neglect the attorney says CPS’s only witness in court was a doctor who never saw the boy or talked to the parents.

“The most they really got was the hospital room was a little dirty that was the extent of what they proved in court,” Parchman says. “The judge said so you’ve proven there’s a dirty hospital room that doesn’t get us to danger in returning the child home.”

Still the judge ruled in CPS’s favor granting them temporary custody and only allowing the parents to see their son for one hour twice a week.

“It’s horrible he’s never been without us he’s my baby the entire family is a mess because of it we can’t function,” Giwa said.

“Just let us be in Ali’s life,” Ali’s father Ahmed Giwa said. “Don’t take Ali away from us.”

[Read the entire article and watch the video at Fox Houston.](#)

(Note: Original story has been moved. See an [archived version here.](#))

Be sure to encourage [reporter Randy Wallace](#) by THANKING HIM for covering this story and exposing the actions of CPS in Houston. Great report [Randy](#), and we really appreciate it! It is time for the press to expose these state-sponsored kidnappings happening all across the U.S.

Greg Abbott is the Governor of Texas, and you can let him know what you think of CPS in his state by [contacting him here.](#)

More stories about CPS child kidnappings in Texas:

[12,000 Children from Foster Care Sue State of Texas over Abuses](#)

[Texas Deputies Punch Pregnant War Veteran Woman While CPS Takes Her Child](#)

[Cook Family vs. CPS Case in Texas Heads to Grand Jury](#)

[4 Month Old Texas Baby Seized from Parents in Medical Dispute](#)

[2-year-old Taken From Loving Parents Killed by Foster Mother](#)

CPS Kidnaps 11 Children from Texas Homeschool Family



Rembis kids on Christmas Eve in new PJs – handmade by Mom. Source: Rembis family

UPDATE 8/29/2016

[Colorado Police Help Texas CPS Kidnap Rembis Children and Bring Back to Texas – Father Jailed](#)

UPDATE 8/22/2016

Homeschool Texas Family Terrorized by CPS for Speaking Out and For Having Too Many Children at Home

UPDATE 9/11/2015

Innocence Destroyed: Case Against Texas Homeschool Family Dismissed as Traumatized Children try to Rebuild Their Lives

UPDATE 9/5/2015

From [The Rembis Family Facebook page](#):

From Mrs. Rembis, regarding the Monday, “status hearing”:

” So now, it’s been settled. CPS admits that the kids are happy & healthy. No abuse or neglect. But, but, BUT... they don’t know what their, ‘educational levels’ are. So the case will be dismissed as soon as they find out.

My heart has been shattered into a million pieces. It has taken every ounce of my strength to share this.

For what. This hell that we have been through. This pain. My God the pain. For... nothing.

Please pray for my husband and I. For healing. Pray for all of us please. “

This comment is from a supporter, Faith Bussey, on the Facebook page:

Here at the Rembis hearing. Guardian ad litem states that when she's able to interview the children that they are happy and healthy, BUT...they haven't been able to determine their education level. Here's an FYI, a child's education level is absolutely no business of the State. When CPS starts taking away children from public school parents when their kids are failing in school, then you can tell me this isn't about persecution of homeschooling.

Note: The family says that they were miraculously provided a wonderful home just in the nick of time, and they thank everyone for praying and supporting them.

UPDATE 8/14/2015

The Rembis family needs help. They have find a place NOW that will accept a large family near the Plano, Texas area. Because a police officer allegedly called the landlord when the children were unjustly taken, citing non-existent "lease violations," the landlord evicted them.

They have the means to get a new place, and there are adequate rental homes in their area available in their price range, but they are having difficulty finding someone who will approve them simply because they have 11 children. They are well into the process of packing, and are ready to move the moment that they find a homeowner willing to rent to their large family.

If you know of someone with a rental property in the area willing to help a family in need, please contact the family through their [Facebook page, The Rembis Family](#).

CPS Kidnaps 11 Children from Texas Homeschool Family

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

Claire Rembis was sick, and had to spend 3 days in the hospital. Her attack of pancreatitis paled in comparison to what happened next. The mom from Plano, Texas, came home to a nightmare that no parent should ever have to face. CPS came and took her children, all 11 of them, because a “well-meaning” couple, members of her oldest son’s former youth group, didn’t think that the 16 and 14 year olds could handle babysitting their siblings while their dad took the baby to the hospital to visit Claire.

Has it really gotten to the point where a mother cannot get sick without risking losing her children to the State?

The children were returned after a few days, because the removal on July 7, 2015, was reportedly illegal. However, the family is terrified because the CPS involvement opened the door to a long list of “services” ordered by the court – services which threaten to rip the family apart.

Family and friends consider these services to be invasive, unnecessary, and excessive.

However, if they fail to comply with these services, they risk their children being removed from their home again and

placed into foster care. They are walking on eggshells as they desperately try to comply with the demands of the state – demands that some of their friends say “strip them of their parental rights.”

According to Claire, “they are trying to come after our homeschooling as they cannot find any reason for removal.”

Not only is their homeschooling under fire, but the social workers allegedly want her to discontinue breastfeeding their 3 month old baby.

They also have to find a house to move to, and move, by August 8, because a police officer who accompanied the social worker decided to phone the Rembis’ landlord and allegedly accused them of violating their lease. They received the eviction notice the day after the children were seized. When no lease violations were found, the landlord reportedly decided not to renew their lease. They still have to move.

Not OK With CPS for Teens to Babysit Siblings

During the course of Claire’s 3 day hospital stay, William Rembis, Sr., reports that there were two occasions during which he was at the hospital with his wife, and the baby was with him both times. He had no concerns about the ability of his older children to care for the younger children.

However, Marshall and Patty Parker, members of the church where the oldest of the children, Will, 16, formerly attended, did not believe that a non-adult could handle caring for that many children, as they testified in their affidavits submitted

to the court. After allegedly coming by the house to bring food, they called CPS on the family.

Patty Parker: "The children are left at home alone and although the eldest is 16, being in charge of children as young as 2 and as many as 9 children is well beyond his capabilities."

Will spoke with Medical Kidnap about the allegations. He believes that the accusations could be retaliation against him because he stopped attending that church, where he previously held a leadership position.

"Because I know how to do something that they can't, apparently it makes it wrong for me to do it. I'm equipped to do this. I've grown up in a big family, and I know how this works. I know my siblings. I know how to work with them. I was able to take care of them just fine. It's not that hard – if they're hungry, get them some food. We're able to manage it."



Claire: “Will is especially good with the little ones. They just LOVE their Will 😊!” Source: Rembis family

Children who grow up in large families and/or with younger siblings typically know how to take care of the little ones. Even WebMD states that kids as young as 12 or 13 are often mature enough to babysit. ([Source](#)) In the Rembis family, 3 of the children fit that bill, at ages 16, 14, and 12.

It certainly isn't against any law for teens to be left at home

with younger siblings. Yet, Child Protective Services charged Claire and William Rembis with physical neglect and neglectful supervision for leaving the older kids in charge during an emergency situation.

Allegations of Messy House

The other allegation by the Parkers, which social worker Jennifer Matthews took to the judge to get the order for removal, was that the house was messy. According to blog [Cahnman's Musings](#):

CPS came to the house yesterday and looked in the windows. They were only able to see in to her twin girls' room, which (as I can attest with only one girl) was messy. (Seriously, can you imagine someone judging the condition of your home based on the cleanliness of your 8 year old's room?)

The Rembis family submitted photos to Medical Kidnap, which were taken the day that CPS took their children. The photos are shocking, after reading the allegations in Marshall Parker's affidavit that the home looked like a "landfill."



Rembis family's "messy" home, shortly before CPS arrived. Left: playroom. Right: kitchen. Source: Rembis family.

The order for the removal of the children was signed by visiting Judge Curt Henderson, while the sitting judge was on vacation. The sitting judge had reportedly previously denied the removal. According to protocols, the visiting judge reportedly should not have signed the emergency removal order without notifying the parents' attorneys first. The apparent violation is believed to be the reason that the children were returned home.

Claire and William say that the allegations against them have no basis in truth, and there is no evidence to support the allegations. William says that social worker Jennifer Matthews got the emergency removal order because she lied to the judge, saying that the parents had both been gone for three days.

"The thing is – anybody can make an allegation. Their

mission [of CPS] is to substantiate the allegation. They don't even try to disprove them. Some of the allegations were really far-fetched."

In the Rembis family's video recording of CPS taking their children away.

<https://youtu.be/05nu8U716rQ>

Claire asks incredulously,

"They said we left them [the kids] for 3 days?"

William: "Yeah, that's what they said."

Claire: "Wow."

Dramatic Escape From CPS by Oldest Teen

The Rembis family received word shortly before the arrival of CPS that they were coming to remove the children. They were terrified, but also devoutly Christian. The parents gathered their children to pray together and tell them how much they love them.

Will, the 16 year old son, tells Health Impact News that he has heard stories about the horrors of foster care, and he thought to himself:

"I am not about to be taken away by social services."

He went to his room to get his shoes, but CPS arrived while he was still in his room. He grabbed his longboard and tried to get out the back gate, but it was locked. So he walked nonchalantly out the front door, where 3 or 4 police officers and some social workers were standing as the children were being herded out of the house.

He says that he tipped his head to some of the authorities in greeting, and then skated off right under their noses. Allegedly, the social workers later testified that they didn't see him leave, but Will says that isn't true. He said he took one look back toward the house, and some of the social workers looked right at him as he skated away.

He spent the next couple of hours hiding and darting between and behind buildings and bushes, escaping social workers who were trying to chase him down.

Once, he tried to go back to his home, and noticed a red Mercedes driving down the street. When the driver saw him, he made a U-turn and came after Will, but, again, he was able to elude the person whom he said was obviously a social worker.

The 16 year old stayed gone for a week, only returning after the other children were allowed to come home. He says that his parents didn't know where he was, but he got word to them that he was safe.

(It would seem almost ironic that this resourceful teen is the same one that CPS and the Parkers accused of being incapable of caring for his younger siblings when his mother was sick?)

Kids Returned, But With Many Strings Attached

According to an update on the case on their Fundly page, the court date of July 14 “was a grueling day – They faced an army in the courtroom that contradicted themselves on sworn affidavits and went to great lengths to not just maintain state custody of these children, but to strip them of their parental rights.”



Claire: “Oh my heart. My heart. Making them leave just ripped my heart. Look at Aurora (right). Her eyes. I’ve never seen her look so... empty. My God. They are so sensitive. They have such tender hearts. Such sweet souls. My God it was just too much.” (Source: Rembis family.) This was the day CPS came.

At this point, the family asserts that the judge has no idea about most of the evidence in their defense.

Testimony by agents of CPS took up almost the entire hearing, while Claire Rembis was only given 20 minutes to testify about the most important people in her life. None of

the witnesses who intended to speak on the family's behalf were given the opportunity to testify.

Still, after being placed in several separate foster homes, and one of the siblings being sent to a shelter, the children were returned home. However, CPS was able to get court approval for a significant number of “services” ordered.

The older kids came home first, and several days later, the younger ones were returned. It was reportedly somehow “because of their ages” that the state kept the little ones longer.

“Services” Are More Like Blackmail

When one thinks of “services” being “offered,” the implication of the words are that they are helpful benefits that one may either accept or refuse. Not so with CPS services. Few Americans realize what these taxpayer-funded services actually are, and most believe that their purpose is simply to help struggling families. However, as many families from all over the nation report to Health Impact News, the “services” that CPS “offer” seem to amount to tyranny, slavery, and blackmail to them. The underlying threat is: Submit, or lose your children.

Other parents and attorneys have described them as being the equivalent of a fishing expedition. When CPS doesn't have enough grounds to take or keep the children, services are ordered in order to “catch” the parents in something that they can use.

Young Will Rembis describes them as both “a waste of time” and “another way for them to spy on us.”

In a recent story on the Coumpy family in Arizona, court documents actually show that submission to all services is demanded or else the children could be adopted out. ([Story here](#))

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make such orders with regard to such conduct as are just, including among others, any of the orders provided in Rule 44 of the Rules of Procedure for the Juvenile Court.

WARNING

As a parent, it is your responsibility to cooperate with all services offered, and work toward return of your child. A failure to do so, within a reasonable period of time, may mean losing your child forever through termination of your rights and adoption.

Extensive (Excessive?) List of Services Demanded By CPS

Although the allegations that originally got CPS involved in the Rembis family's lives were not proven, the door was opened for the state to make all sorts of demands on the family, for the purpose of "reducing the reasonable likelihood that the children ... may be neglected in the immediate or foreseeable future." In the words of William Rembis,

"What happened to innocent until proven guilty?"

Some of these service requirements listed in the overwhelming court order include:

- Intensive parenting classes. Parents must "show comprehension of each child and his or her independent needs."

- “Shall allow the Guardian Ad Litem and Attorney Ad Litem(s) to have unlimited, uninterrupted, private access to all children and encourage child participation in and/or out of the home.”
- Parents are required to notify CPS within 24 hours of any medical appointment for the children. CPS workers may attend the appointments.
- Psychological evaluations for the children
- Early Childhood Intervention evaluation for their daughter Sunday



The photo on the right was texted to Claire to show that baby Sunday was fine in foster care. The photo on the left was taken a week before at home. Claire: “The joy is missing from her face. The twinkle in her eye is dim. My God how on earth are we supposed to just let this happen to her!!! She needs to come home NOW!!!!!!! She was taken illegally, bring our baby back NOW!!!!!!”

- Evaluation and treatment for scabies within 48 hours of the order for their daughter Cora. When her own doctor examined her, he found that she had mosquito bites, not the scabies that CPS accused her of having. Medical diagnosis – “Bite of nonvenomous arthropod.”
- Tuberculosis testing for their daughters Cora, Pocahontas, and Cinderella
- Follow up appointment within 48 hours of the order for baby Enoch with a pediatrician. Parents required to email weight and blood test results to CPS if no one associated with CPS attends the appointment
- Medical physicals within 15 days of the order for William Jr., Alexander, Sebastian, Belle, Aurora, Pocahontas, and Cinderella
- The parents must follow all recommendations of the medical professionals, whether they agree or not
- Inform CPS of any person besides the parents babysitting the children, providing detailed information on the babysitter
- “Shall allow the Department, Guardian Ad Litem and Attorney Ad Litem(s) to inspect any parts of the house without parental interference.”
- And more, including demands which impact the Rembis family’s choices to homeschool and breastfeed

CPS Makes Demands About Homeschooling



Dad with some of the children. Image supplied by family.

According to the [Texas Homeschool Coalition](#),

“Home schools in Texas have been determined by the Texas courts to be private schools, and private schools are not regulated by the state of Texas. There are no requirements, such as teacher certification or curriculum approval.”

However, some of the requirements of the court ordered services could be seen as a direct attack on the family’s choice to homeschool their children, including:

- Developmental assessments to “assist the parents for future educational needs and in determining what agencies/churches/homeschool co-ops or networks each child may need.”
- Provide CPS a list of all homeschool curriculum,

workbooks, and log in information for the GALs “so that they may look to see if the children are in fact logging in within 10 days of this order for curriculum using now.” (NOTE: It is summer. Most children are not doing school currently.)

- Must join a homeschooling network and provide information about it by August 4

CPS Demands the Baby to Grow at an Unreasonable Rate, and Attacks Mother’s Breastfeeding

Other requirements relate to allegations that came in after the children were taken that they were not adequately feeding baby Enoch, who was breastfed. Claire said that the social workers have made it clear that they do not want her to breastfeed, even though she is a breastfeeding mother with many years of experience nursing many children.

One of their concerns is the pain medications that she was taking for the pancreatitis attack. However, due to her extensive knowledge and experience with breastfeeding, Claire researched experts on risks of medications during lactation. She reports that MotherToBaby, a service of the Organization of Teratology Information Specialists, vouches for her to continue nursing even with the medications she is taking.

The other concern is that Enoch is small. Allegedly, a pediatrician hired by CPS is calling this “failure to thrive.” Claire reports that tiny babies are her family’s norm, and that they don’t grow quickly in the beginning, even though they are healthy. Enoch’s pattern of growth is very similar to her previous 10 children.



Claire and William Rembis with baby Enoch. Source: Rembis family.

However, she says that the pediatrician hired by CPS has ignored the genetic component, and that she testified to the court that she was basing the concerns about the baby's weight on the CDC charts, not the WHO charts. Breastfed babies gain weight at a different rate than formula-fed

babies, and the WHO charts are based on breastfed babies being the norm. The pediatrician allegedly falsely testified that the CDC charts are based on breast-fed babies, but this is not true. According to the CDC website,

“The CDC growth reference charts are based on primarily formula-fed infants.” ([Source](#))

When she took her baby to family physician Dr. Robert Paul for a second opinion, he noted that Claire’s recent illness could also have impacted his weight. He checked out as being healthy.

Claire is afraid that the court is holding her baby’s weight to a false expectation. CPS has demanded that Enoch weigh 9 lbs 8 oz by August 4. On July 13, he weighed 7 lbs 15 oz. [KellyMom](#) reports that, according to La Leche League’s *Breastfeeding Answer Book*, breastfed babies up to 4 months gain an average of 5 to 7 ounces per week. For Enoch to reach the goal weight demanded by CPS, he would have to gain more than 8 ounces in each of the last 3 weeks, which is well above average.

Mrs. Rembis has been feeding her formerly exclusively breastfed baby formula in the hopes of reaching a goal that the data clearly demonstrates is excessive.

- She must maintain a daily feeding log of every feeding, noting the amount, time, and duration of feedings, as well as log all spit-up.
- Said log must be emailed at the end of each day to the social worker, the Guardian Ad Litem, the Attorney Ad Litem, and the parents’ attorney.

Recording of CPS Originally Forbidden

In the original court order, the parents, and any one of their “agents” were forbidden to videotape or audiotape any conversations or meetings with CPS or their agents. The family held that this was in violation of their constitutional rights and their rights as Texas citizens. There were already numerous concerns that social workers were acting in violation of the Rembis’ parental rights. They are thankful that the judge has now altered the ruling to permit recording.

Family Is Terrified

Their next court date is August 31 at 9:00 a.m. at the 417th District Court of Collin County. William and Claire Rembis are desperately trying to comply with all of the court’s demands, because their children mean everything to them.

They are terrified. Two days after receiving the final court orders about what services are required, CPS representatives descended upon their home in droves – 5 visits within 16 hours.

Strange cars have reportedly begun driving down their street slowly, as if they are looking for something. A neighbor has allegedly been writing down the license plates of visitors to the Rembis home and sending them to the social worker. Two different friends have reported that a neighbor was snapping photos of them as they got out of their vehicles and walked to the house. Another neighbor was seen sneaking around the bushes by their home late one night recently. Social worker Jennifer Matthews is reportedly no longer assigned to their case, yet she has been contacting friends of the family through Facebook. The family feels like

they are being stalked by people who “don’t have the kids’ best interest at heart.”

Meanwhile, they have to pack and search for a new home that will have room for their large family by August 8, all the while working to cooperate with the numerous services of CPS.

How You Can Help

There is a Facebook page called [The Rembis Family](#) that has been set up for supporters to follow their story and offer support.



Contact:

Texas Governor Greg Abbott at (512) 463-1782, or reach him [here](#).

Senator Van Taylor at (512) 463-0108, or reach him [here](#).

Congressman Jeff Leach at (512) 463-0544, or reach him [here](#).

Judge Orders CPS to Return Baby to Parents in Texas Medical Kidnap Case



Ethan Johnson and Diana Gonzalez hold their daughter, Melodi. Joining them was Melodi's grandmother, Lana Gonzalez. [Photo by TDTNews.com and Deborah McKeon.](#)

by [DEBORAH MCKEON](#)
[Temple Daily Telegram](#)

Excerpts:

Tears of relief and joyful smiles were a few indicators of the emotions that Diana Gonzalez and Ethan Johnson felt Tuesday morning when state District Judge Charles Van Orden ruled that their 10-month-old daughter, Melodi, must be returned to them that afternoon by Child Protective Services.

But their rejoicing was cut short briefly Tuesday afternoon when a CPS investigator allegedly defied Van Orden's order that the couple could be with their daughter at McLane Children's Hospital Scott & White for testing. They were holding Melodi when the investigator ordered them to surrender her and then the couple was escorted from the hospital by security officers, Brad Williamson, the couple's attorney, said.

“Melodi had better be back in their arms no later than 4 p.m.,” Williamson said. “They are defying the judge’s ruling that the parents could be there.”

Williamson mentioned possibly calling CPS headquarters directly to file a complaint against it for not following the judge's orders and could even file a motion for enforcement, he said.

While on the phone with the hospital to get a correct phone number for the CPS investigator, Williamson received notification that Melodi's bone scan proved she had absolutely no broken bones.

Melodi was returned to her parents before 4 p.m. and was taken home.

Read the [full story at tdtnews.com](http://tdtnews.com).

Innocence Destroyed: Case Against Texas Homeschool Family Dismissed as Traumatized Children Try to Rebuild Their Lives



Claire and William Rembis with the youngest of their 11 children. Source: the Rembis family

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

The Rembis family in Texas is rejoicing and giving glory to God. Family court Judge Cyndi Wheless has ruled that the CPS case against them is dismissed. Their children are home, and there are no more “hoops” to jump through to prove that they are good parents for their 11 homeschooled children.

There was a court hearing on August 31, but the case remained open after the hearing, over concerns that CPS didn't know what the “educational status” of the children was. Then, the judge issued a ruling, “after considering the testimony at trial of the investigator from Montague County and the testimony of the lawyers regarding the status of the kids being healthy and happy.”

Case dismissed.

Claire Rembis says that they got the news on Tuesday morning, and she is still stunned that the whole nightmare ordeal is over.

I feel free, but I am still shocked! Is this really closed? I feel vulnerable. The case is closed completely, but look what we had to go through.

Their whole nightmare ordeal began when Claire, formerly of Plano, Texas, had an acute attack of pancreatitis and had to be hospitalized for 3 days. Two church members from a church their oldest son had previously attended said that they stopped by the house to “help.” Instead, they decided to report the family to CPS because the 2 oldest boys, ages 16 and 14, were left in charge of their siblings while their father

William took the baby (7 weeks old at the time) to visit Claire in the hospital.

See story here:

CPS Kidnaps 11 Children from Texas Homeschool Family

Rather than coming home to recuperate, the mother of 11 came home to have Child Protective Services drop in to take all of their children. The removal was reportedly illegal, and the children were returned after several days, but not without a heavy tapestry of strings attached. Many services were court-ordered, the sheer volume of which any parent would find intimidating.

Meanwhile, the family had to find a new place to live after an officer present during the seizure of the children made unfounded allegations to the landlord of their home about the family violating their lease.



Rembis Christmas photo. Source: the Rembis family

It is not an easy thing to find a suitable home on short notice that will accommodate such a large family, but the family says that God miraculously provided a wonderful home the very weekend that they had to be out of their old house. The new house is in a different county, which ended up being very good for the family.

New Allegations Surface – Possibly From an Insider for Harassment

About 2 weeks before the last court hearing, new allegations came to the surface. Claire says that she learned that some of the new allegations appeared to be a copy and paste of previous allegations which had already been demonstrated to be unfounded.

Others were completely absurd: it was alleged that she had KNIVES in a drawer in her kitchen. The kids could possibly get to them, CPS feared. But, the truth of the matter is that, while every other home in America probably does have knives in a kitchen drawer, the Rembis home does not. The knives are kept in a wooden block that is pushed to the back of the counter top, safely out of reach of little hands.

Claire and William were told that the new allegations appear to have come from someone with an agenda, in order to harass them. They report that they were also being harassed by their social worker Jennifer Matthews, who was allegedly given the choice to be fired or resign from CPS recently after she was removed from their case. She resigned.



Social worker Jennifer Matthews. Source: [YouTube video](#) of the Rembis children's removal.

It is unknown who the new allegations came from, but a new investigator from the new county came to the new house to investigate the allegations.

CPS Subpoenas New Investigator – Not What They Expected

The hearing last week took place in Collin County, where the Rembis family used to live, with all of the former players. The anomaly was the new CPS investigator from Montague County, where the Rembis family currently resides. Claire reports that one of her supporters described the attorneys, Guardian Ad Litem, CPS workers, etc, as “all frothing at the mouth” as they brought accusation after allegation about the children’s education and so on. When the new investigator that CPS had subpoenaed got on the stand, William Rembis reports that he testified that all of the children denied any abuse or neglect in his conversations with him, and stated:

I have no concerns about this family.

Reportedly, the Family Services worker rolled her eyes, and an Attorney Ad Litem’s face turned red. The judge inquired how any of the concerns presented by CPS affect the safety of the children, when CPS workers themselves admitted that the children were happy and healthy.

Claire sent this message to her friends:

2 weeks ago someone called in a false report – new allegations. The investigator spent about 4 hours with our family, including private interviews with the kids. Of course

the allegations were unfounded. CPS subpoenaed him to testify on their behalf. Little did they know that he spoke very highly of our family. My husband said that the CPS folks were giving him dirty looks while he was praising us! Turns out, that terrifying experience for us turned into a blessing in the end! Finally, a CPS investigator that wasn't corrupt. A county that isn't corrupt.

However, as previously reported, the case was not dismissed, pending “educational assessments” and another weight check of baby Enoch. The homeschooling of the children was being challenged as a basis for keeping the family in the CPS system.

Claire says that she was overjoyed to learn this week that Judge Wheless decided to dismiss the case.

CPS Harm Remains: Children are Traumatized

Though they are thankful that the case is over, the trauma that the family has experienced is not. The children have reportedly lost some of their innocence. They no longer have the security of the childlike faith that their daddy can protect them from anything, because they saw that, against the monster of Child Protective Services, their strong daddy was powerless.



Source: the Rembis family

The fears of the children are triggered by simple things like the ringing of the doorbell. They are afraid of the police now. Their parents have taught them that the police are the good guys, but the children no longer trust that. They are fearful that any police officer they see works with CPS and will take them away from their parents.

Some of the children have been having nightmares, and cry out in the night from dreams “that I was in the foster home.” They come to their parents room in the middle of the night, scared.

They are also terrified whenever they see anyone out in public that reminds them of Jennifer Matthews. She is the person that Claire reports her children fear most. Jennifer

was the one who was banging on the door to take them away, and who was looking into their bedroom windows. When the children see someone who looks like the social worker, they immediately think that the person is a bad person.

Cinderella never had problems with anxiety before, but now she is reportedly panicking and having tummy aches, asking for her parents to pray for her because she is so afraid.

Claire – the System Needs to Be Changed

One thing that Claire says that she takes away from all the ordeal that they have been through is the recognition that the judges rely on the people within the system – the Guardian Ad Litem, social workers, attorneys, etc. – to give them good information. Also, many times the attorneys fail to present information that is needed to tell their clients' side of the story. In the first hearing with the Rembis family, their side was only given about 20 minutes for testimony, while the CPS side took up most of the day.

I realize that these judges are only going to hear what these workers or investigators tell them. If they are only hearing from corrupt workers, then that affects their rulings. She [Judge Wheless] was doing the best she could with the information she had. The most incredible, fair judge still has to rule with the information they have, and some of these people [social workers, GALs] lie under oath.

It was good that we have the judge that we have.

She says that the judge rebuked the social workers for investigating calls that were clearly harassment calls, asking why they even brought the allegations to court when it was

obvious that they knew that the calls were harassment. This is reportedly not in accordance with protocol, but they did it. Claire continues:

It is really important that now we find ways to change the system.



Not afraid to work to change the system. Source: the Rembis family

“We Saw Miracles”

Now that they have experienced something they say that no family should ever have to go through, Claire says that she wants to help other families. She believes strongly in the power of prayer, and credits God with bringing the victory to her family.

The stuff in the Bible – you don’t really think you’re going to see that stuff today. But we’ve been seeing miracles – like parting-the-sea miracles. God’s still doing it!

See, God used that terrifying ordeal FOR GOOD! His promises are true. God is not a liar. The Bible is TRUTH.



[The Rembis Family Facebook page](#)

Houston Couple Gagged and Told to Fire CPS-fighting Attorney in Order to See Medically-Kidnapped Child



The Giwa Family. Image courtesy [Fox 26 Houston](#).

UPDATE 1/8/2016

[Texas Judge Admonishes CPS – Demands Return of Giwa Girls – Boy Remains in CPS Custody However in Partial Victory](#)

UPDATE 11/15/2015:

[Couple Arrested and Children Taken by CPS](#)

[When Trying to Leave Texas to Visit Dying Grandmother](#)

Houston Couple Gagged and Told to Fire CPS-fighting Attorney in Order to See Medically-Kidnapped Child

by Brian Shilhavy
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Earlier this year, in May of 2015, we reported on the story of the Giwa family in Houston, who had their 19 month old son medically kidnapped by Texas CPS. Randy Wallace of Fox News Houston broke the story. See our original coverage of this story here:

[Texas CPS Kidnaps 19-month Old Child for “Failure to Thrive”](#)

Ahmed Giwa, the father of 19-month old Ali, contacted Health Impact News and MedicalKidnap.com at that time about publishing their full story. This was the last statement we received from him by email in May 2015:

Currently waiting for the Police outside the hospital where they have our son because CPS said they should not allow us in. Let us schedule next week outside Monday please. The Police (are) here now.

Multiple attempts to contact Ahmed and follow up after this

email was received were unsuccessful, and we suspected that a gag order had been placed on the parents in an attempt to stop the media and the public from learning any more about their story.

Both Ahmed and his wife Olubunmi have now contacted Health Impact News, and they want the world to know their story. Not only were they issued a gag order and told not to talk to the media, they were told they had to fire their attorney if they wanted to see their son again. The family had retained the services of Attorney Julie Ketterman in Houston, who has a history of fighting back against CPS and standing up for family rights. She has publicly stated:

CPS profits every time they place a child outside the home for adoption. It has stopped being a resource for families in need and has instead turned into an adoption mill.

See:

[Texas Attorney: CPS is Too Powerful - Has Become an "Adoption Mill"](#)

[Child Removed from Parents for "Failure to Thrive"](#)



As was originally reported by [Randy Wallace of Fox News Houston](#), Texas CPS removed 19-month old Ali from his parents' custody due to "failure to thrive":

The couple says they know their 19-month-old son is not developing like he should but say they've never gotten a medical reason for his developmental delays and say they've never denied him medical treatment.

In court documents CPS admits the reason for the boy's developmental delays are not known but still that state agency is accusing the parents of medical neglect.

As for the medical neglect the attorney says CPS's only witness in court was a doctor who never saw the boy or talked to the parents.

Ahmed and Olubunmi are well-educated and respected members of their community:

The Giwas are not the kind of parents who come to mind when you think Child Protective Services. "They're well educated they are hardworking people the mom actually has a PHD in special education dad works for an energy company here in Houston," says attorney Jon Parchman.

Gag Order and Demand to Fire Attorney as Conditions to Receiving their Child Back

The Giwas did what any parents would do in a situation where they had just had their child removed from their custody at the hospital: they looked up the best attorney they could find to fight back and try to get their baby home again.

Their search led them to Attorney Julie Ketterman in Houston. [Julie's law firm website](#) lists her as a "Certified Family Law and CPS Mediator." She has her own weekly radio program, and is an outspoken critic of [how Texas CPS operates](#).

Olubunmi, the mother of Ali, alleges that in a phone call with Texas CPS Investigator Jon Chapman shortly after their son was taken, she was told that they had to terminate their relationship with Julie Ketterman before they could see their son. He allegedly told her that Ketterman had to contact him and confirm they were no longer handling their case in order for them to have any visitation with their son.

As a condition for the Giwas to bring little Ali back home, they had to sign off on a “Rule 11” agreement forced upon them. Among other things, this agreement stated that they would have no contact with the media to tell their story.

Their passports were also confiscated and they were instructed to stay within their county, making them what they feel are virtual “prisoners.” They have allegedly been neither charged nor convicted of any crimes.

Other stipulations that the Giwas were forced to agree to as a condition to receive their son back home included:

- A full psychological examination with a licensed psychologist approved by CPS
- Attend parenting classes
- Home visits at the discretion of CPS at anytime unannounced
- All medical care and therapy for their son has to be approved by CPS and Children’s Memorial Hermann
- Document all visitors coming into their home, including relatives

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IN THE INTEREST OF
ALI GIWA
CHILD

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF
HARRIS COUNTY, TEXAS
314TH JUDICIAL DISTRICT

RULE 11 AGREEMENT - Temporary Order *9/25/15*

Pursuant to Rule 11 of the Texas Rules of Civil Procedure, the parties, by and through their respective attorneys of record, and the Attorney Ad Litem agree that the child will be returned home subject to the restrictions and stipulations set forth below. These restrictions and conditions are zero tolerance restrictions and conditions and the child will be subject to immediate removal in the event the agreement is violated. The Guardian Ad Litem does not agree but has offered input into this Agreement, if the Court were to approve it:

1. Mrs. Giwa/Mr. Giwa will submit to a full psychological examination with a licensed psychologist approved by the Agency, the parents, the Guardian Ad Litem and the Attorney Ad Litem. If no agreement is reached, the Attorney Ad Litem shall select the psychologist and obtain approval of the Psychologist by Court Appointment. Ms. Giwa/Mr. Giwa will provide complete disclosure, as well as honest, accurate and truthful information during their evaluations. Mrs. Giwa/Mr. Giwa will also follow all recommendations made by the psychologist.
2. Mrs. Giwa/Mr. Giwa will complete at least 12 individual counseling sessions with a licensed psychologist approved by the Agency, the parents, the Guardian Ad Litem and the Attorney Ad Litem. If no agreement the Attorney Ad Litem shall select the psychologist and obtain approval of the Psychologist by Court Appointment. Additional counseling sessions may be required, at the discretion of the therapist. Ms. Giwa/Mr. Giwa will provide complete disclosure, as well as honest, accurate and truthful information during therapy sessions. As a result of the sessions, they will come to understand why their child is in CPS custody, why discussions are being requested over conflicting narrative, reports of deception, reports of poor judgment, reports of medical neglect, reports of domestic violence and reports of homelessness. Additionally, Mrs. Giwa/Mr. Giwa will demonstrate to therapist how such issues will be avoided in the future. This task will be considered complete once the therapist successfully discharges Mrs. Giwa/Mr. Giwa.

Leave it to discretion of counselor

(September) dismissed

3. Mrs. Giwa/Mr. Giwa will provide complete disclosure, as well as honest, accurate and truthful information to all parties regarding issues relevant to this case, including background, family history, travel, employment, residences and all sources of income and financial ability to provide for the child.

14 Mrs. Giwa/Mr. Giwa will attend, actively participate in, and successfully complete parenting classes for children with special needs. They will demonstrate (verbally and/or in writing) learned behaviors/acquired skills that are consistent with their children's ages and developmental capacities. Upon completion of the parenting classes, Mrs. Giwa/Mr. Giwa will provide the DFPS caseworker with a copy of the completion certificate within 48 hours of receipt.

Signature of lease agent
25 Mrs. Giwa/Mr. Giwa are to obtain, pay for, and maintain appropriate and stable housing of least 6 months for themselves and their children. Appropriate housing will be demonstrated by providing a copy of the lease agreement or ownership documents, signed by all relevant parties, a current utility bill and through home visits by the caseworker. Client will provide caseworker with the complete address (name of the apartment complex, apartment number, street address, city and zip code). Mrs. Giwa/Mr. Giwa will notify the caseworker within 24 hours of a decision to move and before any move takes place. Mrs. Giwa/Mr. Giwa are also to provide caseworker any proposed occupants' name(s), date of birth, social security number, and copy(s) of identifying information for that(those) person(s) within 48 hours of that person's intended move-in date. All such persons will have to be preapproved by DFPS, the Guardian Ad Litem and the Attorney Ad Litem.

6. Mrs. Giwa/Mr. Giwa will attend all Court hearings, permanency conferences, family visits, and scheduled appointments. They will also provide truthful and accurate information to CPS, the courts, and service providers.

7. Mrs. Giwa or Mr. Giwa will obtain and maintain legal and verifiable employment for at least 6 months. They will provide her/his DFPS caseworker with any and all sources of income for themselves and their children within the past 2 calendar years.

8. Mrs. Giwa/Mr. Giwa will allow ^{DJAS JP WSC} Lisa McCortney to perform a comprehensive home study on them and their home evaluate their home to determine if it is a safe and suitable long term environment and placement for the child.

9. Mrs. Giwa/Mr. Giwa will surrender all United States passports, Nigerian passports and/or passports from any and all countries or jurisdictions to the Attorney Ad Litem who will hold all passports in trust. Notification will be given to the State Department if possible. ^{JP, THE DEPT OF STATE HAS THE COPIES WSC}
^{MR GIWA CAN OBTAIN RETURN OF HIS FOREIGN PASS BOOK PASSPORTS, UPON REQUEST JP}

10. Mrs. Giwa/Mr. Giwa shall not remove the child from the territorial jurisdiction of the United States and are restricted from traveling outside of Harris County with the ^{JP Secretary General of Harris County WSC}

child, without the prior written consent of DFPS, the Attorney Ad Litem and the Guardian Ad Litem.

11. Other than his prescribed home therapy, the child will have all of his occupational, physical and speech therapy outside of the home as designated by the care team at Children's Memorial Hermann.
12. The Care Team at Children's Memorial Hermann shall be the designated health care provider for the child.
13. DFPS will remain as the medical consenter for the child.
14. The child will be produced to a person or place designated by The Care Team at Children's Memorial Hermann for weight checks at least weekly and the parents shall provide a daily weight log to the person and place designated by The Care Team at Children's Memorial Hermann and DFPS.
15. Mrs. Giwa/Mr. Giwa will maintain a detailed food journal of everything the child eats and drinks on a daily basis and will submit the food journal to the DFPS caseworker and The Care Team at Children's Memorial Hermann daily by email.
16. Mrs. Giwa/Mr. Giwa must include in their daily report any problems or difficulties they have with getting the child to eat and how long it took the child to eat each meal or snack. The child's feeding and beverage schedule shall be closely monitored and controlled by DFPS and The Care Team at Children's Memorial Hermann and the parents shall not allow any deviation from this schedule.
17. Mrs. Giwa/Mr. Giwa will pay for the genetic tests that are recommended.
18. Mrs. Giwa/Mr. Giwa will provide all child care information to DFPS and Child Advocates and all caretakers that babysit or care for the child must be cleared by DFPS and Child Advocates.
19. Mrs. Giwa/Mr. Giwa agree to refrain from any media contacts that include the child or any information about the child.
20. DFPS and the GAL or AAL should visit the child at their discretion and shall have unfettered access to him. *THERE WILL BE NO IMAGE OF THE CHILD, NO RECORD OF INFORMATION AS TO THE CHILD AND NO CONTACT WITH ANY PERSONS AT THE HOME. VISITS AND AAL SHOULD VISIT AND AS OF THIS DATE.*
21. Mrs. Giwa/Mr. Giwa will be cooperative with DFPS, AAL, Child Advocates and Lisa McCartney and will take direction from DFPS and The Care Team at Children's Memorial Hermann and follow all directions for the child's care.

21(A) MRS GIWA/MR GIWA TO ALLOW DFPS AND CHILD ADVOCATES TO VIEW THE HOME AND DO A HOME ASSESSMENT ON 6/23/15 TO APPROVE THE HOME TO BE PLACED IN.
21(B) PLACEMENT TO BE BY 7:00 PM ON FRIDAY 6/26/15.

22. Mrs. Giwa/Mr. Giwa will follow all medical advice for the child and comply with all ongoing medical treatment plans for the child's condition, including all therapies and medical appointments. DFPS, the GAL and the AAL shall be notified at least 48 hours in advance of the date, time and place of each appointment.
23. Mrs. Giwa/Mr. Giwa will comply with any of the Judge's Orders.
24. Mrs. Giwa/Mr. Giwa will provide full information for all frequent visitors, including the child's "uncle" and "maternal grandmother and DFPS shall do a full criminal background check and DFPS background check and provide prompt approval or rejection of the people allowed around the child." If the Maternal Grandmother is ever to be considered as a placement or daycare provider for the child, she will have to supply DNA and submit to a comprehensive Home Study by Lisa McCarty at least 21 days in advance of the request. DFPS JLP UBC
25. Mrs. Giwa/Mr. Giwa will allow DFPS, Attorney Ad Litem and Child Advocates access anytime to all members of the Giwa household.
26. Mrs. Giwa/Mr. Giwa will provide birth certificates for themselves and all the children. Mrs. Giwa/Mr. Giwa will also provide all hospital birth records for the twins as well as the records for while the children were *in vitro*.
27. Mrs. Giwa/Mr. Giwa will provide receipts for doctor recommended formula and boost supplement show bottles at visits by DFPS, the AAL and the GAL.
28. Child Advocates will submit their questions regarding family history, etc, in writing and Mrs. Giwa/Mr. Giwa will answer such questions to Child Advocates, in writing within 21 days of the request
29. Mrs. Giwa/Mr. Giwa will each provide copies of their driver's licenses or state identification cards from all jurisdictions.
30. Mrs. Giwa/Mr. Giwa will sign Child Advocates' Release of Information forms.
31. Mrs. Giwa/Mr. Giwa are to sign and deliver to DFPS, within 24 hours of any request any and all Authorizations and Consents to the Release of Confidential Information on themselves and the child and shall identify fully all health care providers of any kind who had any dealings with the child in any way.
32. Mrs. Giwa/Mr. Giwa are to sign and deliver to DFPS, within 24 hours of any request any and all Authorizations and Consents to the Release of Confidential Information on themselves and shall identify fully all employment and work providers of any kind who had any dealings with the parents.

33. Mrs. Giwa/Mr. Giwa are to sign and deliver to DFPS, within 24 hours of any request any and all Authorizations and Consents to the Release of Confidential Information on themselves and shall identify fully all educational institutions of any kind who had any dealings with the parent(s).

SIGNED on this the 35th day of June, 2015.

As we have previously reported here at MedicalKidnap.com,

parents who have their children taken away by the State, even when no criminal charges are filed against them, have fewer Constitutional rights than convicted felons such as murders, rapists, terrorists, etc. See:

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

Houston Attorney Outraged



Julie Ketterman.

I spoke by phone with Houston attorney Julie Ketterman about the Giwas. She confirmed that they had indeed retained her services, and then suddenly dropped her with no explanation as to why. She stated that Ali's mom did mention that a caseworker had said something "bad" about her, but that she "gets that all the time" from caseworkers in Harris County.

But she stated this was the first time she had ever heard of someone threatening a parent and stating that they could not see their child unless they fired her, although this is consistent with them not wanting her on cases.

It doesn't surprise me at all that they would say you can't see your kid now unless you fire Julie. But that sure isn't Constitutional! And neither is that gag order.

Will Texans Take a Stand Against CPS Ripping Apart Families?

Texas does not have a good reputation when it comes to the care of Texas children taken out of homes and put into the care of the State.

In 2014, the national child advocacy organization *Children's Rights*, a New York-based advocacy group, started [a class action lawsuit](#) against the State of Texas on behalf of 12,000 children in long-term state care. (See: [12,000 Children from Foster Care Sue State of Texas over Abuses.](#))

A few weeks ago (September 2015), three Texas CPS caseworkers received felony indictments and were charged with oppression, tampering with evidence, and falsifying

and forging documents to conduct illegal searches and seizures. (See: [3 Oppressive Texas CPS Agents Receive Felony Indictment.](#))

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Ask Governor Abbott Why Texas is not Protecting Children and Families

Texas Governor Greg Abbott, [according to his website](#):

collected more than \$31 billion in child support for Texas children, and in 2014, his office was recognized as the nation's best child support program by the National Child Support Enforcement Association.

Where are these funds being spent? Are Texas families really being supported by state and federal programs? If so, why are so many families in Texas like the Giwas contacting Health Impact News to have their stories told on MedicalKidnap.com? Or are these funds being used to pay salaries and expenses of a corrupt system that is actually destroying families to collect federal and state funds for every child that comes into the system?

If you want to ask these questions to **Governor Abbott**, you can [contact him here](#). Ask him why the Giwas are being treated like criminals when they have done nothing wrong, and ask him to tell CPS to immediately drop their case against the Giwas.

Governor Abbott's [Facebook Page is here](#).

Couple Arrested and Children Taken by CPS When Trying to Leave Texas to Visit Dying Grandmother



Giwas heading into court with attorney Julie Ketterman.
Image courtesy [Fox 26 Houston](#)

UPDATE 12/12/2015:

By [Randy Wallace](#)
[MyFoxHouston.com](#)

Judge orders parents who talked critically of CPS to FOX 26 to pay \$5000 in sanctions

Excerpts:

“CPS has admitted in open court that they have not one shred of evidence that the child was neglected, the children

were abused, the children were abandoned or mistreated,” said community activist Quanell X who attended the court hearing Thursday.

Quanell X spoke with Randy Wallace of Fox 26:

“They brought up you continuously during the hearing and told them they can’t talk to you,” said Quanell X. “But they never said your story was fabricated they never said what you reported was untrue.”

This case has gotten the attention of the Consulate General of Nigeria.

“The children should be given back to their parents because they are loving they are caring they are capable willing and able to take care of their children,” said Ambassador Geoffrey Teneilabe.

In court, attorneys for CPS and the little boy said things were on track for the Giwa’s to get all three of their kids back but not now since those attorneys say the couple is openly defying court orders.

[Read the entire article and watch the video at Fox Houston.](#)

Couple Arrested and Children Taken by CPS When Trying to Leave Texas to Visit Dying Grandmother

by Health Impact News/MedicalKidnap.com Staff

They just wanted to honor a dying grandmother's deathbed wish to see her grandbabies one time before she leaves this earth. Now, thanks to the intervention of a Texas Ranger and CPS, that may never happen. Ahmed and Olubunmi Giwa were arrested last weekend and all of their children seized by Child Protective Services when they tried to fly out on an emergency trip to see Mr. Giwa's mother. Olubunmi doesn't understand why they are doing this to her family:

What human being would not understand a dying person's wish to see their grandchildren before she passes? CPS is denying her dying wish! This is a humanitarian issue. They've turned themselves into God.

Ahmed's mother is reportedly doing very poorly. The family was simply planning to visit her in Nigeria for a couple of days. They had return tickets for everyone, and their car was parked in the parking deck at the airport the whole time.

Ali Giwa was medically kidnapped on April 14, 2015, by Harris County CPS – a county the family doesn't even live in – on allegations of “failure to thrive.” It is still unclear how Harris County has jurisdiction in this case. Though Ali has some developmental delays, CPS never mentioned to the

judge that he is in the 75th percentile with his height and weight. He was returned home on July 29, but the bizarre case remained open.

Now, CPS has taken the 2 year old's twin sister and his 3 year old sister as well and placed them into foster care, accusing his parents of "interfering with child custody" and attempted international kidnapping, of their own children.

Medical Kidnap first reported the Giwas' story in May of 2015, after Randy Wallace of Fox 26 Houston broke the story:

[Texas CPS Kidnaps 19-month Old Child for "Failure to Thrive"](#)



The Giwa family. Image courtesy [Fox 26 Houston](#)

Later, we reported that the Giwas were told that they had to fire their attorney Julie Ketterman, who is known for her tenacity in fighting CPS, if they ever wanted to see their son Ali again. They were also placed under a gag order, and forced to sign a "Rule 11 Agreement" as a condition for getting their son back.

Houston Couple Gagged and Told to Fire CPS-fighting Attorney in Order to See Medically-Kidnapped Child

On Saturday, November 7, the Giwa family drove to the airport in Dallas, Texas. However, CPS had flagged the children's passports. When they arrived in Dallas, they were detained by Dallas Customs and Immigration, and the Border Patrol. They explained what CPS has done to them, and asked the authorities to do their research.

A CPS social worker went to the airport, demanding that the Giwas be arrested. The customs and border patrol official reportedly researched the issue and found the coverage of their story online by Randy Wallace of Fox 26 and by Medical Kidnap. They reportedly recognized that the family has done nothing wrong, and refused to arrest Ahmed and Olunmi. They were prepared to allow them to continue their journey.

Texas Ranger Arrives – He Is No Chuck Norris

Since CPS was apparently getting nowhere with Customs, Immigration, or Border Patrol, or even the airport police, they called in a Texas Ranger. The Giwas were not permitted to make any phone calls or contact anyone for help. The Texas Ranger proceeded to arrest the couple. When Olunmi questioned the ranger's authority to arrest them, he reportedly told them:

I have more power and authority than the federal authorities. I am over them!

He refused to allow them to call any friends or relatives to

pick up the children. The ranger allegedly told them that he had the power to turn over their children to CPS, and that was what he was going to do.

When the Texas Ranger demanded their passports, the border patrol agents reportedly refused to hand over any of the family's passports except the one belonging to Ali Giwa, because there was an open CPS case involving him. The other children had never been in CPS custody before.

Though airport police appeared reluctant to participate, the ranger enlisted them to transport the Giwas to the local police station. When they arrived, the officer reportedly questioned what authority they had to hold the Giwas. Nonetheless, they were issued a warning for "the offense of interfering with child custody," and put in jail, with a \$10,000 bond, each.



Image courtesy [Wikipedia](#)

Contrast this ranger's behavior with that of the man forever associated with the concept of the Texas Rangers, Chuck Norris, star of "Walker, Texas Ranger." He wrote a powerful piece last year for Townhall.com, which makes his perspective very clear. In "[Who Owns Our Kids Anyway?](#)" he wrote:

It's time for the government to stop overreaching into our families and dictating where children can pray, what children will learn, what children will eat, what medical treatment children will receive and where children will go to school.

Government needs less of a role in running our families and more of a role in supporting parents' decisions for their children. Children belong to their parents, not to the government. And parents ought to have the right and government support to parent them without federal mandates, education or invasion in our homes.

Social Worker: We Have No Intention of Returning Your Children

The Giwas were able to bond out of jail at 11 pm on Sunday, November 8. The first thing they did when they got home was to text the Harris County social worker to ask where their children were. She sent them this text:

Unfortunately, we have no intention of returning your children to you at this point. You will need to contact your attorney.

They were alarmed to learn that the judge approved the “emergency removal” without a hearing. Their children were placed in foster care with strangers, even though Olubunmi’s mother and several friends are available who could take care of the children. CPS refused to consider them, even though federal law requires that placement of children taken by CPS only be in foster care if there are no family or friends available to take the children – a law that is ignored by CPS in the majority of the stories we cover at Medical Kidnap.

Bizarre Allegations Used as Grounds to Medically Kidnap Ali Giwa

The Giwas were originally accused of medical neglect, stemming from disagreements with doctors in the U.K., where Olubunmi was studying last year for her second PhD. She already holds one PhD in Education.

Ali is a twin boy who is developmentally lagging behind his twin sister. Their parents have sought medical answers, but doctors have never been able to give them any.

The first dispute with doctors occurred when Olubunmi was still breastfeeding her toddlers past a year old, and a doctor in the Scotland took issue with that. The doctor told the mother that breastfeeding should stop when children turn one year old.

However, the mother did not agree. She is in good company – the American Academy of Pediatrics recommends AT LEAST one year, and the World Health Organization recommends breastfeeding for at least 2 years. This should have been a non-issue, but the doctor decided to report Mrs. Giwa to Child Protective Services.

Shortly after, she took Ali for a routine checkup, where the doctor ran some tests about his developmental delays, all of which came back normal. The doctor suggested an MRI. According to an affidavit by the social worker to the Harris County Family Court,

It is unclear what the MRI would be looking for, but mother was concerned about “side effects” from the procedure and was reluctant to allow child to have the MRI.

What she was concerned about were side effects from the anesthesia they would use to put Ali asleep for the MRI, and the doctors told her that they couldn't guarantee his safety. Olibunmi asked the doctor,

Will the result of this test make any difference in the therapy he is already getting?

When the doctor told her that it wouldn't, she decided not to take that risk just then, opting to wait till he is older to do the procedure. She learned that the British Health System said that a developmental delay did not necessitate an emergency MRI, so no appointment was given for it. Again, this should have been a non-issue. But not to CPS.

Around January of 2015, the family moved from Scotland to Britain, out of concern for the children because the colder climate was leading to the children being sick a lot. However, Child Protective Services in the U.K. construed this as "the mother [being] too quick to move from Scotland."

A U.K. judge ruled in the family's favor, and the family believes this should have ended the issue then and there.

International CPS Collusion

The crazy allegations followed them back home to Texas, where Harris County (a county where the family doesn't even live) took a referral by a U.K. social worker to heart and began pursuing the Giwas, accusing them of medical neglect, allegedly without any evidence other than hearsay. They labeled Ali as "failure to thrive," neglecting to mention in their reports that Ali is in the 75th percentile for height and weight. They also neglect to mention that Ali was in therapy

both in the U.K. and when he returned home to Texas. His mother, who holds a PhD in Education and is trained in Special Education, is trained to do therapy with Ali herself.

As Medical Kidnap has [previously reported](#), Harris County CPS forced the Giwas to sign a “Rule 11 Agreement” after they took custody of Ali, as a condition of returning Ali to his home. The document contains several intrusive and seemingly unconstitutional requirements. CPS is accusing the parents of not abiding by the agreement, even though they, themselves, did not abide by the point that was most important to the Giwa family, that of returning their little boy home. According to the agreement, that was supposed to take place on June 26, but they kept him in foster care until July 29.

Rule 11 restricted the Giwas’ freedom of movement, forbidding them from traveling outside of Harris County (where they do not live) and counties bordering Harris County without prior written consent of DFPS, the Attorney Ad Litem and the GAL.

It also placed a gag order on them, which is considered unconstitutional by their attorney, forbidding them to talk to the media. This is a tactic being employed by family court judges all over the United States. Fortunately, a few judges recognize the Constitution they are sworn to uphold, and refuse to issue such orders.



Ahmed Giwa before going into court on Nov. 12. Image courtesy [Fox 26 Houston](#)

One must ask the question: is it ever acceptable for a court to seize a child for the act of his parents exercising their freedom of speech or freedom of the press? That seems to be what is happening here, because there are no grounds given for seizing Ali's sisters except for these allegations based on allegedly shaky grounds.

Psychological Evaluation Demanded – ONLY with CPS Approved Psychologist

The Giwas completed the items that CPS ordered them to do in the service plan issued in June. One of the CPS demands was that the Giwas submit to a psychological evaluation. They obtained one with a licensed psychologist with 10 years of experience, paying for the evaluation themselves. However, CPS wants them to go to a psychologist that they work with, to be paid for at taxpayer expense. They were told

that the results of that test would not be told to them until the next court date. Olubunmi has a problem with this demand, because it looks like a set-up to her. She says:

Even a baby understand that that's going to lead to foul play.



Olubunmi Giwa. Image courtesy [Fox 26 Houston](#)

Indeed, many families and even attorneys have reported to Medical Kidnap that the psychological evaluations with the CPS-approved psychologists are designed for the parents to fail, giving CPS reason to keep the children.

Additionally, the Giwas have been ordered to obtain very expensive genetic testing for Ali, for which they would be required to pay \$5000 out of pocket. A genetic test had already been completed, and an additional test was not deemed medically necessary by Medicaid or private insurance, so they refuse to cover it. However, CPS is demanding the parents to pay for it out of pocket. Since he has been in CPS custody, they have not taken him for the testing they see as necessary.

Confused Social Worker Justifies Taking Ali's Sisters

Almost none of the information contained in the affidavit about the Giwa daughters refers to them. Just about everything in the allegations allegedly concerns their brother, except a report about the events in the airport. The Harris County social worker testified in the affidavit (though she allegedly wasn't there) that the children were calling the social worker in Dallas "Momma" while their parents were being detained, reporting that "the children did not want to go into the room with the parents; they stayed in the hallway with [the social worker]."

What she allegedly left out of her report was that the worker enticed the children with toys and allegedly kept calling the children to her. She also had the parents' iPad. She allegedly construed their interest in the toys as disinterest in their parents, and apparently confused toddlers asking for their mother as somehow calling her Momma.

Nothing else in the documents allegedly even refers to the girls.

Randy Wallace of Fox 26 Reports on Thursday's Court Hearing

Randy Wallace interviewed the Giwas and their attorney Julie Ketterman, who has been re-hired by the couple. He notes that CPS “offers no proof” of their allegations against the Giwas.

“It’s very traumatic for the whole family,” Ahmed Giwa said.

Now CPS has taken all three children into protective custody, even though a CPS case worker admitted in court Ali is doing much better.

And:

The Giwa’s say their only crime was wanting their kids to meet their grandmother before she dies.

“I would have done it,” Ketterman said. “I would’ve done it in a heartbeat because you cannot get that back. Once that grandmother is gone she’s gone.”

See the Fox 26 story [here](#), and be sure to thank Randy Wallace for continuing to cover this important story.

Call to Action – Tuesday Court Hearing

The Giwas have court again at 9 a.m. on Tuesday, November 17, at the 314th Juvenile Court, 1200 Congress Street, Houston, Texas 77002. They would love to see the streets

lined with people supporting them in their fight for their children.

A Facebook page has been set up by supporters for the family – [Save Ali Giwa from Harris County Child Protective Services](#).



Greg Abbott is the Governor of Texas, and he may be reached at (512) 463-2000, or contacted [here](#). He also has a [Facebook](#) page.

Ken Paxton is the Attorney General of Texas. He may be reached at (877) 673-6839, or contacted [here](#).

Olubunmi says that this isn't about the children to CPS; it's about retaliation against them because they went to the media and are exposing them. Their Constitutional Rights to freedom of speech, freedom of movement, and the right to enjoy their own children are being denied. But they will never give up fighting for their children.

I miss my babies. I can't wait for them to come home so I can love on them.

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Is This What Has Become of America? Texas Citizens Have 3 Children Seized at Airport for Wanting to Visit Dying Mother



Kathy and Ahmed Giwa, with son Ali in the middle. Image courtesy [Fox 26 Houston](#).

UPDATE 12/27/2015

Since the interview below, Health Impact News has received updated information. The Giwas are no longer free to speak to us or to any other media. They were reminded of this during a recent hearing where they were told that they must pay a \$5000 fine for exercising their 1st Amendment right to free speech. A court order forbids them to do any fundraising to raise the money to pay the fine.

From the court order obtained by Health Impact News:

participation with them who receive actual notice of this Order by personal service or otherwise are temporarily enjoined from:

- a. Creating, entering, using, supporting, or endorsing the name, identity, image or likeness of the child with any media or other electronic medium, internet, or social media site in any way or the circumstances under which Ali came to be in conservatorship of Department of Family and Protective Services;
- b. Using the child, his name, identity, image, likeness or his circumstances to raise money for the parents; and,
- c. Conducting or participating in any television, radio, or other interviews which would utilize the name, identity, image or likeness of the child in any way related to this case or the circumstances under which Ali came to be in conservatorship of Department of Family and Protective Services.

Sanctions

It is further ORDERED that AHMED GIWA and OLUBUNMI "KATHY" OGUNDOKUN SHALL PAY INTO THE REGISTRY OF THE Court, through the Harris County District Clerk, Attn: Court Registry, P.O. Box 4651, Houston, Texas 77210-4651, a monetary sanction in the amount of FIVE THOUSAND and 00/100 Dollars (\$5,000.00), in U.S. currency, as a result of their violations of the Orders of this Court. It is ORDERED that this sanction of \$5,000.00 shall be paid

Health Impact News has learned that they stand to have their parental rights terminated if they do not pay the fine by January 9.

Admonishments Given and Acknowledged By Parents

The Court admonished both parents on the record relative to their past non-compliance with the Orders of the Court and further admonished each parent that their failure to follow the Orders of the Court relative to the Ordered services and the action necessary to obtain return of the child could result in an independent ground for termination and such actions could result in restriction or termination of the parent-child relationship. The Court finds that both AHMED GIWA and OLUBUNMI "KATHY" OGUNDOKUN acknowledged on the record that they understand the admonishments of the Court.

SIGNED on the 14 day of December, 2015.


JUDGE PRESIDING

People are now asking if extortion and blackmail are now among the tools available to family court judges?

Since the judge in this case has forbidden the Giwas to speak with media, advocate Karen Riley recently sent us this

alarming message:

I have been following the Giwa story in Houston from the start, and have actually had the pleasure of meeting this family in person while I was in Houston on 12/22/15 to attend a rally on their behalf as well as many other families who have had their children stolen from them by Child Protective Services and the Family Courts.

Mr. and Mrs. Giwa and Mrs. Giwa's mother are wonderful people. Despite missing their children and having their children ripped from them unfairly and unjustly, right before Christmas, they are very intelligent, very warm and gentle people doing their best to hold themselves together. The Giwa's are from Nigeria and have dual citizenship there and in the U.S. What has and is happening to this family is no different than what is happening to thousands of other families in the U.S. all across the nation.

Ms. Riley describes how the Giwa children were unjustly taken from their parents, as described in the article below. She alleges that the children are being abused in foster care, and tells about the alarming orders from the judge:

The family was not permitted to see their children for 6 weeks and all three children have been placed in different foster homes, separated from each other as well. It has been reported and documented that when the Giwa's were allowed to finally see their children a week ago, that the children had cuts, bruises, and marks on them that were recent, but no explanation as to what these injuries are from.

I have also learned that the Giwa's will not be able to have

Christmas with their children, won't get to see them until some time in January, because the caseworker is going on holiday until then.

The Giwa's had a hearing a few weeks ago before Judge Phillips where it was stipulated that the case worker/dept. must prove their case against the Giwas or return their children. The caseworker Teri Jones was not present, they could not prove their case against the Giwas, but their children were not returned to them. Instead Judge Phillips slapped the Giwa's with a \$5,000.00 fine for talking to a reporter who has also been following their story and has set in on their hearings. If they don't pay the fine, he has threatened to terminate their parental rights.

This is an open violation of not only our Constitutional Rights, but our very laws. It is extortion plain and simple.

What is being done to the Giwa family is wrong, and illegal, as it is all across the country. The Giwa children need to be immediately returned home to their family, and Judge Phillips removed from the bench, charged with the crimes he is committing against this family and all those he has wronged in subsequent cases, jailed, and disbarred. Teri Jones and anyone else involved in the illegal kidnapping of the Giwa children should also be arrested and charged with their crimes against families.

**Kathy and Ahmed Giwa Discuss the
Kidnapping of Their Children in Houston on
The National Safe Child Show**



Tammi Stefano, host of The National Safe Child Show, on the air with Ahmed and Kathy Giwa said: “We’re going to hear about how Houston has sunk their teeth, I’m just going to say it, sunk their teeth into this families’ bones and held them hostage and they won’t let them go.”

by **Orissa Mora-Kent**

Health Impact News/MedicalKidnap.com Staff

Tammi Stefano, host of [The National Safe Child Show](#), is joined by Kathy and Ahmed Giwa, a couple who have received national media attention recently. Kathy Giwa has a Ph.D. and is working on her second Ph.D. She is a Texas certified special education teacher, Texas certified principal and also a CPS approved daycare director. Her husband, Ahmed, holds a Masters in Computer Science and also an MBA. Ahmed works for energy companies in Houston, Texas, where they live.

The Giwas are dual citizens of the U.S. and Nigeria. Their children were seized by Texas Rangers at the Dallas airport in November, after Customs and Border Control officers and local police reportedly refused to arrest them due to lack of

evidence. Child Protection Services (CPS) was the one recommending the arrest. Ali Giwa, the youngest child, was medically kidnapped on April 14, 2015, by Harris County CPS – a county the family doesn't even live in – on allegations of “failure to thrive.” Though Ali has some developmental delays, CPS never mentioned to the judge that he is in the 75th percentile with his height and weight. He was returned home on July 29, but the case remained open.

The U.S. Marshal at the Dallas airport allegedly had a private meeting behind closed doors with CPS, and acting on orders from CPS arrested the parents. They were at their gate, ready to board their plane with their car parked in the airport parking garage as they were clearly expecting to come back shortly to their home and jobs in Houston. They were hoping to get to say goodbye to their grandmother on her deathbed in Nigeria (Ahmed's mother) to fulfill her dying wish.

Without a trial or any charges pressed against the parents, the Giwa family was torn apart when their three young children were removed from their custody at the airport just before Thanksgiving and Christmas. They have not seen their young children for over a month.

They recently told their story to Tammi Stefano on The National Safe Child Show. Watch the entire interview:

https://youtu.be/VKi8y_qjb4k

Every Parent's Nightmare



Kathy Giwa



Ahmed Giwa

Tammi asks,

...let me ask the two of you—let's just get this off the table right now—have you ever been so frustrated that you just wanted to beat your child?

Ahmed and Kathy exclaim,

Never!

Tammi asks,

Did you ever give your child a shot of whiskey because you just couldn't handle them anymore and you were hoping to put them to sleep?

Ahmed states,

Never. We don't drink.

Tammi asks,

Any criminal background? Did you ever rob a bank? Did you ever hold somebody up? Anything?

Ahmed states,

Never.

Tammi asks,

Could you say that you feel like you're in a nightmare?

Kathy says,

Definitely.

Tammi then asks,

Where are you citizens of? Are you U.S. citizens?

Kathy states,

We are U.S. citizens and also Nigerian citizens. We have dual nationality.

Mother Refuses Risky Medical Procedure for Son and is Taken to Court

Tammi then goes on to explain that prior to CPS' involvement in their lives, Kathy had been traveling abroad with her children. While in England, she was taken to court by the CPS in England—after a pediatrician brought medical

neglect charges against Kathy—for refusing to subject her 15 month old son to a very risky, and unnecessary MRI with Anesthesia.

Tammi asks Kathy,

Tell me about that.

Kathy replies,

Well, we had seen this pediatrician who was concerned because I questioned about the side effects of the MRI and I was told that the main problem would be putting the baby to sleep and they couldn't guarantee he was going to wake up and I questioned would the results have any impact on the correct therapy and he said, 'no.'

Tammi asks,

Was it [MRI] a necessity? Were you folks in a car accident? Did your child fall down the stairs? Did something happen?

Kathy replies,

Nothing of that sort.

Tammi asks,

Could an MRI have been avoided?

Kathy states,

Definitely.

Tammi asks Kathy about the last meeting she had with the doctor—one where CPS was “lurking, hiding somewhere in the vicinity of hearing”—who didn’t like her authority being questioned.

Tammi inquires of Kathy,

Tell us about that.

Kathy explains,

I didn’t know that their CPS was waiting by the door—because she [the doctor] expected me to argue—because I told them that I questioned the initial doctor.

They did all the blood-work. They couldn’t find anything wrong with the child. She told us to go home because I didn’t argue.

The next day when I called to tell her we didn’t want her services anymore she told their CPS to come and get the kids.

Medical Neglect Charges Withdrawn in UK but England CPS Contacts Texas CPS to Open Case

CPS in England took Kathy to court but then requested to withdraw the case when it became apparent that they were losing and the judge was about to rule against them.

Kathy says,

She [the judge] said, 'I'm not going to hold this family. I'm not going to hold them back from returning home.'

Not long after they returned home to Houston, Texas from their travel abroad, a knock came on their door. Kathy says the knock came on April 8, 2015—one week after their return—when a CPS caseworker, who had been contacted by the CPS in England showed up at their door. CPS in Houston was led to believe, by the CPS in England, that there was still an open case against the Giwa family.

Kathy says,

They conveniently left out the part that they [England's CPS] withdrew the case. All the false allegations that they presented to the court was what they gave this CPS office so this CPS office actually thought they had something.

Kathy and Tammi go on to discuss the events following that knock on the door. CPS in Houston insisted that the Giwa's bring their three children to the E.R. so that their son could

get the MRI (the MRI that Kathy Giwa had previously refused based on valid concerns for her son's safety).

At the time of that hospital trip to the E.R. in Houston, the Giwa's were under investigation, unbeknownst to them.

Tammi states,

Folks, we have other countries now intermingling with CPS, becoming a world wide connected powerhouse and that is scary. That's really scary for every parent.

Over a period of seven days the Giwa's were held in the hospital by CPS and not allowed to leave. The MRI they had refused in England, and other medical tests, were done on their 15 month old child without their consent.

Tammi says,

Folks, slavery is very much alive. Wake up America! This is not the land of the free anymore, and we're hearing it.

The Giwa's were told they had to fire their attorney in order to see their child. (The private attorney they had hired when CPS entered their lives.)

Tammi asks,

Can you tell us the name of the attorney?

Kathy replies,

Julie Ketterman.



Julie Ketterman, a Family Law Lawyer who has represented thousands of families in Houston, Texas.

Tammi says,

Julie is somebody that we've heard about quite often. She actually has a show very much like I do where she is

vocalizing what she sees and what parents are experiencing and what's happening within the system and how families are being affected more or less.

Tammi asks,

Was she a good attorney?

Kathy replies,

Very much so.

Tammi asks,

Who told you 'fire Julie'?

Kathy answers,

The CPS supervisor.

Breastfeeding Baby not Allowed to be with His Mother Unless She Fires their Private Attorney

This CPS supervisor also prevented Kathy from continuing to breastfeed her son until she fired Julie Ketterman.

Tammi asks,

How long had it been from the time that you had that conversation with him that you saw the child.

Kathy replies,

A week.

Tammi asks,

You hadn't breastfed your son who was used to breastmilk for a whole week? He was denied his mother's breastmilk?

Kathy replies,

Correct. CPS actually told me not to breastfeed him because they 'have a different plan for him.'

Kathy goes on to explain to Tammi that not only was she being denied the right to breastfeed her 15 month old son, they were also wanting to put the child on a feeding tube because he wasn't eating the hospital food. Kathy explains to Tammi that her son eats an African diet – he is not accustomed to the American diet served in the hospital. Her child lost weight during his hospital stay–not being breastfed and not being allowed access to his traditional diet–being forced onto hospital food was apparently not in

his 'best interest.'

Kathy fired her attorney, Julie Ketterman, so that she could see her child again. CPS then offered the Giwa's a court appointed attorney, but the Giwa's turned that one down to hire another private attorney. During this time they would not release her son from the hospital back into his parent's care. They [CPS] were accusing the Giwa's of medical neglect because Kathy refused the MRI back in England.

Tammi asks,

Do you have your children today, Kathy and Ahmed?

Kathy and Ahmed reply,

No.

Parents a Danger to their Child? CPS Visits Home Unannounced 26 Times in 2 Months

Kathy explains that although they do not currently have any of their children, at one point only one twin was taken into CPS' custody while the other two children were left in their parent's custody. Then he was brought home and allowed to stay with his parents for two months before CPS swooped back in to take him back and with him, his two siblings as well.

From July 29 to September the Giwa's were visited 26 times by CPS, CASA, the caseworkers, the court appointed attorney

for the case—constantly showing up—without any warning. They traumatized the family, sometimes showing up at midnight unannounced, according to Kathy Giwa.

If the Giwas were truly believed to be a danger to their child, why did CPS bring the child back temporarily for a two month stay with mom and dad? Why weren't all three children removed together, at the beginning? If the parents were not a danger, as the yo-yo actions suggest, CPS made a grave error taking the children in the first place. Such actions suggest that the children's removal was never motivated out of concern for the children's safety. Perhaps, the children were serving some ulterior motive of CPS at whim. Ripped from their parents loving arms by strangers, put back and then taken away again—*when they were happy to stay there in the first place*—who are the real abusers?

Tammi asks,

How were your children reacting to all of this chaos?

Kathy replies,

It was really traumatic. We could see the confusion when they had those strangers come into the house.

Tammi asks,

During the two months, did they ever make any allegations that there was a safety risk that you or your husband posed against the children that caused them to again remove your

son from his loving parents?

Kathy states,

We actually have a document from them in writing that states that he was doing perfectly. The CPS doctor said it was very well. CPS agreed he was doing fantastic at home actually.

Tammi inquires,

He gained weight again – because he had lost some weight [while away from his parents]?

Kathy answers,

He gained weight and he made a lot of progress with his developmental milestones.

Tammi asks,

How old is your son right now?

Kathy answers,

He's two.

Tammi asks,

Does he call you Mom?

Kathy explains,

Well, we haven't seen him in a whole month. We don't know how he is right now, but before he left home he called me 'Mommy.'

Tammi asks,

Did he laugh a lot?

Kathy says,

Yes.

Tammi asks,

When he was taken from you, did you see a behavioral change, a sadness, a different look in his eye when he first came home?

Tammi asks specifically for Ahmed's interpretation as well, to get the father's perspective on the changes they noticed

in their son over the course of time since he was taken from them and brought back (briefly).

Ahmed expresses,

His countenance changed, when they brought him back initially in July. ...seeing his other siblings... He started changing, he became a happy kid. Even in October when one of the lawyers came, he saw him [our son] at home – he was very happy. He [the lawyer] said he was really improved.

Tammi says,

Then they come back in and take him again and put this child through the trauma of having this severe-potential-attachment disorder because they're taking a young child away from the bond of the parents.

Ahmed says,

Correct. Correct. Definitely visibly very, very traumatic for him.

Meanwhile Grandmother in Nigeria Taken Ill to Deathbed Has “Dying Wish” to see Grandchildren

Tammi then discusses the event of Ahmed's mother taking ill during all of this trauma happening.

Tammi asks,

Somebody in your family got very ill, unfortunately. Is that right?

Ahmed replies,

That's right. That was my mom.

Tammi asks,

When did that happen?

Ahmed says,

Right now, she's on her sickbed. Her last wish is to see her grandchildren.

Tammi asks,

Does it seem like your mom is going to survive?

Ahmed states,

No. She's on her sickbed. She's on her deathbed.

The Giwa family (all three of their children included) were granted special visas to go back to Nigeria to say farewell to their dying grandmother based on the documented evidence of Ahmed's mother's grim health conditions.

Tammi asks,

On November 6th your plane was scheduled to take off and take you folks to your Mom?

Ahmed replies,

To Nigeria, correct. That was on November 7th.

Exigent Visas Granted yet Parents Arrested at Gate for “International Kidnapping” of Their Own Children

The Giwa's were scheduled to depart from Dallas, Texas on November 7th. After all of their luggage was checked, after they had passed through airport security, they were detained by Customs at their gate. Two CPS social workers were also present at the gate. (These CPS social workers were from Dallas, not Houston where the case originated.)

Kathy says,

CPS had flagged the children's name with the airport authority. The local CPS in Dallas came down based on the instruction of the CPS here in Houston.

Tammi asks,

What was the instruction?

Kathy replies,

To arrest us for international kidnapping.

Tammi exclaims,

Kidnapping your children?

Kathy replies,

Exactly why the airport authorities refused to comply with their demand.

The Customs workers refused to fulfill CPS' demand for the Giwa's arrest since they had a legal visa to leave the country with their children to see their dying grandmother. However, CPS didn't give up.

Tammi asks,

So you got on the plane, right?

Kathy replies,

Well, CPS didn't let us.

Tammi asks,

CPS stayed in the airport?

Kathy answers,

Yes. And this was a federal jurisdiction where we were but CPS wouldn't let us go. They called the airport police and told them to do the same and they didn't agree so they got the Texas Ranger to arrest us.

Tammi inquires,

Did you see them [the airport police]? Did they speak with you?

Kathy says,

Well, they spoke with the federal authorities who told them they weren't going to press charges – they were going to let us go. So they [airport police] said, 'well we're not going to get involved either because they don't see any reason why we should.'

Tammi states,

But the CPS social workers, they won't accept not getting their way.

When everything else had failed, CPS called the Marshals to come to the airport. (Federal authorities and local police had already declined to press charges against Kathy and Ahmed.) Were the Marshals even acting within their jurisdiction?

The Marshal Went into a Private Room with the CPS Workers?

Kathy explains,

They invited the Marshal inside a private room. When he came out he said he was just going to arrest us so CPS could take all the kids.

Tammi asks incredulously,

The Marshals went in a private room with the CPS workers?

Kathy affirms,

Correct.

Tammi asks,

For how long?

Kathy replies,

For about twenty minutes.

Tammi asks,

Where were you and the children during this time? And Ahmed?

Kathy answers,

We were in a room.

Tammi asks,

So you didn't have your children in your arms?

Kathy replies,

No.

Tammi then inquires,

Did the Marshals ever ask you for any paperwork?

Kathy replies,

Nope.

Tammi asks,

They just said...?

Kathy relates,

'We're holding you for CPS. I'm arresting you and holding you for CPS.'

\$10,000 Bond Set for Each Parent

Tammi says,

Last I knew folks, law enforcement didn't work for CPS. Maybe the rules are changing. Maybe in Dallas... maybe Dallas is the forerunner in law enforcement—Marshals nonetheless—working for social workers. Many of whom only have a high school education.

Tammi then asks,

Did they take your children?

Kathy replies,

Yes, they did.

Tammi asks,

Did your children cry?

Ahmed says,

Yeah, they were crying.

Tammi inquires,

Were you put in jail?

Ahmed and Kathy say,

Yes.

Tammi asks,

For how long?

Ahmed answers,

We bonded out the next day.

Tammi asks,

How much of a bond?

Ahmed replies,

\$10,000 on each one of us.

Tammi asks,

What were the charges? Kidnapping?

Kathy answers,

Interfering with child custody.

Tammi asks,

Who had custody of your children?

Kathy says,

CPS took them.

Tammi asks,

But before that? How can you interfere with custody. They were in your care and custody, weren't they?

Kathy explains that even though the boy was at home at the time, CPS still had legal custody of him. CPS *never* had custody of the other two children whom they also took at the airport that day.

CPS Lied to U.S. Marshal?

Kathy explains,

What they presented to the Marshal was that they had custody of all three children.

Tammi asks,

When you came out of jail where were your children?

Ahmed answers,

I sent a text to the CPS caseworker: 'Where are my children? I need to come take my children.' She said at that point that they don't have any plans of returning the children to us.

Tammi then inquired if any social worker, caseworker or supervisor who was assigned to the Giwa's case had ever been taken off the case. Kathy relates that a supervisor was removed from their case. She's no longer with the agency.

Tammi warns,

Folks—it's really important if you have a CPS case—you must, must, must watch the social workers. If a social worker gets pulled off of your case, be concerned.

Tammi then asks,

Who is the judge in this case?

Kathy answers,

It's Judge John Philips.

Tammi asks,

Do you speak in court?

Kathy replies,

Yes.

Tammi asks,

Does he listen?

Kathy says soberly,

We hope so.

Tammi says,

I hope so too.

Tammi asks if they've been given any reason why they can't see their children.

Ahmed explains,

We have communicated via email several times. There has been no response.

Kathy explains that when they called and emailed trying to reach the case worker, they were told that ‘she is on vacation.’ They were told they would be contacted when she got back. She didn’t contact them when she got back.



“Save the Giwa Children!” Source: [Facebook page](#).

Parents are Fighting to Get Their Children Returned to Them

It’s been over a month since the Giwa’s have seen their children. They have learned that their three children are not even being kept in the same foster home.

Tammi asks,

The twins are not together?

Kathy answers,

The twins have been separated. From the day they took them they never put them in the same foster home.

Tammi states,

National Safe Child wants to help this case. I don't know what went wrong. I know that this is wrong and these children are suffering.

Tammi calls for action,

We would like to invite some advocates, some proactive, vocal, caring people; not to have a protest but to put out a hand, to give a shoulder and to show CPS that these folks have had enough.

Tammi asks Kathy and Ahmed if they are scared they will be thrown in jail again, if they are scared of the CPS workers, and if they are scared they will never see their children again.

Kathy and Ahmed reply,

Yes!

Tammi warns,

For everybody that's listening right now. You are holding an invisible number if you are a parent. Do not think that these folks have done something that is not being disclosed during this program.

They have been scrutinized by several different media platforms.

There have been articles written about them and this situation.

They have had law enforcement look at the CPS workers and say, 'we will not participate in this nonsense, this activity, because we stand for something.'

These folks have had their children removed for no reason.

Kathy and Ahmed have completed every demand of CPS and yet their children have not been returned to them. They did parenting classes, provided proof of secured income, a secure home for the children and also did multiple psychological evaluations. The first evaluation done by an independent psychologist was not accepted by CPS. Kathy says none of these things have made CPS stop.

We Need to Stop This!

Tammi asks,

Mr. and Mrs. Giwa, America is not what you thought it was, is it?

Kathy replies,

No.

Tammi asks,

Do you wish that you would have just stayed in Nigeria?

Stayed in England?

Stayed anywhere?

Kathy says,

Definitely.

Tammi expresses,

I'm ashamed on behalf of this country and I'm sorry. I'm sorry that it has taken such an ugly, horrific and failed direction. It does not speak for all of us.

Tammi closes by saying,

We need to stop it folks... we must stop it. Not with fighting. Not with guns. Not with violence. With brains. With our intellect. With unity. With perseverance. And with saying, 'we

will not accept this criminal activity from the very government that we have appointed anymore.'

Watch the entire interview:

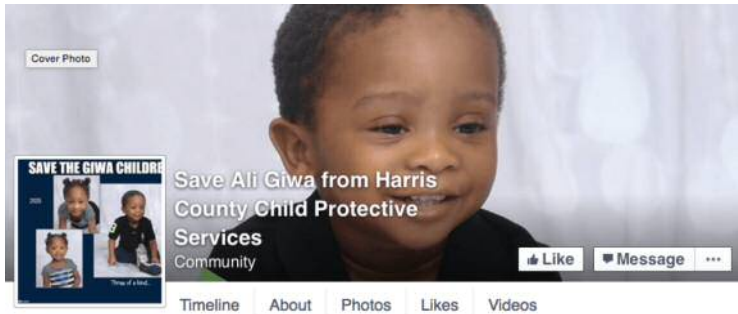
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How You Can Help

Greg Abbott is the Governor of Texas, and he may be reached at (512) 463-2000, or contacted [here](#). He also has a [Facebook page](#).

Ken Paxton is the Attorney General of Texas. He may be reached at (877) 673-6839, or contacted [here](#).

A Facebook page has been set up by supporters for the family – [Save Ali Giwa from Harris County Child Protective Services](#).



“Save Ali Giwa from Harris County Child Protective Service.”
Source: [Facebook page](#).

Other stories of alleged CPS abuse against Texas families include:

Innocence Destroyed: Case Against Texas Homeschool Family Dismissed as Traumatized Children Try to Rebuild Their Lives

2-year-old Taken From Loving Parents Killed by Foster Mother

Texas Baptist Home Failed to Protect Foster Kids from Sexual Abuse

Judge Orders CPS to Return Baby to Parents in Texas Medical Kidnap Case

Texas Deputies Punch Pregnant War Veteran Woman While CPS Takes Her Child

Texas Judge Admonishes CPS - Demands Return of Giwa Girls - Boy Remains in CPS Custody However in Partial Victory



The Giwa Family. Source: [Save Giwa Family](#) Facebook page

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

In a stunning turn-around, a Houston judge ruled Thursday that the Giwa girls are to be returned home immediately. Advocates and family are rejoicing in the partial victory, and are praying for little Ali to be returned home soon as well.

In a permanency hearing on Tuesday, Ahmed and Kathy Giwa were told that the plan had changed to adoption and that CPS planned to work to see the Giwa children adopted out to non-family members.

Ali was taken by CPS in April 2015 on allegations that his parents medically neglected him, after doctors failed to determine a reason for him lagging behind his twin sister developmentally. In November, Ali's twin and his older sister were also seized when the family tried to take the children out of the country to visit their dying grandmother in Nigeria. The Givas have been fighting CPS to get their children back, because they say that their children should never have been taken from them in the first place.

Health Impact News has been following their story for many months, and word of the injustice happening to the family has spread quickly. Advocates called for a day of prayer and fasting on Wednesday, in anticipation of the hearing in Harris County on Thursday.

To all who were watching, the case looked desperate. Friends and family had little hope that anything good would come out of the hearing, because they report having seen far too many unjust things happen already in the case.

Now, those same supporters are rejoicing. According to the [Save Giwa Family](#) page on Facebook:

We are so happy to update the girls are coming home, in fact, as I type this they may be home! Can you imagine that reunion?

No more gag orders!

No more psych orders!

Let's just say that Terri Jones, CPS had a BAD, BAD day in court today! This judge used some COMMON SENSE and the GIWAS won!

Thank you to all of our supporters both in this group and countrywide! We will update once the Giwas are reunited and have time with their precious children. We still have to get Ali home. Everyone working together marching, protesting, praying, blogging, calling, emailing, letting your voice be heard, doing interviews and the list goes on, plus all of the behind the scenes work. You made a difference! Our collective voices, talents, knowledge MADE A DIFFERENCE. The Giwa girls will be sleeping in their home tonight with mom and dad!

THANK YOU! Thank you! Thank you!



Image from [Fox News Houston](#).

Kathy Giwa told Randy Wallace of [Fox 26 Houston](#):

We've just been amazed, like God's raising this whole army of people. We're just thankful.

The Fox affiliate interviewed the Giwas and their attorney Kori Booth after the hearing. Judge John Phillips reportedly asked CPS how the visit to their dying grandmother presented any kind of a safety threat to the girls, and he ordered them to be returned to their parents. All 3 children had been placed in 3 separate foster homes, in violation of federal laws requiring siblings to be placed together whenever possible.

Booth pointed out that CPS has never offered any evidence of guilt of the parents for the developmental delays in Ali. Like most of the cases that are reported at Health Impact News and published on MedicalKidnap.com, the accusations against the parents were allegations based on hearsay and

opinion, without any evidence. In many cases, that is all that is needed to rip a family apart.

However, Kathy told Fox that Judge Phillips “stood for the truth and he was just outstanding.”

The Giwas live outside of Harris County, and many have questioned the county’s jurisdiction over the case. The case has now been moved out of Harris county to the county that they actually reside in.

The victory is not complete. CPS issued this statement to Fox 26:

The court has ordered the female siblings to live with their parents while CPS maintains legal custody to monitor their safety and well-being. Ali (their son) will remain in foster care to ensure that his medical needs are being met.

Ali is still not home. CPS tried again in court to push for the termination of the Giwa’s parental rights over Ali. Their attorney reports:

They plan to adopt that boy out to some non-family member, and the judge shook his head and basically questioned them as to how they could come to that conclusion.

That is the same question that concerned people all over the world are asking, even as they rejoice that the Giwa girls are finally reunited with their parents.



Sisters and Brothers, words are not enough to express our appreciation for the support. Our girls are riding back home in the caseworkers car right now.

From the [Save Giwa Family](#) Facebook page

More on the Giwa story:

[Is This What Has Become of America? Texas Citizens Have 3 Children Seized at Airport for Wanting to Visit Dying Mother](#)

[Texas CPS Kidnaps 19-month Old Child for "Failure to Thrive"](#)

[Houston Couple Gagged and Told to Fire CPS-fighting Attorney in Order to See Medically-Kidnapped Child](#)

[Couple Arrested and Children Taken by CPS When Trying to Leave Texas to Visit Dying Grandmother](#)

Elder Medical Kidnapping in Texas Results in Abuse and Death of Elderly Mother



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

Darrell Miller's elderly mother was taken from her home and family in a heartbreaking chain of events initiated by Adult Protective Services. Even today, the Duncanville, Texas man struggles to understand and to communicate the horrors that his mother experienced as a victim of elder kidnapping and abuse. Although he fought well, his pleas went unanswered by the courts and police.

They killed my Mom, and now they're trying to blame it on me and Methodist.

Sir Arthur Conan Doyle wrote:

Once you eliminate the impossible, whatever remains, no matter how improbable, must be the truth.

Elderly Mother Seized, Son Falsely Accused

Miller's mother was taken by the court's "care system" – APS (adult protective services) and DADs (Texas Department of Aging and Disabilities), who claimed he was unable to care for her. Once she was in the state's custody, a story unfolded that Darrell would hardly believe if he hadn't seen it for himself.

When Darrell attempted to get his mother out of a medical facility that he reports was harming her, hospital staff called the police and allegedly made up allegations that Darrell sexually abused his own mother (an allegation which Darrell vehemently denies, and says has absolutely no evidence – he believes it was simply rumored by hospital authorities). There was also a barrage of phone calls placed by people whom Darrell believes were the APS workers.

His mother's medical paperwork included a diagnosis of "dementia," which Darrell (like so many other adult care givers) asserts she "didn't have." He also believes that APS systematically deteriorated his mother's health in order to deplete her financial assets. He alleges that authorities over-medicated his mother and treated her for illnesses she did not have.

Those who have been victimized are well aware of these patterns. Although in the midst of the mayhem, they may be unable to discern all attempts by the kidnappers to fog the issues and the true reasons behind their behaviors, sometimes one of us can see something(s) more clearly than

others.

Darrell understood that the systems were trying to take his mother's assets, but he had to focus on her health, which deteriorated each time she was placed in a care facility. He also was forced to fight against the allegations of his mistreatment of her.

Darrell makes these allegations based upon his dealings with APS, DADs, and LTAC (long term acute care facilities) and the reams of evidence he allegedly has to prove them.

Son Accepts "Help" from the State



When APS accused Darrell of neglecting his mother's care (which he denies), Miller knew he had to do something more. His schedule was very busy, between caring for his mother and his own family, and he realized that he would need help to give her the close care she needed. So, he did the reasonable thing and finally accepted an offer from Continuous Care (CC) nurses to assist him with his mother's care at her home.

Darrell learned, like many others before him who have had this "help" with their own loved one, that they were only there to help themselves.

From March through May of 2014, Darrell tended to the round the clock care of his mother. He made sure she got to her appointments, stayed by her side during hospital stays, and ensured that there was a well established plan of care for

her.

Over-Medicating: A Common Problem in Medical Elder Abuse



Charlton Methodist Hospital in Dallas. [Image source.](#)

After her release from the hospital on March 15, 2014, to another facility to continue her physical therapy, Darrell found that his mother was not being attended to according to the planned rehabilitation guidelines from Methodist. In fact, he states that the plan was ignored, and that his mother was placed on anti-psychotic drugs from her first day in the facility:

Mom was discharged from Charlton Methodist Hospital to Select Specialty Long Term Acute Care (LTAC). The attacks of over drugging with medications that mom is not supposed to be taking, mistakes, and neglect began day 1.

By March 31, 2014, my mother had already lost ten pounds or more. I told the charge nurse T.J. Flanagan that I'm taking mom to the E.R. (NOTE: I was told by other nurses Flanagan was Charge nurse, but other staff said she wasn't.)

Health Impact News has previously reported on medical elder abuse and over-medicating our elderly population. See:

[Over-Medication of Elderly Epidemic – Study Links Prescription Drugs to Alzheimer’s](#)

[Drug Company Criminal Settlement: \\$2.2 Billion for Illegally Marketing Risperdal to Elderly](#)

[1 in 5 Elderly US Patients Injured by Medical Care](#)

[Trumped up Charges to Remove Son?](#)

This note by Darrell is important because he is pinpointing for us a start of the misinformation given to him.

I Started trying to find an ambulance not busy, that I could pay cash for. While on the phone, the Specialty Police came in and hauled me out of the room, took me around the corner, and left an officer with me. The officer, Berry, went back and talked to Flanagan. Berry asked, “now what?” Flanagan said, “take him to jail for sexual assault, to his mother.” It’s 4:30 am and I could hear almost everything. So they started

whispering and I could only make out “APS” and “immunity”. Berry comes back and starts to interrogate me, stops, goes back to Flanagan, and says, “I’m not going to do that.” Flanagan stated, “That’s what she said %\$#&^ immunity.” Berry told her to “Come up with something else!” Five minutes later I was issued a trespass warning that: If I came back, I would be arrested.*

I have the trespass ticket, pictures of the neglect and medical reports of drugging, and weight loss.

Mother’s Health Deteriorates



Select Specialty Hospital Dallas. Image source.

Darrell was finally allowed to return to Select Specialty in April of 2014, and he describes his observations of his mother upon his return.

After I finally got back with mom at Select Specialty, she was

in horrible shape, starved, drugged out to the point of near death, and she was still being neglected.

I was allowed short visits with mom because APS was doing an investigation into the sexual assault (never ends). It was torture, they are killing my mom and mocking me about it.

Darrell's ordeal continued as he explained his emotional turmoil as resembling a "mocking torture." He was trying to save his mother while other forces were accusing him of being the cause of her illness that had only been described as dementia – an illness Darrell denies his mother had. In fact, Darrell believed that his mother's problems stemmed from the overdosed medications given her by APS handlers at the nursing homes and LTACs.

*On April 9, 2014 mom was discharged from select to a nursing home. **(Mom and I had no say in this transfer to the nursing home. Dr. Gist had taken over APS's Plan).** Paramedics couldn't take mom in the ambulance because her blood pressure was too low. The ambulance took mom to Baylor Hospital where she was stabilized. I told the doctor mom and I wanted to go home (I can't get a G.I. specialist at the LTACS, NH's, or Hospitals). The doctor drilled me about care, and deemed me fit, so mom and I went home.*

Pain Medications Forced on Mother

*At discharge from Baylor the doctor gave me the list of drugs they had been giving mom at Select Specialty, and the nursing home was to continue this plan of care. These drugs should have never been given to mom. **(They were for***

chronic pain. Mom is not in chronic pain (she will tell us if she needs pain meds) and she does not have Dementia.)...

The plan of care had changed and mom had gone from 3 medications to 6, 7, 8. Mom and I (as her medical power of attorney) refused to take meds and they had force medicated her.

This follows the patterns of abuse of seniors expressed by other readers – take medical custody, force medicate, isolate, deplete financial assets, then dump in another nursing home for hospice. The symptoms are always the same – dementia, not eating, lethargy, unable to communicate – all mimicked by the overdose of the unneeded medications that Darrell desperately tried to stop.

Alleged Threats by Adult Protective Services



Anne McMarion Texas Department of Family and Protective Services. [Image source.](#)

Mr. Miller was finally able to bring his mother home, but their peace would be interrupted by police visits brought on

by allegations of abuse, neglect, and threats by APS personnel.

We were home on April 16, 2014. My mom and I were enjoying home, and we would be able to go back to mom's doctor, and get a G.I. specialist. At Dr. Anderson's we made appointments and got meds, and would be back to see Dr. Anderson in a week. The next day APS called and Ann McMarion threatened me that if i didn't put her in a nursing home, "We'll take her!" and "You won't see her again." I believed this to be true because I've already seen that Mom and I Don't Have Rights.

I Took mom to Williamsburge nursing home until I could find something better. Within 5 days mom had bed sores and had lost weight. This is also where I found the altered medical records that had been substituted over the faxed records from her primary care physician.

The Millers went through many tribulations. With Mrs. Miller so heavily medicated that she could not communicate, her voice could only be heard through the constant complaints of her loving son, Darrell. Mr. Miller even describes meeting one doctor, twice, who would turn out to be a different doctor at his second encounter as the misinformation continued:

And I meet Dr.Ochei which is a different Dr. Ochei than I would meet in June...

More Meds to Treat Symptoms Caused by other Meds

Darrell gave us the hospital paperwork which listed the following drugs. He explained them as:

Medications APS & DADS (Texas Department of Aging and Disability) likes to use to incapacitate elderly, and steal any quality of life—Norco, Buspirone, Alprazolam, Cefpodoxime, Proxetil, Haldol.

***Norco**, contains a combination of acetaminophen and hydrocodone. Hydrocodone is an opioid pain medication. An opioid is sometimes called a narcotic. Acetaminophen is a less potent pain reliever that increases the effects of hydrocodone. **Norco** is used to relieve moderate to severe pain.*

Side effects: Dizziness, lightheaded, Back, leg, or stomach pains, black-tarry stools, bleeding gums, blood in the urine or stools, blood in vomit, bluish lips or skin, chills, choking, cough or hoarseness, dark urine, lower back or side pain, and the list goes on.

Darrell complained that his mother was being treated for these and other symptoms that were caused by this and the other drugs. The more Mrs. Miller was treated, the more symptoms she had.

The medication itself warned of signs of overdose which were cleverly listed in the hospital papers as symptoms of a “disease” which was never named, nor explained, but attributed to Darrell’s neglect of his mother’s care.

Symptoms of Norco overdose which would require immediate emergency help include change in consciousness, chest pain or discomfort, cold and clammy skin, decreased awareness or responsiveness, extreme drowsiness, slow or irregular heartbeat, lightheaded, dizziness, or fainting, or sudden decrease in the amount of urine.

Darrell Miller complained of all these symptoms and signs regarding his mother's health, and her fear of being without the medications, as well as her anxiety along with the pain.

Yet, the LTACs ignored his pleas and continued giving her more drugs – drugs that caused skin rash or hives, stiffness of arms or legs, trouble sleeping, nightmares, and vivid dreams. She was given anti-anxiety medications Buspirone, and Alprazolam, as well as Haldol, an anti-psychotic drug, and a strong antibiotic called Cefpodoxime Proxetil.

Son Blamed for Side Effects of Drugs

Numerous side effects were notated in the allegedly forged doctor's report submitted by Darrell. However, the side effects were not attributed to the medication, but were again attributed to Darrell's inability to care for his mother. These drugs were administered despite warnings from the FDA.

FDA announces enhanced warnings for immediate-release opioid pain medications related to risks of misuse, abuse, addiction, overdose and death

Ironically, all symptoms of Mrs. Miller's alleged disease were mimicking the increased dosages and frequencies of medications prescribed by APS doctors. Once in custody, Mrs. Miller's body was not purged of these drugs, but like so many other seniors, she was still given more of the drugs.

Many Seniors Given Antipsychotic Meds, Despite Potential Problems

Darrell states:

*Another tactic doctors like to use is **withdrawal** from medications. These doctors know exactly what **medications and combinations of medications** to use to destroy their nerves. This gives them the appearance of being psychotic when they are actually in pain from the withdrawals from the previous medications.*

Over \$100,000 in Excessive Billing for Unnecessary Treatment – Estate Targeted?

Does the system then use these symptoms as fodder in their reports to take medical guardianship of the patients? Darrell tells us that the insurance company reviewed the care given in VIBRA LTAC facility and refused to pay for what they deemed “unnecessary treatment” for 31 days between May and June of 2014. But the LTAC wasted no time billing Darrell’s mother \$172,000.00 for care she did not need.

Miller recognized these tactics and fought desperately to stop them, as this allows the new guardians to later lay claim to any property the patient may have. In today’s society, one cannot lose their property for a hospital bill unless it is the estate of the deceased.

Is this the end game sought by medical practitioners? According to the federal government, the estates of deceased people cannot file bankruptcy for excessive bills and keep their homes.

If the insurance company has refused to pay the hospital, it is reasonably assumable that the bankruptcy judge will not refuse the discharge of debt. According to MKBankruptcy.com:

In bankruptcy, medical bills are considered general unsecured debts just like your credit cards. This means that medical bills don't receive priority treatment and can easily be wiped out by filing for bankruptcy.

Darrell explains:

LTAC (long term acute care) ... hospitals don't even try to cover up their state sponsored elder poisoning. APS and DADS tell staff and doctors they have immunity as long as Texas gets the elderly, plus everything they worked for their whole lives. The LTACs can commit Medicare Fraud at will.

This is Cruel Torture. Later APS Attorneys will tell LTACs to have me removed under false charges, as to isolate mom from her son and medical power of attorney.

Mrs. Miller was transferred to several different nursing homes, hospitals, and LTACs. Could all of this movement of patients in and out of custodial facilities also be performed to keep victims from filing bankruptcy? Bankruptcy takes a little time, less than a year, but more than 30 days. Pushing the elderly in and out of the system insures that there will be no time to think about anything – least of all filing a bankruptcy.

Darrell continues to describe his ordeal in bits and pieces

that would confuse anyone who was unfamiliar with these tactics, naive, or those who simply feign ignorance because they are directly involved, or simply don't care.

Mother Finally Dies From Overdosing and Excessive Drugging

Darrell Miller fought well for his mother's health and safety, but, sadly, in March of 2015, her body could no longer handle the medications.

They are corrupt. They wanted me to lose it so they could kill me or imprison me. (I sound like I'm crazy, but I think we both(all) know I'm supposed to sound crazy.)

My mom was kidnapped, tortured ... by APS (Adult Protective Services). This was done to cover up medical malpractice and place the blame for their abuse as 'neglect' on Charlton Methodist Hospital and myself (when it was APS who was at fault).

So many of our elder care givers have experienced this same feeling. Mr. Miller is not alone. Some who oppose medical kidnapping are jailed without charging for months at a time. The maneuvers are designed to isolate you as a moving force, or to make you appear unfit because you want to personally care for your loved one and have probably made a promise to do so.

Our readers have complained that even their children being held in CPS custody were told that they were unwanted, no one cared, and they should just submit to the system. But Darrell Miller persisted and insisted that his mother be

properly cared for.

Despite the false police reports filed by APS workers and forced moves in and out of nursing homes too numerous to list, Darrell's love for his mother held no boundaries as he fought for two years:

Dr. Bond ... could only say it was the disease progression and mom was dying. I asked, 'what disease?' He couldn't even guess; he just knew it wasn't anything Seasons Hospice did.

Son Never Arrested Let Alone Convicted of "Abuse" – Drug Poisoning Documented

Darrell reports that when he called 911, they treated his mother for acute opiate poisoning. The anti-psychotic Haldol caused her muscles to lock up, causing extreme discomfort. She could not

use her arms or legs, open her eyes, nor barely eat or drink.

In fact, APS had dialed 911 numerous times and sent not an ambulance, but the police to Mrs. Miller's home, based on complaints of abuse. The police reported that they found no abuse after gaining entry and speaking with Mrs. Miller and her son. Darrell submitted a police report that indicated a call from Shante Prince alleging he was physically abusing his mother. Darrell was, of course, frightened by the police, but did eventually allow them inside. The report stated all the allegations were unfounded, and that the woman

appeared well and well cared for.

Darrell couldn't find anyone to help him, and he ran out of time. His mother was sedated and she withered away in March of 2015. Darrell believed his observations would be inexplicable due to the monstrous nature of the offenses he and his mother suffered.

Theirs Is Not an Isolated Case

Darrell needs to know that he is not alone, and that there are others who understand, who have seen and documented these same tactics of medication, isolation, and liquidation of property for bills which should have never existed. The public needs to know what is happening to our seniors who are being "disposed of" for their assets and whose families are being tortured into silence.

Make the federal government take more action than referring callers to the *National Center For Elder Abuse* which is only referring them back to the abusing state. Complain, call, write, email The White House, and continue telling the world your stories. Ignoring one person is easy, but together we have a voice.

In Darrell's initial contact with Health Impact News, he wrote:

I am traumatized and stress out too badly to function. ...Even this contact form was super difficult... they are so cruel and we were terrorized for a long time, some time after I found out they murdered my mom March 21, 2015.

Can you hear Darrell Miller now?

Children of Texas Family Victimized by Medical Kidnapping Now Safe, Away from CPS



The Giwa family – together again. Photo source: [Save Giwa Family](#) Facebook page.

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

The Giwa family's nightmare with Child Protective Services is over, and their children are safely with their family, outside of Texas and away from CPS. They want the world to know that prayer did what man could not do, and they give the glory to God for their victory. Kathy (Olubunmi) Giwa tells Health Impact News:

The fundamental part of the battle was won on our knees.

Ahmed Giwa echoes her words with his message that he wants to tell families who are fighting CPS for their children:

They shouldn't give up. They need to keep fighting and PRAYING and believing that it is only God that can do it for them.

There is someone that is greater than CPS, and that is GOD!

He says that even the best attorneys cannot do what God can do.

CPS Tried to Destroy the Sacred Bond Between Parent and Child

As thousands of parents can attest, having the state come into their lives and take their children from them is one of the most difficult experiences that any parent can walk through, especially when they know that they are innocent. Michelle Rider has called it "[domestic terrorism](#)." The Giwas

are no exception, and their journey has been excruciating, but they are now rejoicing and trying to heal from the trauma that they have experienced.

Since the dawn of time, there is a bond formed between parent and child that can never be broken by any force of man or government, a sacred bond deeply forged within the heart, soul, and very cells of parent and child. The moment a baby is born, mother and father both would give their very lives to protect that little one. That bond can be found even in the animal world, and it lies at the essence of who we are as humans.

Yet, those who work in the Child Protective Services system routinely appear to seek to destroy that bond, often based on little or no evidence, all purportedly “in the best interest of the child.” While some of the people who become involved in that system may truly care about children, Kathy Giwa questions what has happened to them to be able to cause the level of hurt and trauma to children and parents that happened to them and to countless other families. She told Health Impact News that she hopes they will realize what they are doing and seek to help restore families instead.

It All Began when Doctor Disagreed with Breastfeeding Past a Year

Ahmed and Kathy Giwa are loving parents whose children mean the world to them. They are well-educated professionals, but that wasn't enough to keep CPS out of their lives.

While Kathy was studying abroad in the UK, working on her second PhD, a doctor took issue with her breastfeeding her twins past the one year mark. The doctor's call to CPS

resulted in a case being opened in the UK.

After the Giwas returned home to Texas, a social worker tracked them down. The fact that the case was dismissed was left out of the information given to Harris County, Texas, CPS. A case was opened in Texas, in a county the family never even lived in, and their lives were turned upside down.

Randy Davis of Fox 26 Houston first reported their story (see archived article [here](#)). Since that time, the family has been in contact with Health Impact News.

See:

[Texas CPS Kidnaps 19-month Old Child for “Failure to Thrive”](#)

[Couple Arrested and Children Taken by CPS When Trying to Leave Texas to Visit Dying Grandmother](#)

Kathy and Ahmed were also interviewed by Tammi Stefano of the National Safe Child Show, [just before a judge issued a gag order on them](#):

https://youtu.be/VKi8y_qjb4k

Giwa Children Safe Now

We are happy to be able to report that the Giwa children are now safe outside of Texas and away from CPS, and the case against them has ended.

On April 14, the Harris County Juvenile Court Judge granted a nonsuit, basically decreeing that there was insufficient

evidence against the Giwas to continue the case. Those words were music to Ahmed and Kathy Giwa's ears. It was a complete turnaround in their case. As recently as April 4, social workers were attempting to make their son Ali Giwa a permanent ward of the state of Texas.

Like many families whose children are returned home, the Giwas waited to publicly release the news of their victory until they were certain that their children were safe and that their ordeal was truly over. There have been numerous cases of courts making promises to reunify, but it doesn't actually happen. The [Verzosa](#) family of Florida and the [Cartee](#) family of Alabama are just 2 examples of this.

Even in Jail, They Were Not Defeated

Originally, Harris County medically kidnapped Ali Giwa, their son who was developmentally behind his twin sister. He was returned home, but a case plan was still in place and CPS had control over many aspects of the family's lives.

Just before Thanksgiving 2015, the family tried to visit Ahmed's dying mother in Nigeria, but they were detained at the airport. [The parents were arrested](#) and the twins and their older sister were seized by CPS.

They were in jail less than 24 hours, but Kathy reports that even in that frightening time, God was working. She says that she shared her Medical Kidnapping story with everyone – prisoners and wardens alike. She was able to share her deeply-held faith as well.

Though she was only there a short time, it is obvious that she made quite an impact. Just after midnight the day she was arrested, she was bailed out. As she wept, everyone

around her stood up and clapped. As she walked out of the jail, people hugged her and rejoiced with her.

They were devastated to learn that all 3 of their children had been placed into foster care with strangers. Things looked quite dark for the the Giwas, but they refused to give up hope.

Advocates Rally against CPS

After their story went out to the public, advocates got involved. The Giwas credit them with making a huge difference in their case. Shortly before Christmas, advocate Karen Riley and a group of dedicated advocates got together and organized a protest rally and march in downtown Houston on behalf of the Giwas.



Protesters rallied against CPS treatment of Giwas and others – Dec. 22, 2015. Photo Source: [Angel Eyes Over Texas](#) Facebook page.

At least one advocate, Karen Riley, wrote a respectful letter to the judge on behalf of the Giwa family. Many people made phone calls to the courthouse and elected officials.

Their Faith Is Tested

It is the day everything changed, Kathy reports. She attended a church service at Power Source Christian Center, with Pastors Dave and Linda Johnson. During the service, Pastor Dave Johnson told her prophetically that her children would be home that week. She knew in her heart that this was a word from the Lord that she could hold onto.

Just a few days later, in early January, the Giwas' daughters were returned home, but it was a bittersweet victory. They were home, but CPS was pushing to terminate their parental rights over Ali, and told the court that they wanted to adopt him out to strangers.

See:

Texas Judge Admonishes CPS – Demands Return of Giwa Girls – Boy Remains in CPS Custody However in Partial Victory

Even in the court documents, there were no valid reasons to terminate their parental rights. This was an outcome that was unacceptable to the Giwas. God had told them their children were coming home, and they refused to accept that this only applied to some of their children.

It was a moment for a crisis of faith for Kathy:

My DNA remains in my child. My blood runs in his veins! God gave this child to ME, no matter what CPS does.

She realized that she had a choice: she could believe the lies

of the enemy and receive the words of CPS into her heart, or she could stand on the promises of the Lord, and believe truth.



Meme made by advocates. Source: [Save Giwa Family Facebook page](#).

Many parents report that people within the CPS system have made a concerted effort to beat them down emotionally, telling them that they are worthless and that they are bad parents. With such a powerful system standing against them, far too many parents believe these lies and fall into despair.

But the Giwas came into their encounters with CPS with confidence in who they are. When Kathy prays, she remembers that she is a daughter of the King of the Universe, no matter what her enemies are telling her. She

and Ahmed knew they had not harmed their children and that they had done nothing wrong. This crisis of faith drove them to their knees.

Kathy cried out to the Lord, and called close friends to pray. She was reminded of Jesus in the Garden of Gethsemane, when He knew that He was to drink a bitter cup, but that it was God's will. God would bring good out of the pain. It was in that moment that she surrendered to God's will, determined to trust Him no matter what.

She and her husband looked to God and refused to accept the words of CPS.

Filing Pro Se without an Attorney

The Giwas learned from their advocates that there were documents that they could be filing that could help their case. Often families have no idea what kinds of resources are available to them, but many advocates have been through the trenches with CPS themselves and have become quite knowledgeable about legal issues involved with CPS cases. They began working with a gentleman who walked them through all sorts of things that they could do proactively for their case, without having to wait for an attorney to do it for them.

Losing their son was not an acceptable outcome. They kept praying and trusting God for a complete, not partial, victory. In mid-January, the Giwas began filing documents pro se, or for themselves. They learned what and when to file various documents. By mid-February, they fired all of their attorneys and represented themselves pro se from that point on.

Prayer Changes Everything

Ahmed insists:

It is not just fighting [that works]. It is prayer.

On March 3, Ali was returned home, but CPS remained in their lives. In early April, they received the terrifying news that the social workers were again attempting to seize Ali and place him in permanent state custody.

Less than 2 weeks later, on April 14, their case was dismissed. CPS filed a Motion for Nonsuit, acknowledging that there was insufficient evidence to continue the case, and the judge granted the motion.

Kathy and Ahmed can only attribute this drastic turn-around to the grace of God and prayer.

Suddenly, their nightmare was over, and CPS was no longer involved.

Contrary to one media report about their story, the Giwas want to assure their supporters that they have not been deported to Nigeria. Deportation has never been on the table.

Ahmed Giwa reports that his mother is thankfully still alive. Though she can no longer talk, she is very happy that she has lived long enough to know that her grandbabies are safe.

Rebuilding Lives

Now, it is time to heal and rebuild. This whole ordeal has left the entire family traumatized. The once-secure children are now needy and clingy. They are fearful. They are glad to be together again, but their mother reports that they are exhibiting behaviors they did not before they were stolen from their parents.

However, the Giwas are confident that the same God who delivered them from the hand of CPS will also work to heal their trauma. They look to the future that they will share together. They are thankful to be free to be a family again. Kathy tells Health Impact News:

Every day when I go into their rooms and see them sleeping in their own beds, I am so thankful that they're back home with me, and I get to raise them and be their mother.

I remember the nights without them, and the despair and the hours of missing them.



Ahmed, Ali, and Kathy Giwa. Image courtesy [Fox 26 Houston](#).

They have been battered and beaten, but they were not destroyed. They now know that CPS does not only get involved with families where there is abuse. Many families are innocent. They want to help other parents to find the tools to fight back when their family comes under attack.

Our words have power, Kathy reminds us, and it is important to declare the truth that God says, instead of believing and speaking the lies of the enemy. She credits advocate Claire Rembis with teaching her the strategy of not only praying for, but also blessing, our enemies.

Kathy has this message for those who are involved in fighting for children to be restored to their parents:

My prayer is that the families going through this will come to know who they are in Christ, and have confidence to win the spiritual warfare, and that the advocates would know how powerful they are and keep up the work of supporting families.

Ahmed and Kathy Giwa recognize that their battle was not won with attorneys or by any one person, but that it was a team effort that was won on their knees in prayer.

This victory is the Lord's.

Date for Execution of Man on Death Row for Shaken Baby Syndrome is Halted as Conviction is Blamed on "Junk Science"



Robert Roberson was set for lethal injection June 21 for the “shaken baby syndrome” death of his 2-year old daughter in Texas. Image source from NBC DFW.

by **Christina England**
Health Impact News

Last week, [we reported](#) that Chief Justice Ralph Gants from the Supreme Judicial Court of Massachusetts had ordered a re-trial in the case of Oswelt Millien, a young father, who in 2015 was jailed for 4-5 years for causing permanent injuries to his six-month old daughter, Jahanna.

This week yet another case, this time in Texas, has hit the

news.

On 17th June, 2016, [Reuters](#) reported that:

*The Texas Court of Criminal Appeals on Thursday **halted the planned June 21 execution** of Robert Roberson and sent his case back to trial court. It based its decision on a recent state law that permits legal challenges citing new scientific evidence potentially pointing to wrongful convictions. (own emphasis added)*

In 2002, Robert Roberson was convicted for the murder of his two-year old daughter, Nikki Curtis. Although experts at the time had testified that the toddler had died of Shaken baby syndrome—a syndrome defined by brain swelling, bleeding behind the eyes and bleeding on the brain’s surface—Roberson had always denied that he had hurt his daughter and maintained that Nikki’s injuries may have been caused by a fall from her bed or a fever of 104.5 degrees Fahrenheit. (40.3 degrees Centigrade)

Reuters continued, by explaining that Shaken baby syndrome can be caused by short falls, other undiagnosed medical conditions, such as blood clotting disorders and latent trauma from a difficult birth. They stated that lawyers had pointed out that it is impossible to shake a child to death without causing serious neck injuries which they said that the child did not have. They concluded that:

Robert Roberson was wrongly convicted of murdering his ... daughter based on ‘junk science’ and highly inflammatory sexual-abuse allegations that were false.

This is a landmark case and may lead to other innocent prisoners that are awaiting execution to be awarded a reprieve.

Fatal Short Fall Injuries and Shaken Baby Syndrome

In 2001, Dr. John Plunkett, M.D., wrote a paper published by the American Journal of Forensic Medicine and Pathology, entitled Fatal Pediatric Head Injuries Caused by Short Distance Falls discussing whether or not it is possible for a short distance fall to kill a child and if so, whether the child could have a period of lucidness before dying.

In his paper, Dr. Plunkett discussed eighteen cases where children had died after short fall injuries. The children ranged between 12 months and 13 years and had all fallen distances ranging from 22 inches or 0.6 metres to 2 feet 10 inches or 3 metres. All of the children had fallen onto a range of different surfaces and all died as a result of their falls. Plunkett concluded that:

1. Every fall is a complex event. There must be a biomechanical analysis for any incident in which the severity of the injury appears to be inconsistent with the history. The question is not 'Can an infant or child be seriously injured or killed from a short-distance fall?' but rather 'If a child falls (x) meters and strikes his or her head on a non-yielding surface, what will happen?'
2. Retinal hemorrhage may occur whenever intracranial pressure exceeds venous pressure or whenever there is venous obstruction. The characteristic of the bleeding cannot be used to determine the ultimate cause.

3. Axonal damage is unlikely to be the mechanism for lethal injury in a low-velocity impact such as from a fall.
4. Cerebrovascular thrombosis or dissection must be considered in any injury with apparent delayed deterioration, and especially in one with a cerebral infarct or an unusual distribution for cerebral edema.
5. A fall from less than 3 meters (10 feet) in an infant or child may cause fatal head injury and may not cause immediate symptoms. The injury may be associated with bilateral retinal hemorrhage, and an associated subdural hematoma may extend into the interhemispheric fissure. A history by the caretaker that the child may have fallen cannot be dismissed.

It appears from the report, that the possibility of a short fall injury was not discussed at Roberson's original trial.

Mr. Roberson is Not Alone

Evidence showing, that more and more cases of men are being falsely accused of Shaken baby syndrome after their child has suffered a short fall injury, is coming to light, and Dr. John Plunkett is not the only professional to have become concerned.

Biomechanic, Dr. John Lloyd, has also become increasingly concerned. In a short [three-minute](#) video, Dr. Lloyd discussed the facts surrounding short falls and subsequent brain injuries in a little more detail, explaining how different flooring can determine how hard a child's head is likely to bounce.

https://youtu.be/N7_gxIpiIo8

In a more in depth [presentation by Dr. John Lloyd](#), he proves that it is virtually impossible to cause the triad of injuries, by shaking alone, without causing serious neck and back injuries.

Hopefully, Mr. Roberson will be the first of many cases involving short fall injuries to be examined more closely. It is difficult to imagine that this man has had to suffer 14 years on death row, with the realization that each day could be his last, for a crime that he may not have even committed.

Is SBS a Cover-up for Medical Abuse?

As we have previously reported, SBS diagnoses could very well be a cover-up for other medical conditions causing things such as brittle bone disease, vitamin D deficiencies, and other conditions, some of which are clearly linked to vaccine injuries. To learn more about this topic see:

[Are Parents Going to Jail for Vaccine Injuries?](#)

[Is Shaken Baby Syndrome Often Misdiagnosed and Caused by Vaccine-Induced Rickets?](#)

As more and more evidence comes forth in the legal and forensic fields to disprove much of the controversial SBS theory, will the day soon come where this charge is no longer admissible in a court of law, and will be seen as medical fraud?

Parents' Constitutional Rights Not Allowed for Discussion in Texas CPS Reform Hearing



Image from Briebart.com.

Health Impact News Editor Comments

Texas has a corrupt child protection services that abuses children, and it needs to be overhauled with a new one. That was the ruling of a [federal judge in Texas who wrote](#):

Texas' PMC (Permanent Managing Conservatorship) children have been shuttled throughout a system where rape, abuse, psychotropic medication, and instability are the norm.

So the current session of the Texas legislature is discussing changes, but apparently the Constitutional rights of parents is not a topic that is being allowed into the discussion, according to this report from [Briebart.com](#).

Questions Over Parents' Constitutional Rights Suppressed in Texas CPS Reform Hearing

by [LANA SHADWICK](#)

Excerpts:

Two Texas House hearings have been held to address nightmares with the Texas Child Protective Services agency. During one of those hearings, a state representative who was chairman of the committee, angrily shut-out a discussion of the due process and other constitutional rights of parents.

Today, new DFPS Commissioner Hank Whitman submitted some proposals, at the request of Texas Governor Greg Abbott. Whitman, a former Texas Rangers Chief, was appointed to the position by the governor in April. He also appointed a 17-year CPS veteran, Kristene Blackstone to serve as assistant commissioner, Breitbart Texas [reported](#).

Whitman's letter includes ten proposals to improve the Child Protective Services agency (CPS) and the child welfare system in the Lone Star State. These suggestions are designed to address problems with the agency. According to a statement received by Breitbart Texas from the Governor's office, the solutions are designed "to strengthen capacity, efficiency, and accountability at the agency."

The following ten proposals are contained within the new

Commissioner's letter (displayed below):

1. Institute a new culture of accountability throughout CPS;
2. Require CPS regional directors to re-apply for their jobs;
3. Charge system with taking special care of high-needs children in CPS care;
4. Continue to implement CPS Transformation overhaul launched in 2014;
5. Partner with the Texas Department of Public Safety to develop a team of information analysts to gather information about households for caseworkers;
6. Ensure all CPS Special Investigators receive forensic training by September 2016;
7. Ramp up efforts to bring Texas' faith-based community into the child welfare tent;
8. Strengthen the state's investment in performance-based outcomes for foster care;
9. Maintain sharp focus on combating human trafficking and devote special services to trafficking victims; and
10. Provide young parents with the tools and resources to build safe, healthy households.

At the time of Whitman's appointment, the Texas Governor said that

"The status quo at CPS is unacceptable. Our children are too important to suffer through the challenges they've faced. I've

insisted on overhauling a broken system.” Abbott added, “I applaud the leadership changes that will provide a new direction and focus that puts protecting children first.”

Today the governor emphatically stated that “Upon appointing Commissioner Whitman to lead DFPS, [I] made clear the [status quo at CPS is unacceptable](#) and charged new leadership with providing a new direction and focus that puts protecting Texas children first.”

In both hearings, representatives discussed what reforms are needed, and whether retired police officers and teachers should be considered for employment positions at the agency. Republican Rep. Dustin Burrows from Lubbock asked about the latter, as well as about the role that faith based organizations could play in fixing the embattled foster care system.

On Thursday, Garnet Coleman, a Democrat representative from Houston who serves as chair of the Texas House County Affairs Committee, would not allow Rep. Jonathan Stickland (R-Bedford) to ask child protective services representatives who were testifying for Harris County, about the constitutional and due process rights of parents when they are caught up in the system.

Stickland told Breitbart Texas,

“While seeking to reform Child Protective Services, we need to be careful that those that are in the mess are not part of fixing it.” As to Rep. Coleman’s shutting Rep. Stickland down in asking questions, Stickland added, “I am convinced that the constitutional rights of parents do matter,” he emphasized. “It must be part of the process.”

Tim Lambert, head of the Texas Home School Coalition Association, told Breitbart Texas,

“Parents have a fundamental constitutional right to direct the care, control, and upbringing of their children, and this very much comes into consideration when parents are under CPS investigation.” He explained, “CPS caseworkers and employees seem to think that parents have no rights. A parent or parents being investigated for abuse or neglect are frequently treated as if they have less due process rights than a criminal in the court system.” He said, “I think it is important for any decision where the government can have an impact on the relationship between a parent and a child for there to be the freedom of a robust discussion of the constitutional rights of parents as it relates to their children.”

“The U. S. Supreme Court has made it very clear that parents have constitutional rights related to their children,” Jonathan Saenz president of Texas Values told Breitbart Texas.

“I believe constituents would be very concerned if a state official tried to silence or censor discussion about parental rights when making decision about CPS or accountability for the government. Hostility toward parents or the religious faith of parents by elected officials is a growing concern and the public deserves to hear more about this issue, not less.”

Read the full story at [Breitbart.com](https://www.breitbart.com).

Other Articles Regarding Texas Foster Care and Child Protection Services:

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[3 Oppressive Texas CPS Agents Receive Felony Indictments](#)

[Innocence Destroyed: Case Against Texas Homeschool Family Dismissed as Traumatized Children Try to Rebuild Their Lives](#)

[Judge Orders CPS to Return Baby to Parents in Texas Medical Kidnap Case](#)

[Texas Attorney: CPS is Too Powerful – Has Become an “Adoption Mill”](#)

[CPS Kidnaps 11 Children from Texas Homeschool Family](#)

[Texas Baptist Home Failed to Protect Foster Kids from Sexual Abuse](#)

Homeschool Texas Family Terrorized by CPS for Speaking Out and For Having Too Many Children at Home



Rembis children the day CPS investigated their home on May 16. They had only been living in Lubbock for about 2 weeks, and their furniture had not yet arrived. Image provided by Rembis family.

UPDATE 8/29/2016

[Colorado Police Help Texas CPS Kidnap Rembis Children and Bring Back to Texas - Father Jailed](#)

Homeschool Texas Family Terrorized by CPS for Speaking Out and For Having Too Many Children at Home

by Health Impact News/Medical Kidnap.com Staff

Claire and William Rembis recently moved to Lubbock County Texas for a new job offer in May, but little did they know that Lubbock CPS was considered the “worst county in all of Texas” in terms of removing children from families according to one Texas attorney. The Rembis’ had only been living in Lubbock County for 2 weeks, when CPS started investigating their family all over again, initiated by a call that one of their daughter was out in the front yard alone. They thought their nightmare with Texas CPS was over when [Judge Wheless dismissed their case last year](#) and rebuked the Collin County social workers for “clearly harassing” them. Their lives were about to be turned upside-down and scrutinized all over again.

CAUSE NO. 417-30094-2015

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| MINOR CHILDREN | § | COLLIN COUNTY, TEXAS |

ORDER DISMISSING ORDER TO PARTICIPATE

THE COURT FINDS that the reasons for the children needing court involvement no longer exist, and the Court hereby dismisses the previously issued Order(s) to Participate originally issued on July 14TH, 2015, as well as all subsequent Amended Order(s) to Participate in their entirety.

IT IS ORDERED that Cause Number 417-30094-2015 is hereby dismissed.

THE COURT FINDS that this dismissal is in the best interest of the children.

Signed on 10th of Sept 20 15



JUDGE PRESIDING

Judge Wheless' Order to Dismiss. Provided by Rembis family.

Read Health Impact News' original article on the Rembis family here:

[CPS Kidnaps 11 Children from Texas Homeschool Family](#)

CPS allegedly has persistently accused the Rembis' of being "against CPS" at their last hearing on August 9th, because they exercised their 1st Amendment Right and spoke out on MedicalKidnap.com, Facebook, YouTube and various radio shows about CPS abuses. According to Claire, the family began to fear for their physical safety, because the social worker Kristin Stecklein, became increasingly aggressive and intimidating. Claire reports that Stecklein would pound on

the door multiple times a day, even bringing large threatening men along with her to pound on the door, while Stecklein would walk around the house peeking in windows and yelling. Claire pleads,

We are terrified. I feel like I'm reading a book about a missionary in China or Anne Frank. Someone dialing a number – making a call – just like that – it can end everything. This is so scary. Our kids – they color, they read, they play outside. We don't do drugs; we don't have a criminal history.

I just don't understand. This is too much. It's just so heavy. We are such a normal, boring, uneventful, laid back & happy family. I just cannot wrap my mind around all of this. This can't really be happening again? I almost wish that we had an issue or two that we could blame for all of this. Because then, we could fix it. And if we could fix it, CPS would never be involved in our lives again – because it was fixed.

Children Abused and Traumatized While in State Custody Last Year

The Rembis' are concerned first and foremost about the safety of their children, and know that when their children were in state custody for only a few short days last year, they were abused. This raises “safety concerns” for the Rembis' about CPS, and their need to protect their children from CPS. The Rembis children were not only emotionally traumatized, separated from their parents and each other, but some were also sexually traumatized.

Claire was horrified to learn that her 9-year-old son was

asked by a CPS worker if he “masturbated,” and he did not even know what that word was. She says he wasn’t even placed in a foster home, but spent 3 days in a homeless shelter with other homeless adults and children. In only 36 hours away from home, this child’s innocence was lost.

Despite the fact that there were no sexual allegations in their previous case, 4 of their children received “Sexual Assault Exams.” Claire discovered that the 1.5-year-old had to be “restrained with ropes” during the exam. Two of the children told her:

I don’t want to see that doctor again. I could have gotten germs. It was really gross. They touched me down there and they didn’t have gloves on. They looked down there, and they touched down there, and they touched IN there.

Claire discovered that in the foster homes where 4 of her girls were placed, one night a foster boy named “Simon,” who was around 10, was “allowed to have a sleep-over” in her girls’ room, in her 5-year-old daughter’s bed! The other girls told their mom later, that the 5-year-old had wet her bed and was troubled the next morning. To this day she has been having regular “accidents,” because of this traumatic event, reports Claire.

For children in foster care, these types of abuses are more common than many realize. See:

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

Taking Time to Heal from CPS Abuses

The Rembis' had moved to Montague County for 8 months of rest and healing, after being terrorized by Collin County CPS last summer. Although anonymous allegations continued to be made against the Rembis family during this time, the social worker in Montague County appreciated that the allegations being made were clearly not neglect, and even testified in court last year that he "had no concerns" about the Rembis family.

Claire reveals how her family could finally rest and heal after their terrifying ordeal with CPS:

By the grace of God, we were blessed with a country home that met our needs perfectly. It was temporary housing but it was exactly what we needed at the time. Secluded, beautiful & a resting place for our weary souls.

During this period of time we spent many, many hours simply enjoying our family. My husband worked very little hours & my small business of 4 years was put on hold.

Our days & nights were filled with country air, small town hospitality, new friends & we were ministered to. God used the CPS tragedy to bring us closer together & to strengthen us. We connected with a tiny Baptist church out in the country. They poured into our family in so many ways. My husband became close friends with the pastor helping to heal his wounded soul. This was very much needed as it was some members of our sons' previous church that called CPS on us causing our children to be removed.

Previous Attorney Warned Claire of an “Advocate” Making Allegations

Last year, Claire says she was informed through various sources, including her attorney, that someone who was acting as an advocate was also making allegations to CPS, even after the family moved from Collin County to Montague County. Claire wonders if this same “advocate” has continued to make allegations, causing Lubbock County to be on high-alert as soon as they moved to town. Claire explains, that when their case was dismissed last year, their attorney advised them “to file a lawsuit against CPS as soon as possible before they came back,” because it was clear to him that CPS was not planning to leave them alone.

a few days.

All I know about [REDACTED] is that she called CPS, CASA, etc several times throughout your case and was making reports on you. She also made the reports after you moved.

I would block her from all social media and any other contacts, nothing good can come of it.

THANK YOU,

“Warning” text from previous attorney to Claire Rembis. Provided by Rembis family.

Lubbock Police Investigate Allegation About a Wandering Child and Find No Concern

Claire recalls,

On the afternoon of May 16th, my husband drove the van across the street to the coffee shop (before heading in to work). He left the house through the garage so that all of the locks on the front door could remain locked. About 10 minutes after my husband left there was a police officer at our front door. I was terrified thinking that something terrible must've happened to my husband.

When I opened the door I saw a woman next to a car across the street & she was staring at the officer and I. The officer told me that they had received a call from someone stating that one of our children was wandering outside without supervision & that this child had a, "wet pampers".

I was shocked! I asked the girls if they knew what he was talking about. They told me that Sunday was in the front yard & that Pocahontas brought her back inside.

I told the officer that I didn't know how she got out. I told him that if the person who called was so concerned, then why didn't she knock on the door or ring the doorbell so that she could talk to me?

Then he told me that she didn't do that because the girls told her that I was asleep. I told the officer that the kids & I were outside working on our garden & that if she had just rung the doorbell she could've spoken to me about her concerns. I told the officer that we would figure out how she was able to get out & then secure that exit. When the officer left, the lady stopped him to talk.

The lady found out that the officer was not going to report us to CPS so she called them herself. CPS showed up lightning fast.

When officer Scott investigated and saw that everything was under control, the family believes the investigation should have ended there... but it didn't.

Social Worker Enlists Neighbors to Spy on the Rembis Family

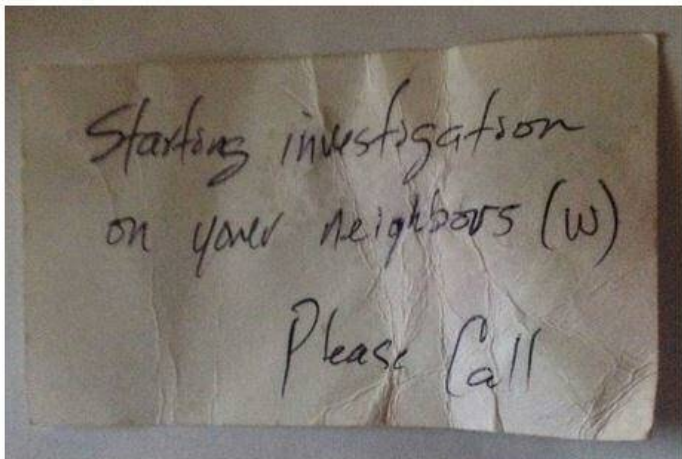
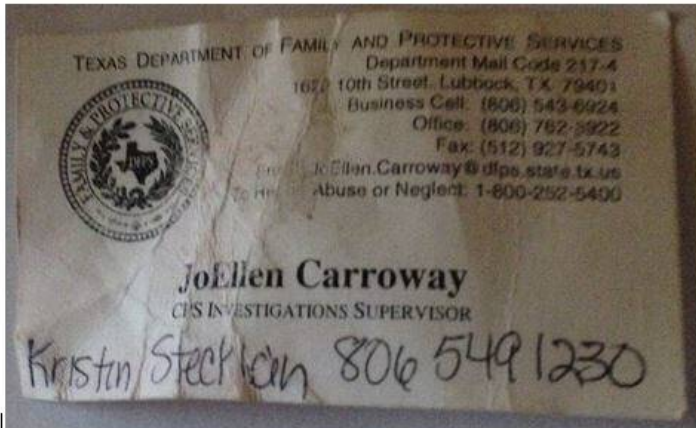


Kristin Stecklein, the CPS case worker. Image from [Facebook](#).

Claire learned that Lubbock County social worker Kristin Stecklein had been enlisting neighbors to spy on her family:

We had only been here for about 2 weeks before CPS got involved. We hadn't had a chance to even get to know our neighbors before they were told that we are abusive &

neglectful. Not only is it against CPS' own policies to share confidential information like this but now we are dealing with, "defamation of character" issues.



Claire reports that one of her neighbor's gave this card to her. Image provided by Rembis family.

Social Worker Demands to Investigate

Since there was no imminent danger and no warrant, the Rembis' initially refused to allow the social workers to investigate, as is their 4th Amendment Right. But under duress and coercion, they allowed Stecklein and her supervisor Jo Ellen Carroway to inspect their home and interview their children on May 16th.

Claire recalls:

They kept blackmailing me by saying that they were going to get a search warrant if we didn't cooperate. I told them that if they were granted a search warrant it would be because they lied to the judge. I told them that our childrens' lives were not in danger. I also offered to take photos of the kids & the house w/my phone so that they could see that everything was OK.

They said that that wasn't good enough. Kristin said something like, 'we'll be right back with a court order.' She said it in a sarcastic power tripping kind of way.

They walked back to their vehicle & then my husband pulled up. He came inside & after I gave him a brief synopsis of what had happened, he left to go up to the courthouse so that he could speak with the judge when they met with him to get the search warrant. They hadn't filed anything in an attempt to obtain an order so my husband left & went to the CPS offices.

He spoke with the supervisor. He asked her what had to be done to get them to leave us alone. He told her that our kids had endured so much trauma by what they did last summer. He also told the supervisor about the traumatic sexual assault

exam done to Sunday for no reason at all. He also told her that we didn't have the money for an attorney this time. He also told her that we had just moved in & didn't have our furniture yet. She assured him that that wouldn't be used against us.

So, when my husband came back home, the CPS workers came behind in. They went in to every room, looked in our refrigerator & then told us it was time for the kids' interviews.

I told the worker that I would be recording them. She said that I couldn't. I told her that I could, that I wasn't breaking the law by doing so. I explained to her that it was imperative to document in case they lied about something.

Well, then she turned around & started walking out the door saying, "...you aren't cooperating so I am getting a court order." Then my husband quickly said, "NO! no, no..." He told her that she could do the interviews. Then she told us that she had on a recording device & she would share the recordings with us at a later date (oh the irony!).

The kids took turns going out on the porch. They introduced themselves, said they didn't want to speak & then came back in. All of them.

At the conclusion of the visit, I asked her if she had any concerns. The only concern that she stated was that our youngest didn't have a crib. She asked if she could buy him one & I said yes. She brought it back later that night & then we never heard from her again.

A Case of Double Jeopardy?

Because all the children had refused to speak to her on May 16th, Stecklein claimed in her affidavit that her interviews were “not productive in gathering information to find out if the children are safe and have their basic needs met.” On June 16th she filed an Order In Aid of Investigation of Child Abuse or Neglect, 30 days after the initial investigation, with a hearing scheduled for June 29th.

Claire emphasizes,

In the affidavit filed she told the judge that we wouldn't let her investigate us! So, she asked for permission to come inside & take photos & to take the kids to the CAC (childrens' advocacy center) for interviews & photos of their bodies if they wanted them.

Claire says that the CPS Affidavit was full of lies, mostly from their “CPS History,” which were allegations that had already been dismissed as “harassment.”

The Rembis' filed an affidavit disputing all the accusations CPS made, but say that their affidavit was not included in the court documents, which was illegal. The Rembis' pointed out to CPS that using allegations from a closed case was a violation of their own policy and procedure. The Rembis' also declare that 5th Amendment protects them from “double jeopardy.”

Regardless, Judge Kevin Hart granted Stecklein's request to continue to investigate the Rembis'. Claire says that when Stecklein showed up on June 30th to take the children for interviews at the CAC, she informed them that she filed for a

de Novo hearing, hoping Hart's ruling would be overturned.



Kevin Hart was sworn in as an associate judge December 18, 2000, inside the 72nd District Courtroom at the Lubbock County Courthouse. ([Image source.](#))

Judge Hart Defies Americans with Disabilities Act

The Rembis' claim that Judge Hart's ruling was an unfair trial, violating William Rembis' Civil Rights, because Hart refused a hearing device to William, who is legally deaf, and he was unable to hear most of what was being said in court.

When William asked if he could come closer so that he could hear what was being discussed, he says that Judge Hart laughed at him. Being denied a court hearing device, is a violation of the American with Disabilities Act (ADA). The Rembis' have filed a complaint with the ADA regarding this, and have since received a letter stating that the ADA is investigating this issue.

Prosecuting Attorney Considers de Novo Hearings a Waste of Time

In a written testimony dated June 10, 2016, CPS' prosecuting attorney Deirdre Ward, a former CPS caseworker, states that de Novo hearings are “a waste of time and resources,” and are typically requested by “disgruntled parents” to delay adoption and get “more visitation” time with their children. Ward further explains that referring courts are not familiar with the “nuances of law unique to CPS cases,” but that associate judges “receive specialized training and information” to “deal with federal laws which greatly impact federal funding.” ([Source](#).)

Rembis' Accused of Being “Anti-CPS” During De Novo Hearing

During the de Novo hearing, Claire learned that [MedicalKidnap.com's](#) website was being projected on the wall behind her while she was being questioned about being “anti-CPS.”

Recalling the de Novo hearing, Claire laments,

The bottom line is this had nothing to do with the safety of our kids. They are trying to paint a picture of us being

uncooperative and anti-CPS, even though we already allowed them to interview our children once. We are not anti-CPS. We are anti-lying and anti-corruption. This is revenge on us for speaking out about CPS.

Listen to the Rembis' de Novo hearing on YouTube:

Video no longer available.

During the hearing, prosecuting attorney Deirdre Ward questioned Claire's motivation for recording interactions with police and social workers, asking if she has a problem with "department workers," to which Claire responds, "My problem is with workers who lie."

Ward then questioned Claire about her Facebook, saying that there is "a post currently on that page that talks about the reasons why you don't agree with CPS investigators interviewing your children." After presenting the below Facebook post to Claire, Ward asks, "Would it be a fair statement to say that you and your husband have spent a lot of time in multiple occasions fighting against CPS?" When William objected, Judge Darnell overruled and threatened to not interrupt the court again, or he would go to jail.

Claire-Elizabeth Rembis

Timeline Recent

Friend Request Sent Following

Claire-Elizabeth Rembis
July 18 at 6:51pm · 🌐

This is one of the many reasons why you should never, ever, EVER allow a CPS worker to photograph your children.

Edgewater man charged with child pornography possession

An Edgewater man has been charged with possessing child pornography, police said.

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Claire says, “The CPS attorney asked everyone to look at this post from my [Facebook](#) page. She said that it proves that we are, anti-CPS.”

Ward repeated the question, asking Claire if she spent a lot of time fighting against CPS, made a lot of complaints against the department on social media, if she had participated in radio interviews against CPS, and if she had participated in any newspaper articles or been interviewed by any radio stations about their involvement with CPS.

Claire answered that, yes, she has spoken out about their involvement with CPS.

When social worker Stecklein took the stand, William questioned, “If you take our kids to the Children’s Advocacy Center to be interviewed, do you think that there is a possibility that they’ll suffer emotional harm since they’re being taken away from their parents and being asked

questions without their parents present... don't you believe that's causing emotional harm... or you don't?"

Stecklein replied, "No, I do not." William then asks Stecklein, "Would it surprise you to learn that our children have expressed emotional concerns regarding the past interactions with CPS?" Judge Darnell interrupted, mockingly asking, "would it surprise you, sir, that children can be intimidated by their parents?"

In closing, William expressed concerns about their Constitutional Rights being violated, saying,

"We should be protected from illegal search and seizure and we object to anyone coming into our home without a warrant... It's the principle of it – they shouldn't be allowed to just come and go as they please in my house. It seems like the Constitution of the United States should come into play here when we're talking about going into somebody's house and searching."

Judge Darnell yelled at William,

"You don't think it's UNUSUAL to have 11 children in the house? ... and NO FURNITURE and NO FOOD? And CPS should stay out of your home? Is THAT what your telling US!?"

Judge Prejudiced Against Large Families and Freedom of Speech?

Claire asserts that Judge Darnell was rude and prejudiced,

openly expressing his disdain for their large family in both word and body language. She says that Darnell continually overruled their objections, rudely interrupted them, and then made a ruling founded on CPS lies, basing largely on the fact that they exercised their 1st Amendment Right to speak about their former experience with CPS, and appeared to be prejudiced against their family size.



140th District Court Honorable Jim Bob Darnell. [Image Source](#).

This type of behavior seems to be in direct violation with the [Texas Code of Judicial Conduct](#) which states:

Canon 3: Performing the Duties of Judicial Office Impartially and Diligently

(4) A judge shall be patient, dignified and courteous to litigants, jurors, witnesses, lawyers and others with whom the judge deals in an official capacity, and should require similar conduct of lawyers, and of staff, court officials and others subject to the judge's direction and control.

(6) A judge shall not, in the performance of judicial duties, by words or conduct manifest bias or prejudice, including but not limited to bias or prejudice based upon race, sex, religion, national origin, disability, age, sexual orientation or socioeconomic status, and shall not knowingly permit staff, court officials and others subject to the judge's direction and control to do so. ([Source](#).)

Social Worker Schedules Interviews and Gives Less than 24 Hours Notice

At the de Novo hearing, Ward stated that it was the “department’s preference” that the family bring the children in for the interviews, but that if they didn’t, then the department was authorized to transport the children to the CAC for the interviews. After the de Novo hearing, Claire says she called and left messages for Stecklein, asking how to go about scheduling the children’s interviews, but Stecklein never returned her calls.

According to Claire, on August 10th, Stecklein left a notice in her postal mailbox ([a federal offense](#)) regarding interviews Stecklein scheduled for Thursday August 11th at 8:30am, without checking if that time and day would work for the Rembis’ schedule.

The next morning, on August 11th, Stecklein allegedly stopped William in his driveway around 9am, as he was returning home after working all night, demanding to know why the children had “missed” their interviews. William explained that they had tried to call to coordinate the interviews times, so that they could bring the children to the CAC, but Stecklein never returned their calls. He explained that the times she scheduled did not work for their family, as he was just now getting home from work, and that he and Claire would call Stecklein to schedule the interviews at times that worked for their family’s schedule.

Family Flees Home in Fear – CPS Raids Home and Locks the Family Out of Their Own House

After the stressful events from the past few months, and especially the past week, the family feared for the safety of their children, and decided to leave home to visit friends, seek out an attorney, rest and pray. Since there was no court order restricting them from leaving their home, they figured now was a good time to get away for a few days and seek help to raise funds for an attorney. Before scheduling the children’s CPS interviews, they just wanted to make sure they had good legal representation to uphold their Constitutional rights.

All but the oldest son, Will, had gone on the trip. Will stayed behind, because the family was expected to return after they had time to prepare their case. Will informed Health Impact News that after his family had been gone for only a few hours, an officer, a Juvenile Crime Detective, and CPS entered the home without knocking, stating they had a warrant to search the home. Will told his mother later that the social workers were “taking millions of pictures of everything, going through drawers, looking in cabinets,

searching everywhere.”

Will says that when the social worker questioned “why the family had so little food in the house,” Will clarified, “it’s not IN the house, because they took it on their trip!”

Will identified the police officer as CJ Mitchel, and said he was kind and supportive of the Rembis family, allegedly saying he had “no concerns,” and that the Rembis’ home was in “better shape than his own home of only 6 children, and he didn’t see *why* CPS was having concerns.”

Will said that the Juvenile Crime Detective Jon House gave him a business card, asking Will to call him regarding his family’s whereabouts. House wrote the Rembis’ cell number on the back of the card, asking Will to call his family and inform them that they were considered “missing persons.” Will says he told the detective, “they’re not missing – they’re coming back!”

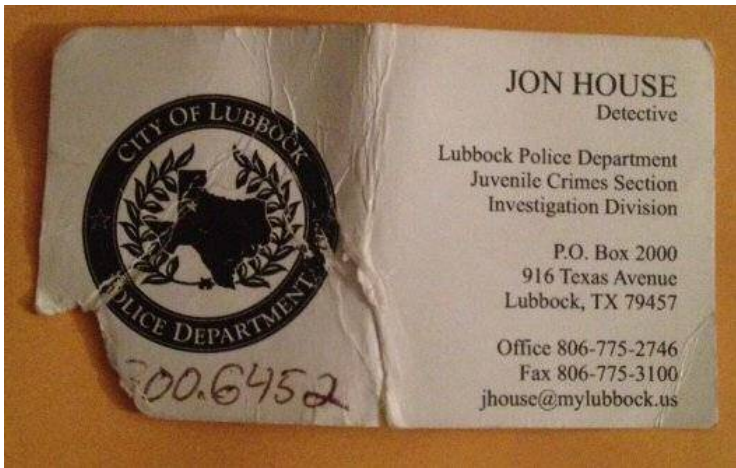


Image of business card given to Will during raid of the Rembis' home on Thursday August 11, 2016. Image provided by Rembis family.

Later that day, when Will came back home, he discovered that his house had been locked from the inside, and a broom handle had been placed across the sliding door, preventing it from opening, and a new lock had been placed on the gate leading to the backyard. *Will had been locked out of his own home!* He was able to stay with a neighbor for a few days, before joining his family on vacation.

Social Media is the New 911

Will states that when House asked him if he understood why CPS was investigating his family, he replied,

Everyone knows it's about the money. A family of 11 children like mine is a LOT of money. It's basically a legal kidnapping ring. Our last caseworker, Jennifer Matthews got a bonus

after my siblings went into foster care.

Will further illustrates,

This situation just shows that CPS has turned into an organization of legal child trafficking. There's an entire nation of people who don't even know about this corruption. Social media is the new 911, and we need to expose the government. Social media is literally a power tool to do this.

Rembis Children: Huge Cash Cow for the State?

The monthly foster care payment to the state alone can be as much as \$6000 (per child, per month), or more since they are considered “special needs” just for being a sibling group, or if the state medicates them after taking them into custody for any emotional trauma resulting from being legally kidnapped (as is the case with most children put into foster care).

The late Senator Nancy Schaeffer summed it up as follows:

Child Protective Services and Juvenile Court can always hide behind a confidentiality clause in order to protect their decisions and keep the funds flowing. There should be open records and “court watches”! Look who is being paid! There are state employees, lawyers, court investigators, guardian ad litem, court personnel, and judges. There are psychologists, and psychiatrists, counselors, caseworkers, therapists, foster parents, adoptive parents, and on and on.

All are looking to the children in state custody to provide job security. Parents do not realize that the social workers are the glue that hold “the system” together that funds the court, funds the court appointed attorneys, and the multiple other jobs including the “system’s” psychiatrists, therapists, their own attorneys and others. (Source: [The Corrupt Business of Child Protective Services.](#))

To further illustrate the federal funding problem, Claire explains that when CPS ordered educational assessments for her children last year, one psychologist told her:

95% of my clients are CPS cases, because they pay what I ask. Foster kids are like dealing with a child of luxury – they have everything paid for by the state, whereas most families can’t afford my services, and most private insurances won’t pay what I ask, but the government will.

To learn how the states have created a lucrative business out of child trafficking through CPS, see:

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

Lubbock County CPS – The “Worst County in All of Texas”

Claire recently spoke to a defense attorney in Lubbock who allegedly informed her:

When it comes to CPS, Lubbock County is the worst county in

all of Texas. Once a case is opened against a family, CPS ALWAYS asks the court for removal of children from the home and termination of parental rights at the very first hearing – no exceptions – 100% of the time. The EARLIEST he’s seen a child is returned to their family is 8 months. He’s never seen it like THIS in any other county in Texas.

Too often the public believes that social workers risk life and limb to save abused children, and that they’re overworked, over-stressed and underpaid. A Lubbock newspaper even reported that Texas has *lowered* the educational requirements for caseworkers, because of the “growing number of abused and neglected children in Texas” who need social workers to “save them,” citing that “Within the past 10 years, the Lubbock County child population increased by 18.5 percent, with 74,078 children in 2015, according to DFPS.” ([Source.](#))

The late Senator Nancy Schaefer, who died while fighting to expose the corrupt CPS system, said:

The system cannot be trusted. It does not serve the people. It obliterates families and children simply because it has the power to do so. Children deserve better. Families deserve better. It’s time to pull back the curtain and set our children and families free. (Source: [The Corrupt Business of Child Protective Services](#))

Claire hopes that other families in Lubbock will speak out about their unjust CPS cases and join them in shedding light on this corrupt system, adding:

This reeks of ‘we have an agenda, we’re up to no good.’ This CPS worker was able to obtain a court order based on lies. When you’re dealing with people like that who have so much power, it’s pretty scary.

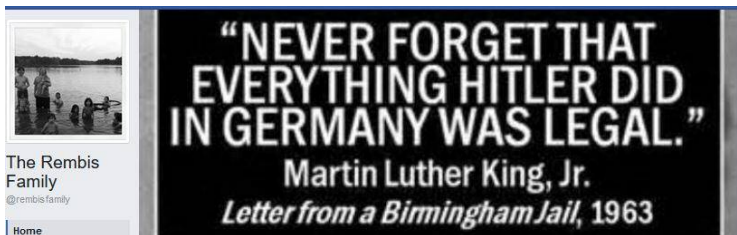
Pray for the Rembis Family to Get a Pro Bono Attorney

After the treatment they received in both court hearings, and after learning that their home had been searched & locked down while they were gone, and that they are considered “missing persons” because they took a vacation, the family is terrified to return home without a good attorney.

The family needs prayer. Claire stand on the promise in [Philippians 4:19](#):

But my God shall supply all your need according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus.

Please visit the Rembis Family Facebook page for updates on how you can help.



[The Rembis Family Facebook Page.](#)

How to Help the Rembis Family

The family is financially devastated. They need immediate financial assistance. They need support and prayer and local advocates. They also need to hire a private attorney

Health Impact News has set up a new page to help families like this one:

Family Defense Resources

Other stories about Texas:

Children of Texas Family Victimized by Medical Kidnapping Now Safe, Away from CPS

California Family Traveling Through Texas Loses Children to CPS After Autistic Daughter Drowns in Accident

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Colorado Police Help Texas CPS Kidnap Rembis Children and Bring Back to Texas - Father Jailed



Happy Rembis children on a road trip. Image supplied by family.

by Health Impact News/Medical Kidnap.com Staff

Pray for my babies' safety. Pray for their hearts & souls. Several of them were sexually abused & 1 was mentally abused when they were taken for only a few hours/days last year. Pray for peace. Pray that they won't be separated.

An anguished Claire Rembis cries out after learning that her children were being taken into state custody by Colorado CPS and police, where they had been visiting a friend. Simultaneously her husband William Rembis was being arrested on what she says are “bogus” charges in Texas. The children were all transported back to Lubbock Texas from Colorado, and Texas CPS has allegedly severed their parental rights, as this homeschool family’s nightmare continues.

Their ordeal with Lubbock CPS began on 5/16/16, when one of the Rembis’ younger children accidentally got into their front yard alone for a few moments. Adding a few more allegations like claiming the Rembis’ hated CPS, social worker Kris Stecklein allegedly was able to obtain a court order to privately interview and photograph all of the Rembis children at the Child Advocacy Center (CAC), and to take photos and inspect the Rembis’ home.

At the de Novo hearing on 8/9/16, CPS obtained court orders to proceed with the children’s interviews at CAC, removing the children by force “if the parents failed to bring them in voluntarily,” but instead of returning the Rembis’ calls and scheduling appointments in collaboration with the Rembis’, social worker Kris Stecklein allegedly took it upon herself to set appointment times for the children’s interviews, regardless if the time worked for the Rembis family’s schedule or not. On 8/10/16, the day after the de Novo hearing, Stecklein allegedly left a note in the Rembis’ mailbox, [a federal offense](#), informing the Rembis’ that she had scheduled interviews for the following day, Thursday

8/11/16 at 8:30am.

Claire and William Rembis, took their family from Lubbock Texas on 8/11/16 to visit a friend and fellow advocate in Colorado. On the same day they left Texas and headed for Colorado, their home in Texas was raided by CPS and police, and the Rembis' were immediately considered "missing persons." According to the Rembis', however, they were not "missing" and their home was still in Lubbock, Texas.

They were only planning to take a short trip to get away from the stress of the past few months of dealing with CPS, while waiting to obtain legal counsel. Claire says they had even signed up for a local home-school co-op, where the girls were looking forward to taking ballet. William had just been accepted into the law school at Texas Tech, something he had wanted to do for many years. Despite having to deal with CPS, they actually loved their new home and their community, and weren't planning to move.



“My grandfather, great grandfather, cousins & even great relatives fought at the Alamo for the future of my kids! I will always love the country & state that my family fought for.” – Claire. Image of Claire’s front door.

The Rembis’ did not want the children taken under duress for their interviews, or before they obtained legal counsel for their defense, and they had planned to escort their children to and from the interviews, which is what CPS said was their “preference.” However, Stecklein’s “bullying” actions seemed to be saying the opposite to Claire.

Claire was concerned that the private interviews were merely a tactic that CPS would use to conjure up more false allegations in order to take the children into state custody, since, according to Claire:

Stecklein lied in order to gain the order to investigate. She had an agenda and was up to no good.

To read the original story and hear the entire de Novo hearing on YouTube see:

[Homeschool Texas Family Terrorized by CPS for Speaking Out and For Having Too Many Children at Home](#)

Locked Out of Their Burglarized Home in Texas

The Rembis' had some business they needed to attend to back in Texas, so Claire and William returned to Texas on 8/24/16, leaving the children at their friend's home in Colorado. William and Claire had only planned to go back to Texas for a day to take care of some urgent business, and then return to Colorado.

Once back in Texas, the Rembis' learned that their home in Lubbock had been burglarized during their 2-week absence, and that they had been illegally "evicted" and locked out of their home. But the most tragic thing they discovered upon returning to Texas, was that on 8/11/16, Stecklein filed for Termination of the Rembis' Parental Rights – the same day that the Rembis' "missed" the appointments that Stecklein scheduled for the children at the CAC, and the same day they left for their trip to Colorado to de-stress.

This ordeal with CPS has not only emotionally traumatized them and their children, but has financially devastated the Rembis' as well. The family needs public outcry and prayer now more than ever. The family desperately needs to hire an

attorney.

Rembis' Tracked to Colorado from Grocery Store Purchases

Texas CPS was allegedly able to track the Rembis' to where they were visiting in Colorado because of purchases they made at a local grocery store.

Texas police then allegedly issued an [APB](#) in Colorado, looking for the Rembis family, whom they were calling "missing persons." Colorado police were able to pinpoint the exact home where the Rembis' were staying because a local police officer recognized Mr. Rembis, after he had stopped by the home where the Rembis' were visiting earlier that week.

When the Colorado officer saw an APB from Texas, and that Texas CPS claimed they had a writ issued by a judge for the apprehension and return of the Rembis children to Texas, the officer allegedly came back to the home "to investigate."

Traumatized Teen Calls Health Impact News

The eldest son Will Rembis, called a Health Impact News reporter on the night of 8/24/16, because police stopped him while he was on his way to the grocery store to buy dinner for his siblings. They allegedly said they were there to investigate a "writ from Texas CPS" about the Rembis family. While no one was being officially detained, they were also told they could not leave.

When Will asked if there were any arrests warrants for his family or if they were being charged with any crimes, police allegedly said that they did not know, but that they were

waiting for Texas CPS to send over more information about the writ. The police allegedly waited for over 4 hours, literally holding the family hostage without dinner, while they waited.



Will and Cora Rembis. Happier times before CPS intervened. Image supplied by family.

Terrified Children Forcefully Taken by Colorado CPS Without a Warrant

Police were apparently waiting all those hours, until Colorado social workers could arrive to take the children into custody. Although they allegedly never produced a warrant for their removal, or explained how a Texas writ could be legally enforced in Colorado, Health Impact News was told that the Colorado police officers forcefully and traumatically removed the Rembis children from their friend's home, and put them in temporary custody of Colorado CPS, until they could be given over to Texas CPS the following day.



Colorado Police Outside the home, “just waiting for over 4 hours” and not allowing anyone to leave. Image provided by family.

The family friend and fellow advocate with whom they were staying, described the “kidnapping of the children”:

The kids still cried that they didn't want to go with them, they wanted to stay here. I took the Camcorder to record them, and they got heated about that.

I demanded that they produce a warrant from here or not enter my home. I asked to read the supposed court order that they claimed to have from Texas, and the officer let me take the papers but when I told my daughter to screen shot them with her phone, he took the papers back and wouldn't let me read them.

I asked them how a court order in Texas issued by a corrupt judge could be valid in this state, that it was crossing jurisdiction. They lied and said it was a valid writ/warrant.

I said it can't be valid as the Rembis's have been here for exactly two weeks, if that order was just issued, it is fraudulent as they were not even in Texas to get served.

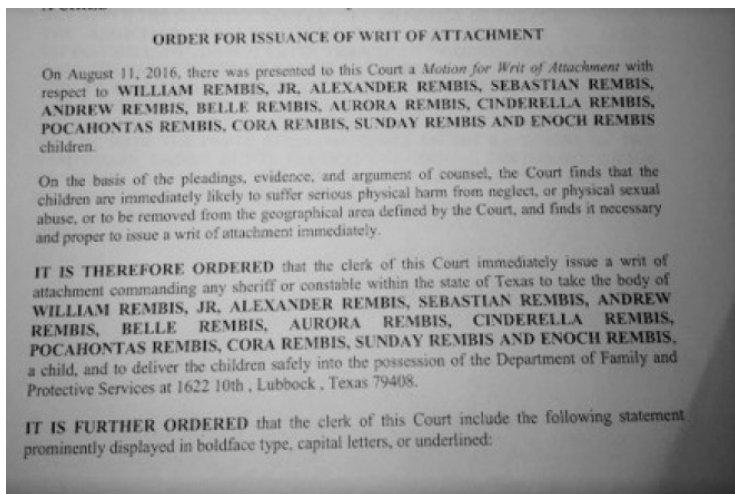
The officer said that their records in Texas showed the Rembis's being served. I asked for the date this was supposed to have happened, and they couldn't tell me.

They entered anyway and removed 10 severely traumatized children.

The next day, Claire was able to briefly speak to her 10-year-old son on the phone, because he had taken the family cell phone with him into foster care. He told his mom that they were all crying and screaming and did not want to leave their friend's house. He told his mom that the three youngest were "taken very meanly and that they hurt them."

Colorado Police Illegally Aid and Abet Texas CPS?

Claire claims that according to the Texas writ she has now obtained, Colorado illegally took the Rembis' children into custody, since the writ only authorized Texas authorities to seize the children.



Order for Issuance of Writ of Attachment: “commanding any sheriff or constable *within* the state of Texas” to take custody of the children and deliver them to Texas CPS. This writ did not authorize Colorado authorities to do the same. Document image provided by family.

Children Fear Being Abused Again in State Custody

According to the family's friend in Colorado, the Rembis' 8-year-old daughter screamed out while being forcefully taken by police,

No, I don't want to go with them. They will touch my private parts again and hurt us like they did before.

The family friend explains that the officers then lied to the children and told them that “no one was going to do that, and that they were going to a *safe place*.” She says that when the kids all screamed that “they were safe *here* and wanted to *stay here*,” the police and social workers “started bribing them with new shoes, toys, etc.,” but the children still did not want to go and were forcefully removed and traumatized.

Eye witnesses reported that:

The police ripped Enoch from Cinderella's arms & then dragged her across the living room floor!



This is Cinderella and Enoch in happier, more peaceful times. Image supplied by family.

Colorado Social Workers Refused to Identify Themselves

The family friend in Colorado refused CPS and police access

to the children because they had no warrant and no jurisdiction, but police threatened to arrest her if she did not move out of the way and allow them to take the children. She said the social workers refused to identify themselves or give her a business card when she asked for one. The children were basically abducted by unidentified strangers.

Claire later wrote:

NO warrant.

CPS workers refused to identify themselves. They wouldn't share their business cards.

These COWARDS stole our babies. No abuse, no neglect.

They threatened to arrest a momma bear for trying to protect them. For demanding a warrant. For wanting their names. Who were these strangers that stole them?! We don't know because they refused to identify themselves.

No abuse, no neglect. Pure retaliation for us speaking out about what they did to our babies.

Targeted for Having Too Many Children?

The family friend reported that one of the officer's said of the Rembis':

If they don't have jobs and can't obviously support 11 children, then they don't need to have children.

Claire recalls a phone conversation with an attorney on

8/10/16, after reading about him in another [MedicalKidnap.com story](#), warning her to leave the state because her family size made her a target for CPS:

I consulted with the attorney for the family whose autistic daughter drowned. He did mention that he didn't know of any good CPS attorneys in the Lubbock area. His advice to us was to stay out of Lubbock & to leave TX for good. Interestingly, he has 5 children himself & they are also homeschooled. He said that his brother has 9 kids & that he 'knows for a fact' that our family is targeted because of our family size. He says that his brothers' family is constantly harassed by their neighbors & others in the community.

Illegally “Evicted” and Locked out of their Texas Home

When the Rembis arrived back in Texas on 8/24/16, they went to their home to find that the door locks had been changed and they could not get in. When William was trying to enter the home, someone saw them and said they were trespassing and he was going to call the police. The Rembis' say that their landlord told them that all their stuff was gone and that she changed the locks.

Later, when Claire and William were in the parking lot of the grocery store near them, they were approached by several police officers, including [Detective House](#), one of the officers who raided the Rembis house on 8/11/16 and informed their son Will that his family was considered “missing persons.”

The police allegedly informed the Rembis that they were watching their house, and that if they went back there they

would be arrested for trespassing, since, allegedly, “their landlady did not want them there anymore.”

William Rembis Mocked and Arrested on “Bogus” Charges

While the Rembis children were being taken into state custody in Colorado, Texas authorities were apparently busy trying to find ways to arrest Claire and William Rembis. The police called social workers Kris Stecklein and Jo Ellen Carroway to the scene at the parking lot of the grocery store. The social workers allegedly admitted there was no arrest warrant for the Rembis’, and there was not an open CPS case against them.

CPS did allegedly tell the police that they “suspected” physical neglect and neglectful supervision, and although they could not “prove it,” they had “reason to believe that the children were in danger.”

Yet, because William had not changed his driver’s license over from a Michigan license to a Texas one, and because he could not provide proof of insurance, William was arrested. When Claire asked why they were arresting him rather than just issuing a ticket, Detective House mockingly said he was “doing him a favor by arresting them,” allegedly joking and adding that “in this way they would see a judge more quickly.”

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Rather than issuing a ticket., Texas police arrested William Rembis for driving with a Michigan license and not providing proof of insurance. (Image from online Public Records)

It now appears to the Rembis' that Texas police and CPS were collaborating with Colorado CPS and police, to take the children into custody at the same time they were arresting William Rembis.

Texas Police Accuse Parents of Hating CPS and Hating Cops

Claire described how she was infuriated when Detective House “made jokes” about her family to the other police on the night of William’s arrest, laughing as if there was

something funny about their family's devastating situation. Claire and William reported that House made several false accusations, like the Rembis' had "been on the run for years," and that "their children eat out of dumpsters," and even that "Claire was pregnant again."



Detective Jon House, who allegedly mocked the Rembis and jokingly made false allegation to other police when arresting William Rembis on 8/24/16. Card supplied by family.

When William asked House how he could say such lies, House allegedly answered,

CPS said it was true, and I believe CPS. You guys hate CPS and cops.

William corrected House, explaining that while they have reasons to not trust CPS, they actually do like and respect police and even have relatives who work as police.

Rembis' Home Burglarized, Police Refuse to Investigate

After being released from jail on 8/25/16, William was able to file an ex parte Writ of Reentry, and was then allowed to legally reenter his home, since their landlady locked them out illegally and without giving them any notice.

Once back inside their home, the Rembis' discovered that the home had been ransacked and burglarized. Everything of value had been taken – all electronics, including a 4' high television, *yet no neighbors allegedly witnessed anything or informed the police.*

Frustrated, William exclaims,

We've had neighbors call the police when I've gone outside to take out my trash, saying that my children were outside alone in the bushes, when they were outside with me taking out the trash, yet nobody saw anyone burglarize my home!

The police refused to take a report or even take fingerprints, saying that we could make an inventory and come down and file a report ourselves. They claimed that there was no need to take fingerprints, because 'if there were any, they could see them because they're oily, and that the rain most likely washed any fingerprints away.'

While doing his own investigation, William found a pair of black gloves in his back yard!

Will declares,

We're devastated. We're wiped out.

No Immediate Danger, Yet CPS Files for Custody & Termination of Parental Rights

Before releasing William from jail on 8/25/16, both he and Claire were served with documents stating that CPS had taken emergency custody of their children and intended to terminate their parental rights. The Rembis' now suspect that Will was arrested, rather than issued a ticket, for the sole purpose of having these papers served.

The [words of the Texas attorney](#) Claire spoke to on the phone a couple of weeks ago were proving true:

When it comes to CPS, Lubbock County is the worst county in all of Texas. Once a case is opened against a family, CPS ALWAYS asks the court for removal of children from the home and termination of parental rights at the very first hearing – no exceptions – 100% of the time. The EARLIEST he's seen a child returned to their family is 8 months. He's never seen it like THIS in any other county in Texas.



Kristin Stecklein, the CPS social worker. Image from [Facebook](#), (although she has now [removed her Facebook page](#) since the [original story](#) came out.)

On 8/11/16, the same day the Rembis' left Texas to get away from all the stress, Stecklein filed a petition for CPS to take emergency custody, claiming that the children were in "immediate danger," or that they "were victims of neglect or sexual abuse or trafficking," and that "continuation in the home would be contrary to the children's welfare."

**ORDER FOR PROTECTION OF A CHILD IN AN EMERGENCY
AND NOTICE OF HEARING**

On August 11, 2016, the Department of Family and Protective Services ("the Department") presented its Petition to the Court. The Department appeared through **KRISTIN STECKLEIN**, caseworker, and by attorney.

1. Jurisdiction

Having examined the pleadings and reviewed the evidence, the Court finds that it has jurisdiction of this cause under § 262.002, Texas Family Code.

2. Findings

- 2.1. Having examined and reviewed the evidence, including the sworn affidavit accompanying the petition and based upon the facts contained therein, the Court finds that all reasonable efforts, consistent with time and circumstances have been made by the Petitioner to prevent or eliminate the need for removal of the children the subject of this suit from the home and to make it possible for the children to return home but continuation in the home would be contrary to the children's welfare.

Excerpt from Order for a Protection of a Child in an Emergency. Documents supplied by family.

2.2. The Court finds that:

- 2.2.1. there is an immediate danger to the physical health or safety of the children or the children have been the victims of neglect or sexual abuse or trafficking under §§20.A.02 or 20.A.03, Penal Code, on one or more occasions and that continuation in the home would be contrary to the children's welfare; and
- 2.2.2. there is no time, consistent with the physical health or safety of the children for a full adversary hearing, and reasonable efforts consistent with the circumstances and providing for the safety of the children, were made to prevent or eliminate the need for removal of the children.

- 2.3. The Court finds that the following temporary orders are in the best interests of the children the subject of this suit.

Excerpt from Order for a Protection of a Child in an Emergency (continued). Documents supplied by family.

Claire and William find these accusations ironic, since the only abuse and neglect the children have suffered was at the hands of CPS and foster care last year, and add that what CPS is now doing is child trafficking and abuse under color of law.

When Claire was served on 8/25/16, she cried,

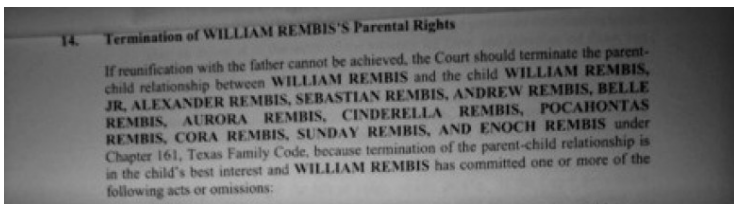
We never stood a chance! The same day! I even left her a voicemail and she never called back to schedule the appointments! How could she file for Termination just because we missed the appointment she made at 8:30? We didn't agree to that appointment time! Willie didn't even get home from work until after that time!

13. Termination of CLAIRE REMBIS'S Parental Rights

If reunification with the mother cannot be achieved, the Court should terminate the parent-child relationship between **CLAIRE REMBIS** and the children the subject of this suit under Chapter 161, Texas Family Code, because termination of the parent-child relationship is in the children's best interest and **CLAIRE REMBIS** has committed one or more of the following acts or omissions:

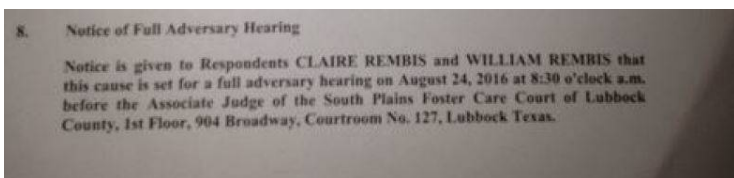
- 13.1. knowingly placed or knowingly allowed the children to remain in conditions or surroundings which endanger the physical or emotional well-being of the children, pursuant to § 161.001(b)(1)(D), Texas Family Code;
- 13.2. engaged in conduct or knowingly placed the children with persons who engaged in conduct which endangers the physical or emotional well-being of the children, pursuant to § 161.001(b)(1)(E), Texas Family Code;
- 13.3. constructively abandoned the children who have been in the permanent or temporary managing conservatorship of the Department of Family and Protective Services for not less than six months and: (1) the Department has made reasonable efforts to return the children to the mother; (2) the mother has not regularly visited or maintained significant contact with the children; and (3) the mother has demonstrated an inability to provide the children with a safe environment, pursuant to § 161.001(b)(1)(N), Texas Family Code;
- 13.4. failed to comply with the provisions of a court order that specifically established the actions necessary for the mother to obtain the return of the children who have been in the permanent or temporary managing conservatorship of the Department of Family and Protective Services for not less than nine months as a result of the children's removal from the parent under Chapter 262 for the abuse or neglect of the children, pursuant to § 161.001(b)(1)(O), Texas Family Code;

Termination of Parental Rights for Claire. CPS documents provided by family.



Termination of Parental Rights for William. CPS documents provided by family.

The Rembis' also "missed" an Adversary Hearing schedule for the morning of 8/24/16 at 8:30am, although they received notice of this on 8/25/16 when they were served at the jail.



Adversary Hearing set for 8-24-16, but Rembis' served on 8-25-16. Documents provided by family.

According to [Texas Family Code 262.101](#), in order to receive an emergency removal order, there must be "immediate danger to the physical health or safety of the child or the child has been a victim of neglect or sexual abuse and that continuation in the home would be contrary to the child's welfare," and this must be supported by a sworn affidavit of facts, and that "reasonable efforts were made to prevent or eliminate the need for the removal of the child."

7. Reasonable Efforts to Reunify Family

7.1. The Department made reasonable efforts, consistent with time and circumstances prior to the children's removal and prior to the placement of the children in foster care, to prevent or eliminate the need for removal of the children and the Department has made reasonable efforts to make it possible for the children to return home.

7.2. The Department will make reasonable efforts to eliminate the need for the children's removal and to enable the return of the children to the parents.

8. Request for Permission to Take Possession of Children in an Emergency

8.1. There is an immediate danger to the physical health or safety of the children, or the children have been the victims of neglect or sexual abuse. Continuation in the home would be contrary to the children's welfare. There is no time consistent with the physical health or safety of the children for a full adversary hearing, and reasonable efforts, consistent with the circumstances and providing for the safety of the children were made to prevent or eliminate the need for removal of the children.

8.2. The Department has attached to this Petition an affidavit setting out the facts of this case.

8.3. The Department requests emergency orders and/or attachments required to gain possession of the children as authorized by §262.101, Texas Family Code.

9. Temporary Managing Conservatorship

The Department requests that the court immediately, without notice or an adversary hearing, appoint the Department as temporary sole managing conservator of the children as provided in Chapter 262 and § 105.001(a)(1) and (h), Texas Family Code.

CPS' Claim to "Reasonable Efforts." Document provided by family.

CPS claimed that they made reasonable efforts to prevent the removal of the children, and that the children were in immediate danger, however, Claire and William contend that Stecklein filed her petition for emergency removal of the children as retaliation because they "missed" the appointments she made for them on 8/11/16, since she filed the petition that same day.

CPS Forcing Vaccines and Unwanted Services

The orders also include provisions for the Rembis' to undergo psychiatric evaluations, parenting classes, drug and alcohol assessments, and they can be ordered to pay child

support, and provide medical insurance for the children in CPS custody. They can also require the Rembis' to provide marriage licenses, and birth certificates and social security cards to establish parentage.

The department is also asking for a complete medical history of the children and for their immunization records. Claire says she explained to CPS that the children are not vaccinated because one of their children almost died from vaccine injuries related to the DTaP vaccine, and now suffers from [Immune Thrombocytopenia \(ITP\)](#), which is a bleeding disorder in which the blood does not clot normally. Because of this, the Rembis' were advised to never vaccinate any other children.

The Rembis' also have learned about the many "[disgusting and harmful ingredients in vaccines](#)," and they have religious objections about putting harmful ingredients, such as cell lines [developed from aborted fetuses](#), into their bodies. Texas allows for religious exemptions for vaccines.

Children Continue to Suffer in State Care – Allege Abuse

Claire and William had a visitation with their children on Friday 8/27/15. There were 4 social workers present, including Stecklein and Carroway, and the Rembis' said they felt like animals in cages at the zoo. Claire says the social workers were staring at them, listening to every word they said.

Claire says the children are all in some sort of group home with cottages, but the children are separated into different cottages. Claire reports that the children were happy to see them, but devastated when they had to go.

The twins told their mom that “for some reason the people at the home are being really mean to the boys and that the boys are being abused,” and that a “man was speaking profanity towards them and being really mean.”

She said Andrew was visibly shaken up during the meeting and sat with his back to everyone. Claire said she just gently rubbed his back during the meeting. Claire explained that the worker from the group home informed her that Andrew had not eaten anything since coming into state custody. Claire said she told them it would be in Andrew’s “best interest” if he were with his brothers and not alone in a separate cottage.

Claire cries out:

This just breaks my heart. Andrew cried the entire time & said that this is worse than last time. I don’t know how I’m supposed to live.

Public School Violates Rembis’ Religious Freedom to Home School

CPS plans to put the children in public school on Monday 8/29/16, which Claire declares is a violation of her 1st Amendment Right to Religious Freedom. The children have been home schooled, but the group home is not equipped to continue to home-school the children. Claire explained that the children can NOT go to public school because public school curriculum goes against her religious beliefs, and sending her children to public school is a violation of their religious freedom. Claire asked CPS to at least send them to a Christian school, but they said they can’t afford it.

Claire cries out:

My GOD!!!! They can't really do this? Cause us to sin by FORCE. They are forcing us to sin by enrolling them. My God. This is too much. We need help. They can't really do this?!?!?

Families Are Under Attack

The family friend of the Rembis' in Colorado, declares:

Whether we like it or not, want to accept it or not, we are under attack.

When you are violated by law enforcement, government agencies who lie, threaten, break the law, violate your Constitutional Rights, and steal from you, and you have no one to go to, complain to, investigate your claims, because they are just as corrupt as the monsters victimizing you, then we are under attack.

We have all tried to do the right things, have complied with their ridiculous demands, jumped through every hoop and barrier that they have placed in our paths, bent over backwards to get the politicians and Congress to stop this corruption, to no avail, they are still snatching our children, placing them in stranger's homes who have records where they are beaten, tortured, sexually abused, and murdered.

Judges married to other Judges who will issue orders and warrants for their spouse's crimes against the people. DA's married to Social Workers, Social workers married to Judges and Cops, keeping it in the family to join forces to victimize us.

They commit treason, tyranny, break the laws, and openly attack us unafraid of any consequences to themselves, because they know that there is no one in the official capacity who is going to hold them accountable.

We will hold them accountable. Will you all stand with me? Will you put your fears and the false hopes and lies that these agencies have fed you aside and make getting our children back a priority in our lives? Will you stand for something and fight for one another to reach our common goals of getting our children back and taking down this corrupt Government?

How to Help the Rembis Family

The family is financially devastated. They need immediate financial assistance. They need support and prayer and local advocates. They also need to hire a private attorney

Health Impact News has set up a new page to help families like this one:

Family Defense Resources

The new Adversary Hearing is set for 9/7/16 at 8:30am at the South Plains Foster Care court in Lubbock, Texas. Advocates are encouraged to come to the courthouse and protest these atrocities, done not only to the Rembis family, but to all families across America.

THIS.IS.SPIRITUAL.WARFARE.

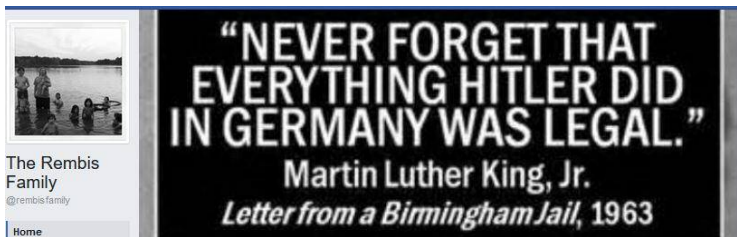
For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the

darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places. ([Ephesians 6:12](#))

Claire is praying for the social workers' and judges' hearts to be softened and for the children to come home and the case to be closed. She also prays for the children's protection while in state custody. If you're a prayer warrior, please stand in agreement with Claire!

Claire reports some good news already:

Our oldest son, Will (17) has been taken off the case & CPS does not want to take him anymore. Praise God & thank Him for this good news!



Check [The Rembis Family Facebook Page](#). for regular updates.

Other stories about Texas:

[Children of Texas Family Victimized by Medical Kidnapping Now Safe, Away from CPS](#)

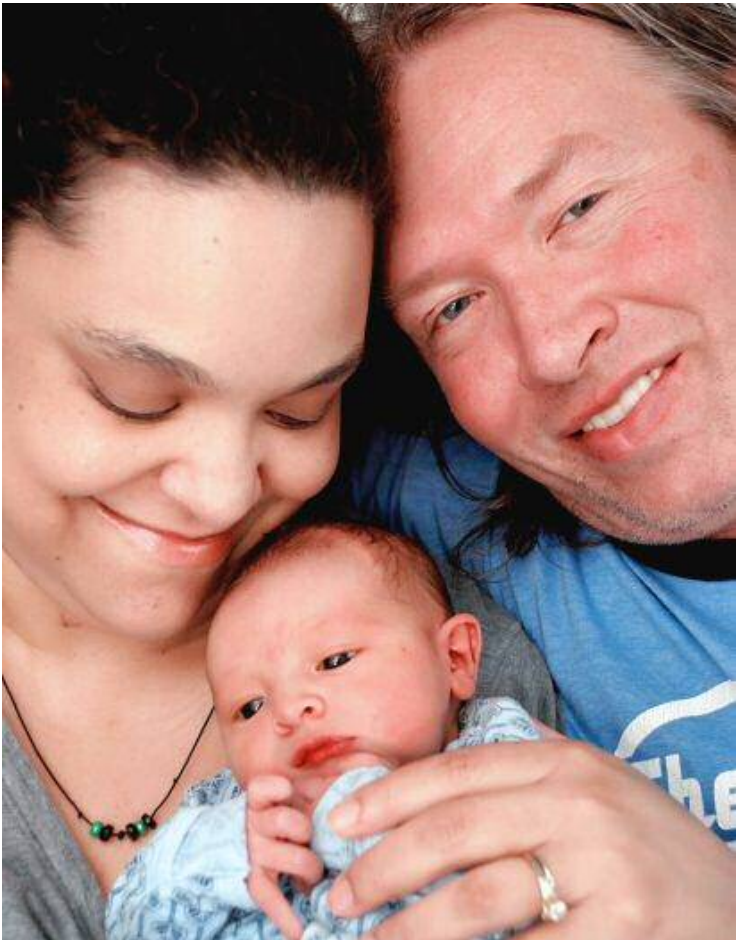
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[Judge Condemns Texas Foster Care System that Abuses Children as Unconstitutional](#)

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Texas Mother Speaks out on Kidnapping of her 11 Children on National Safe Child Show



Claire and William Rembis with their youngest child.

Health Impact News

Claire Rembis, the homeschool mother of the 11 children who were abducted in Colorado recently and brought back to Texas (See: [Colorado Police Help Texas CPS Kidnap Rembis Children and Bring Back to Texas – Father Jailed](#)), was interviewed Friday, September 2nd by Tammi Stefano of the National Safe Child Show.

The show begins with Claire on the phone with Ms. Stefano while still wrapping up a monitored visitation with some of her children who were recently taken into custody by Texas CPS in Lubbock, Texas. Claire is upset while trying to wrap up her visit to do the interview, because she was reportedly only allotted one hour of time with her daughters, and when she took a short break to use the bathroom about 45 minutes into the visitation, they took her daughters away before she could even say goodbye.

The story of the Rembis family, and how Texas CPS has repeatedly harassed their family and taken away their children even though the parents have never been charged or convicted of anything wrong, is starting to gain national attention. Their only crime simply seems to be that some people think they have too many children, and that they have publicly criticized Texas CPS. (See: [Homeschool Texas Family Terrorized by CPS for Speaking Out and For Having Too Many Children at Home](#))

Listen to this interview as a tearful mother explains how her children suffered abuse, including sexual abuse, while in foster care the first time Texas CPS took her children. Today, she does not even know where her children are.

<https://youtu.be/DqKHRodaMZI>

How to Help the Rembis Family

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The Rembis family at a ball park during happier days before CPS got involved in their lives. Photo from family.

UPDATE – 9/13/16

The conclusion to last week's adjudication hearing, which was scheduled for today, 9/13/16, has been postponed. The children continue to suffer in foster care, and just want to come home. Please continue to lift the Rembis family up in prayer, and visit the link at the bottom of this article to help

support the Rembis' during this time.

The hearing is rescheduled for next Tuesday, 9/20/16 at 1:30pm Central.

From [Claire's Facebook page](#):

Friends –

Today's' hearing is rescheduled. The attorneys had, 'scheduling conflicts.' It resumes next Tuesday, September 20th @ 1:30 pm.

Justice delayed, at the expense of our children. One day is like 1 month. I'm broken. At our last (1 hr) visit our baby girl was curled up in a ball, on the cold, vinyl couch. She complained that she was troubled by the, "mirror" that is really a window for CPS workers to watch us. Like zoo animals. I requested a different room, one that wouldn't upset her. Sadly, the other room still had the window.

She continued to sob, in the fetal position. With only a few minutes left, through her tears she was able to cry out: 'I want to go home. I want to go home.'

The CPS workers threatened to stop visits if we talk about the case. What could we say to help mend her broken heart? How can we offer her hope? How can we console our baby girl?

*Her entire life... we've never seen her this distraught. I've seen a side to her sweet spirit that destroys me. She doesn't deserve this. Any of it. There are grave & terrible consequences for trying to play God – ripping her away from the family that God put her in?
Today I am mourning.*

by **Health Impact News/Medical Kidnap.com Staff**

As the Rembis family continues to fight for their children seized by Texas CPS on August 24 from Colorado, more information is coming to light which reveals a pattern of harassment and absurd accusations against the large homeschooling family. William and Claire Rembis were in family court on Wednesday and Thursday, September 7-8, and the case will continue to be heard on Tuesday, September 13. Many of the allegations are things which many Americans would consider a normal part of family life, especially for homeschool or “crunchy” families who tend toward more natural, holistic values.

Claire reports to Health Impact News that she had hoped it would all be over this week and her children would be returned home:

It's an eternity without the kids.

Her husband William feels the same way. He reports:

The kids cry while begging to come home. Several have reported abuse [which is happening in foster care]. Their hearts are hurting and so are ours.



Claire misses the music. Many of the children sing and play music, like these two playing their mother's cello. "It's too quiet now." Source: Rembis family

See story here of the children being taken from a friend's home they were visiting in Colorado in late August:

Colorado Police Help Texas CPS Kidnap Rembis Children and Bring Back to Texas – Father Jailed

The CPS case against the Rembis family was opened in May when a neighbor called CPS and reported that one of the children had wandered off. The child was quickly retrieved from the front yard by an older sibling, but the neighbor woman had already called the police. When the police investigated and found no reason to pursue any further action, she reportedly called CPS. This was the incident that started the ball rolling which resulted in the children being seized from their family on August 24.

See story:

Homeschool Texas Family Terrorized by CPS for Speaking Out and For Having Too Many Children at Home

Bizarre Accusations – No Deodorant?

After their first day of court on Wednesday, Claire and William reported that they were accused in court that they “don’t let the kids use deodorant because it causes cancer.”

While it is unclear how deodorant or lack thereof could be construed as a reason for children being in foster care and separated from their parents, the allegation is false. The Rembis family makes their own homemade deodorant, and sometimes uses Tom’s of Maine deodorant, which doesn’t contain aluminum, an ingredient which has been linked to a number of health problems.

Parents Faulted for Not Taking Healthy Children to Doctor

CPS reportedly accused the family of not taking their children to the doctor because they are afraid of the kids being chipped. Claire reports that it took them a few moments to figure out what exactly they were being accused of. She laughed as she explained to Health Impact News that CPS alleged that they were afraid of their children having a computer chip inserted into their bodies by doctors.

They explained to the court that the reason they rarely go to the doctor is because they don't need to. Their children, who were breastfed and eat a healthy diet at home, are healthy and rarely need to go to the doctor.

Claire explains that the primary reason for children's doctor visits is for vaccinations. After one of their children had a severe reaction to the DTaP vaccine in 2003 and almost died, they were advised by their family doctor at the time not to vaccinate any more of their children because of the risk of harm. Because they do not vaccinate, and because the children are healthy, they rarely go to the doctor. It has nothing to do with a fear of "being chipped."

The parents would like to know how a failure to take healthy children to the doctor is construed by CPS as grounds for keeping their children away from them?



Claire and William shortly after their youngest was born.
Source: Rembis family.

Kids Seen Barefoot – in the Yard, in the Summer, in Texas

Claire reports that several witnesses for CPS testified for the state that they have observed the children playing outside or

walking in the alley behind the house with no shoes on.

The Rembis family moved to the house in Lubbock, Texas, at the beginning of May after William got a new job in the area. The children were seized on August 24. These are all warm weather months.

There is currently no law in Texas requiring that children, or adults, wear shoes in their yard. Claire reports that she, herself, often goes outside barefoot.

There was reportedly testimony from neighbors about the children climbing on their playhouse, which is, again, something that children are prone to do. Claire says that the kids all know better than for the little ones to climb too high, and the older ones know to stop them if they try.

The Rembis parents stand accused of having their children dressed in dirty clothes when they play outside. Claire explained that they are not dirty, but stained. There is a difference.

With a large family, hand-me-downs are common. Clothes get stained. Those are the clothes that they use for “play clothes.” They may not look the best, but that is why parents all over the country send children out to play in play clothes. The good clothes are the ones that they use for going out and about.



5 of the 6 Rembis girls. Source: Rembis family.

No Boxes of Microwave Ready Foods

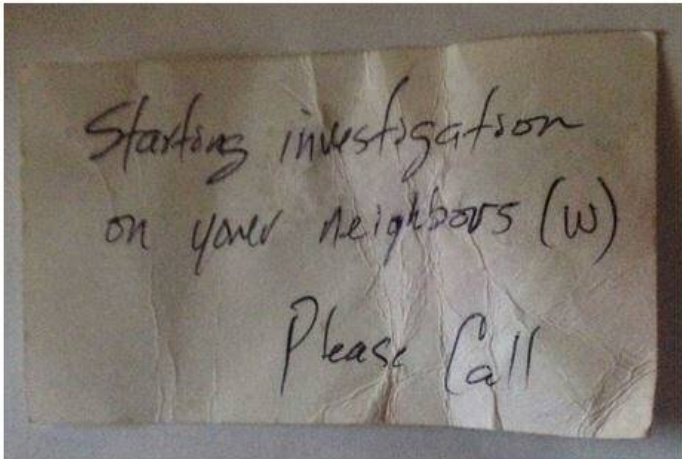
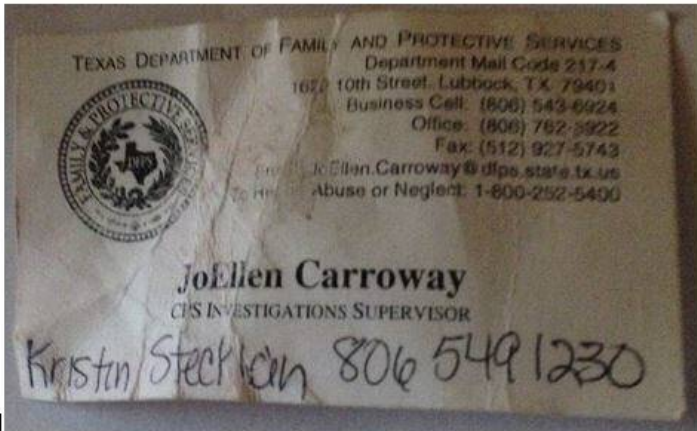
When CPS accused them of not having food in the house, William was able to explain that, no, they don't have a lot of processed foods in their freezer or pantry, but they do have whole foods. He works in the restaurant industry, and Claire is a stay-at-home homeschool mom. They cook meals from scratch.

We have INGREDIENTS, not boxes of microwavable stuff.

Allegations that Children Eat out of the Dumpster

When the Rembis parents first heard this allegation, they were incredulous. CPS reported that neighbors said they saw the children eating food out of the dumpster. The children have been BY the dumpster in the alley behind their house, because they have taken the garbage out. On the night before the family went to Colorado, specifically, William recalls several of the children accompanying him as he took trash out to the dumpster.

As Health Impact News has previously reported, CPS canvassed the neighborhood shortly after the Rembis family moved in, asking for neighbors to report anything.



Claire reports that one of her neighbor's gave this card to her. Image provided by Rembis family.

It is unclear at this point whether the accusations from the neighbors are intentional misrepresentations or if they saw the children taking out the trash and misread the situation because they were alerted to watch for suspicious activity by CPS. Could it simply be that the neighbor saw a child eating a

snack from the house as he or she accompanied a sibling or their dad to take the garbage out? Is this more about the power of suggestion than about facts?



None of the children appear to be starving. Source: Rembis family

Race Plays a Role

One of the neighbors reportedly told the court that one of the Rembis children, Pocahontas, had played by the dumpster so much that her skin was so dirty that it was dark.

She described her “poofy hair.”

Claire, who is representing herself pro se in court, asked if the witness realized that she is partly black.

The 11 children are all the biological children of Claire and William Rembis. While the parents and some of the children are fairly light-skinned, some of the children are darker. This is genetic. Claire’s father is a mixture of Native American, white, and black.

Pocahontas isn’t “dirty” from playing by the dumpster, nor is her hair “poofy” from neglect. It is in her genes. The witness apparently didn’t take the time to get to know anything about her neighbors before making accusations not based in fact.

Need for Court-Appointed Attorney Used Against Them

Many families whose children are taken by child protective services tell Health Impact News that they have a court-appointed attorney in their case, because, unlike the government with seemingly unlimited funds to draw from, families raising their children often don’t have thousands of dollars to hire an attorney. Some families who do hire attorneys to help them fight can pay tens of thousands of dollars or more. Retainer fees and hourly fees can run into huge amounts quickly for families who would otherwise be paying for braces, schoolbooks, clothes and toys, or saving for college.

Nonetheless, the attorney for CPS, whose salary is paid by taxpayers, allegedly used the fact that William Rembis has a court-appointed attorney against him. The attorney

reportedly asked him how he could afford to take care of his children if he couldn't afford an attorney.

Claire tells Health Impact News that they are a Christian family, and they firmly believe the Scriptures which say that God will provide for all of their needs. They have seen over and over again where God causes things to work out financially, even when it doesn't look like it should on paper.

Obviously William's job has provided for the family, but they have seen times where people have stepped in from out of nowhere to help out when there is a need. Somehow, it has always worked out and a way is always provided even when it looks like there is no way. Many people call that faith. Dealing with CPS is, as any family will testify, a financial hardship on the family.

Financial hardship is not the same as neglect. Can the state use economic status as a justification for taking someone's children?

Long Hair Is A Problem to CPS

Two of the Rembis boys have long hair. One of the boys has been growing his hair out for a long time intentionally because he wants to donate his hair to help children with cancer. Part of the reason for their choosing long hair is because they are embracing that part of their Native American heritage. They have always been homeschooled, so it has never been an issue.



Long hair is part of his Native American heritage. He doesn't want it cut. Source: Rembis family.

Now that CPS has the children in their custody, they are reportedly insisting that the boys' hair be cut in order for them to be enrolled into public school. Claire, who was raised going to powwows and was always around Native American culture, laments the time in history when Native Americans were seized from their tribes and sent to boarding schools to be "civilized." The first thing they did to the boys

was to cut their hair. Now CPS allegedly wants to do that to her sons.

CPS Wants to Vaccinate the Children

Social workers are allegedly demanding that the children be vaccinated so that they can be placed into public school.

Besides the fact that the parents do not want their children in public school, they don't want them to be vaccinated. One of their children had a severe reaction to a vaccine, and thus has a medical exemption.

The state of Texas allows vaccine exemptions for medical, religious, or philosophical reasons. Thus, it should not be difficult to enroll the children into school because the parents want them exempted from vaccines for a number of reasons.

How You Can Help

There is a Facebook page set up for the family called [The Rembis Family](#).

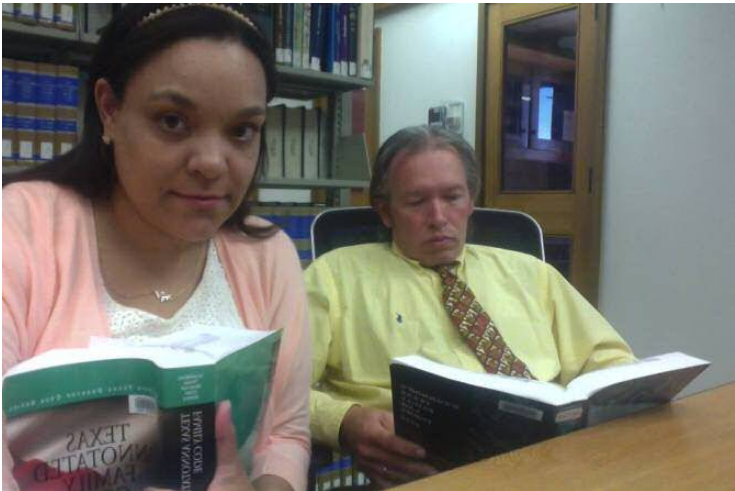


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Texas Judge Allows Mother to Homeschool Her Own Children - Denies Request to Vaccinate Children While in State Custody



Claire and William Rembis studying law at the Texas Tech Law Library, preparing for their Adversary hearing. Image from [Facebook](#).

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

Although Claire and William Rembis from Texas were disappointed that their children were not returned home on Tuesday 9/20, they feel confident that the children will be home “quickly,” as stated by Judge Hart. A Status Update hearing is scheduled for 10/5 to confirm that the Rembis’ have stable housing and employment before the children can

be returned home.

Some of the rulings made by Judge Hart – such as being able to continue home-schooling, no vaccines, and no haircuts for the boys – were landmark rulings and victories for foster families everywhere, according to Claire Rembis.

Mainstream Media has reported on the Rembis family story also, but seem to have only reported on allegations made against the family in family court, before the family had a chance to present their side of the story. Health Impact News presents the family's story also.

Family Loses Everything Choosing to Protect Children from CPS Trauma

The family has suffered incredible financial hardships and heartaches because they chose to leave town temporarily to protect their children from potential sexual abuse and trauma from CPS, like the children had suffered [at the hands of Texas CPS in 2015](#).

When they chose to temporarily leave Lubbock in August, William left a good paying job, the family was wrongfully evicted (which they are fighting), and their home was burglarized.

To review the initial allegations leading to the CPS investigation in Lubbock, and to hear the entire De Novo hearing as recorded on YouTube, see:

Homeschool Texas Family Terrorized by CPS for Speaking Out and For Having Too Many Children at Home

After the De Novo hearing in August, Claire and the children began to fear for their safety when social worker Kris Stecklein allegedly began harassing them at their home multiple times per day, pounding on the door, yelling, peeking through windows, and getting neighbors to spy on them. They decided to take a trip to Colorado to visit a friend, to clear their minds and find legal counsel from a safe distance from Stecklein.

While visiting a friend in Colorado, urgent business called Claire and William back to Texas, for what they thought would be a one-day quick trip. While in Texas, William was arrested on charges on 8/25 for driving on a Michigan license. He was jailed, just long enough for him and Claire to be “served” with the Emergency Removal Order and a petition to terminate their parental rights.

Claiming that they were “missing persons,” Colorado police aided Texas CPS in apprehending 10 of the 11 Rembis children, placing them into Texas state custody. See:

Colorado Police Help Texas CPS Kidnap Rembis Children and Bring Back to Texas – Father Jailed

Children Cry to Come Home During Visits



“Andrew breaking down because he cannot come home.”
Image provided by family.

Claire describes how the children cry and ask when they can come home during visits, but says they are forbidden from answering their children’s questions, or CPS will terminate their visits:

As we are leaving, most of the kids start crying & asking when they can come home. It's very overwhelming for everyone to cry at the same time. This unnecessary hurt is just so unfair.



“Aurora trying not to cry at a recent visit.” Image supplied by family.

Rembis' are Hopeful the Children Will Be Returned October 5th

Claire explains:

The judge said that the kids will be back, 'pretty quickly.' He said that he felt 'forced' to keep them in custody because we went to Colorado before taking them to the CPS office for interviews & inspections.



“Our babies at a recent CPS visit. Hopefully, the children will come home October 5th.” Image supplied by family.

Claire says that the judge had some concerns, but considered them “fixable.” He set a Status Update hearing for October 5th, to confirm that the Rembis’ have gainful employment and stable housing.



One of the judge's "concerns" was a hole in the children's closet that they swept trash into, rather than putting it into a garbage can. Photo given to Rembis' during Adversary hearing.

Willie already has a new job, and the family is working on staying in their current home, but they need to come up with over \$1200 by Monday 9/26, plus extra money to furnish the home and replace items that were stolen when the house was burglarized.

Claire continues to stand on the Word of God as found in

Philippians 4:19:

But my God shall supply all your need according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus.

You can help support the Rembis' today by donating [here](#).

Judge Hart Chastises Stecklein for Inappropriate Behavior with Rembis Child

Claire reveals:

My daughter told me that the CPS worker, Stecklein, took her to the movies. Kristin told her that they were going to go back this Friday, to see another movie together. Just the 2 of them?!

Claire says Judge Hart told Stecklein that it was inappropriate for her to take Cinderella to a movie and that she must stop.

Stecklein Allegedly Admits to Asking Neighbor to Take Photo of Pocahontas in Alley

On the evening of August 10th, when police investigated an allegation of children rummaging in the dumpster, William explained to the police that he and some of the children were only taking trash out to the dumpster, and that the children were not rummaging in the dumpster.

On August 10, 2016 at approximately 6:30 p.m. worker Stecklein received a call that one of the Rembis children was currently digging in the dumpster looking for food. Worker Stecklein alerted Supervisor Carroway of the report. Supervisor Carroway proceeded to the location. Worker Stecklein drove to the alley where the Child was allegedly digging through the trash can to meet Supervisor Carroway. When worker Stecklein and Supervisor Carroway arrived the child was not in the alley digging through the trash can. Supervisor Carroway and Worker Stecklein observed trash to be scattered through the alley as if someone were digging through the trash.

Allegations made by CPS the night of 8/10. Charges like these felt like harassment to the Rembis', who deny that their children eat from dumpsters. Image supplied by Rembis family from CPS document.

Claire says Stecklein admitted under oath that she was in the neighbor's backyard and got the neighbor to take a photo of Pocahontas, "proving that the children walk in the alley barefoot."



Image of Pocahontas barefoot in the alley when she took trash out with her dad. Stecklein allegedly asked a neighbor to take the photo for her. Photo was supplied to Claire in court.

Claire finds it disturbing that her neighbor and Stecklein called her daughter over towards them in order to take her picture.

Judge Allows Children to Continue to be Homeschooled

At the closing of the Adversary hearing on 9/20, Judge Hart ruled that since the children will be “going home quickly,” they can continue to homeschool with their mother Claire Rembis as their teacher.

Claire reports that CPS objected, asking, “what about the children who want to go to public school?” Judge Hart replied that it didn’t matter because it was the parents’

decision, and that since the children are going to be homeschooled when they get home, it didn't make sense for them to go to public school.

Praise God, in an unprecedented, never before seen decision, Judge Kevin Hart ordered that I, Claire Rembis AKA "Mommy," be allowed to continue to educate the kids. So, while in foster care, I will still be their teacher.

This is monumental. This is a step in the right direction in trying to overhaul the entire Texas CPS system that is currently in crisis. Please share this incredible decision & be sure to give thanks to God

Judge Denied CPS' Request to Vaccinate Children or Cut Boys' Hair

Judge Hart also ruled that the state could not give any vaccines to the children. This was a relief to the Rembis' who hold strong religious convictions regarding vaccines, after learning about their risks and harmful ingredients like fetal cells cultured from aborted babies.

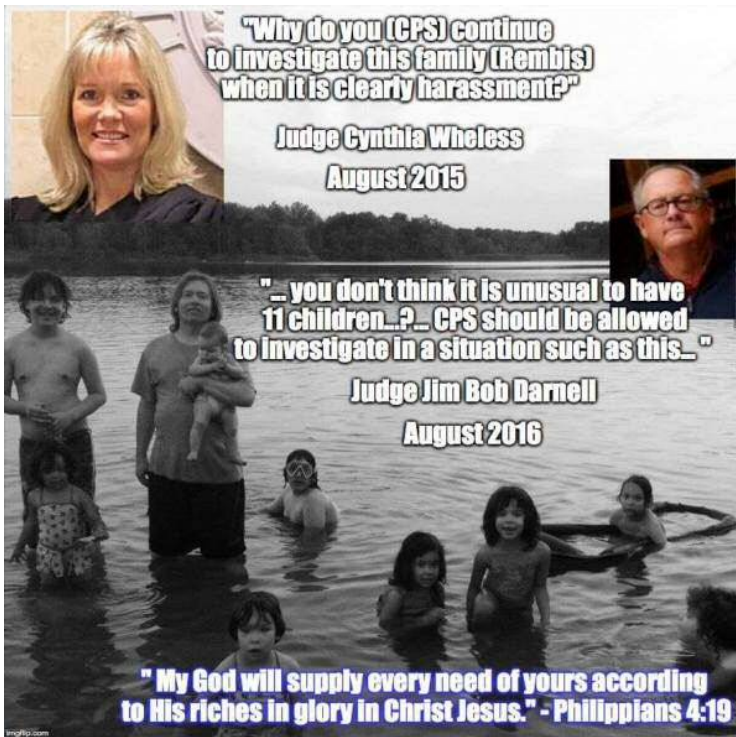
One of their children almost died from vaccine injuries related to the DTaP vaccine, and now suffers from Immune [Thrombocytopenia \(ITP\)](#), a bleeding disorder in which the blood does not clot normally.

Two children were previously diagnosed with autism, which the Rembis' also attribute to vaccine injuries, another reason the Rembis' are now wary of vaccines. Claire says Lubbock CPS tried to accuse them of medical neglect for not having the children on medication for their autism, but she

explained in court that the children are very high functioning and that they were never prescribed any medication. The Rembis' say that their healthy lifestyle of avoiding GMO's and foods with dyes and preservatives, switching to natural cleaning products, toothpastes deodorants, etc., have helped their children to the point that they do not exhibit autistic behaviors.

After explaining that the boys' long hair is a cultural choice and that they had been wrongfully punished in public schools with "detention," William and Claire were relieved by Hart's ruling that the boys' hair could not be cut without parental permission.

Help Support the Rembis Family



The Rembis family cannot understand why CPS continues to harass their family. Image supplied by family.

Thankfully, many people are reaching out to the Rembis' in public, saying things like:

I'm so sorry your family is going through this! Your family is clearly being railroaded!

The family is financially devastated from this ordeal and needs immediate financial support for housing and furniture and finances for a private attorney.

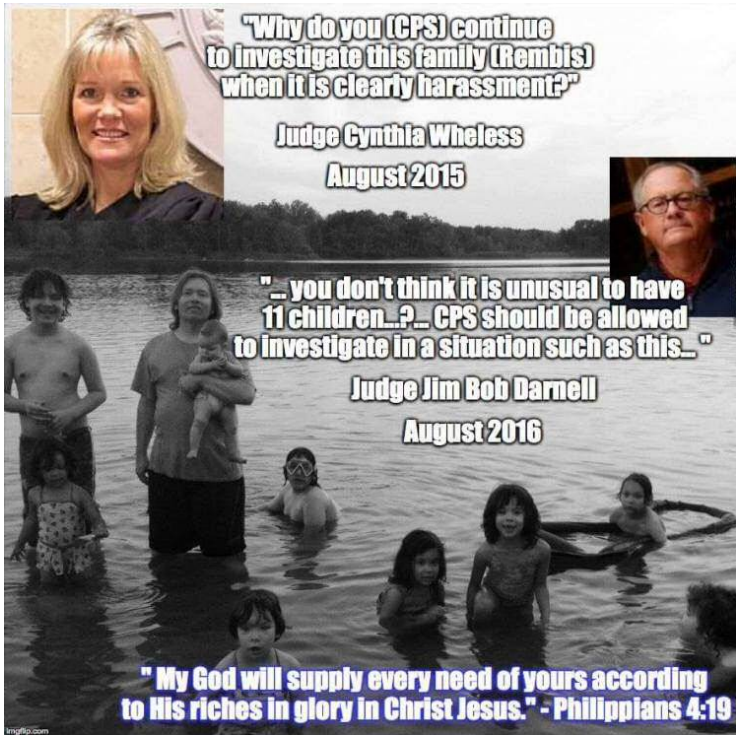
Pray for my husband & I. The pain is so intense & our hearts hurt more than we ever imagined possible. Pray for financial provisions as we dropped everything, including my husbands good job, to try to protect the kids from CPS.

Please consider donating to the family here: [Family Defense Resources](#)



Check [The Rembis Family Facebook Page](#) for regular updates.

Texas CPS Defies Judge's Order to Homeschool, Keeps Rembis Children in Public School



The Rembis family cannot understand why CPS continues to investigate and harass their family. Image supplied by family.

by Health Impact News/MedicalKidnap.com Staff

On Monday September 26th, we reported that Texas Judge

Hart made a stunning Pro-Family order at the close of the Adversary hearing for the Rembis family on September 20th, allowing Claire Rembis to homeschool her 10 children, even while they are in temporary state custody in Lubbock, Texas.

See:

[Texas Judge Allows Mother to Homeschool Her Own Children – Denies Request to Vaccinate Children While in State Custody](#)

Texas CPS Defies Judge’s Order

On Monday September 26th, the Rembis’ met with CPS, who informed them they must start attending “Life Skills” classes beginning Saturday October 1st, and then allegedly made this shocking statement:

“It’s not possible to homeschool while in foster care.”

Claire adds that the new caseworker Jennifer Garlett claimed that the Rembis’ didn’t have any curriculum, as alleged by former caseworker Kris Stecklein. Claire says she corrected Garlett, explaining,

Stecklein lied. We have enough curriculum to school from pre-K through college, plus there are so many online curriculums and resources available. Curriculum is not an issue.

One of the things we had to provide during our last CPS case was detailed homeschooling records, and all of that

information should be in your case file.

Garlett allegedly informed the Rembis' that they are drafting an "Alternative" plan to homeschooling, that will be emailed to them. As of Wednesday September 28th, the Rembis' were informed that the "plan has not been drafted yet."



Jennifer Garlett's business card. Image supplied by family.

Meanwhile, the children remain in public school, directly defying Judge Hart's order from September 20th.

Claire cried:

This is terrible. Just so mean.

CPS will not abide by the court orders.

We learned yesterday that they are not going to allow us to continue homeschooling. They have pretty much laughed in

judge Harts' face.

Public Schools Continue to Punish Rembis Boys for Having Long Hair

Claire learned on Monday September 26th during their 1-hour visitation with their children that the boys are not only remaining in public school, but they are still being punished with “In School Suspension” (ISS) because their long-hair is not in accordance with the school dress codes.

Our boys are still in school suspension even though the TX & US Constitution protect them from being punished for their culture (Eastern Band Cherokee) AND despite the fact that judge Hart ordered that they continue being homeschooled!

In our (home) school, we don't punish kids for wanting to have long hair!

During a phone call, Claire says she asked Garlett if CPS would be held in Contempt of Court if they defied a court order, to which she says Garlett replied, “we did not violate any court orders.”

Boys Feel Pressured to Cut Hair



Alex with long hair. Claire says he agreed to cut his hair for school, as long as he could donate it for wigs for cancer patients. Image provided by family.

Claire reports that the boys are being pressured to cut their hair. From the visitation on Monday September 26th, Claire shares,

Alex has given into the pressure, saying he wanted to go

ahead and get his hair cut. He had been growing it to donate it to cancer patients, and decided that it was long enough to go ahead and cut it, where last week, he did not want it cut.

Sebastian was twirling his hair between his fingers, saying, 'maybe it's ok if they cut it. I kinda just don't want to be in suspension anymore.'

Andrew remains adamant that he does not want his hair cut.

When the boys told their mom during the recent visit that they have continued to be punished with ISS, she became angry with CPS, telling her children,

You shouldn't be in suspension anyway! You shouldn't even still be in public school! The judge ruled that you are to be homeschooled!

Family Warned Not to Discuss Case with Children

Claire says that when she told the children they were not *supposed* to be in public school anymore, the workers started waving their hands frantically, chastising her,

Ms. Rembis, we talked about this. You are not allowed to talk about what's said in court with your kids!

Claire further reveals,

At every visit, we have asked CPS to provide us with some paperwork that clarifies in writing what specific laws or CPS rules say that we cannot discuss our case with our children. To this day, they have not given us anything in writing. But, they threaten to stop visits if we talk to the children about the case.

Andrew Being Bullied on School Bus, Not Allowed to Sit with Brother

Claire tearfully shared hearing about how her son Andrew is being bullied every day on the school bus,

Andrew explained that another boy on the bus bullies him and yells at him, screaming ‘you’re ugly!’

He says he has reported it to adults, but no one has done anything, but just say that ‘(He) has anger problems.’

According to Claire, the boys say that the seating on the bus is arranged, and they cannot sit next to each other, but they witness Andrew being bullied daily.

Claire said that at the visitation on Monday September 26th, Andrew was curled up in a ball, crying.

Andrew Forced to Live Alone in Group Home, Away from Siblings

In addition, Claire explains that Andrew is living alone at the Group Home in the “Mason Cottage,” a place the other children say “is for bad children and where the workers are

mean.”

At visits, Claire says Andrew wants to tell her things but is afraid,

Andrew looks towards the workers, and then says to me, ‘I can’t tell you.’



Claire says, “Andrew cries at visits because he wants to come home. He never threw tantrums at home like he does now during visits. He is clearly troubled and anxious and just wants to come home.” Image supplied by family.

Claire’s heart is breaking for Andrew. She says,

This is so unfair for Andrew. He is such a big-hearted, kind, compassionate child. This is so horrible that this is happening to him.

Children Receive Invasive Dental Work Without Parental Permission

Our parental rights were not terminated, and yet CPS did invasive dental work this week on our children, without our permission. They said it was emergency dental work.

When their 4-year old showed up at the visit on Monday September 26th, Claire was horrified to see that CPS had done invasive dental work on her, placing caps on her front teeth and filling cavities with toxic amalgam fillings, something the Rembis' are strongly against, preferring enamel tooth-colored fillings.

Claire cried,

My precious baby looked like a pirate!

Emergency Dental Visits an Excuse to Fish for More Allegations?

On the morning of September 28th, more children were taken to the dentist, and the Rembis' were notified so that they could *attend* the appointment.

William reported:

The CPS social worker was asking the dentist 'leading questions,' in an attempt to get the dentist to say that we were medically negligent, and that the children had cavities due to malnutrition.

Claire contends that their last dentist told them that the cavities did not need to be filled since they were in baby teeth, and he just put a sealant on them.

The Rembis' exclaim,

We are still being 'investigated.' They are using these 'emergency dental visits' to try and find something to use against us in court next week!

At the morning dental visit on September 28th, Garlett informed William that 3 more children had dental visits *later that afternoon*. Because Claire and William were busy moving out of their home that afternoon, and William had to be at work at 4:00pm, they explained that they needed more notice of doctor's appointments so that they could plan to be there.

When the Rembis 'asked her to reschedule the appointments, she allegedly refused, saying that she can't reschedule, because they "had to get them done right away."

The Rembis say they asked Garlett why she hadn't told them sooner about these additional dental appointments and asked to know when she found out about them. Garlett allegedly replied, "I can't answer that."

Rembis' Refuse Toxic Fluoride

Just this morning on September 29th, Andrew had a dental appointment, and the Rembis' were able to attend. Excitedly, Claire shared,

Andrew had absolutely no cavities! Now CPS can't claim that we malnourished our children, causing them to have cavities!

We were also able to prevent them from using the toxic fluoride treatment on Andrew's teeth. Unfortunately, the other children probably got this treatment. The dental assistant tried to argue with us to 'do our research' about fluoride, and we explained that we did do our research, and that our dentists in Michigan told us about how fluoride does not prevent cavities, but is actually an irritant and cause can cause more cavities. We stopped using fluoride toothpaste too.



Andrew at a dentist visit on 9/29/16. Claire is upset that CPS forces him to wear his long hair up in a “ridiculous bun” on top of his head for school, asking, “why can’t they let him wear his hair the way he likes it?” Image supplied by family.

Family Needs Immediate Housing

The Rembis' are looking for a new home to rent, as they had to move out of their old home on September 28th:

We need a home ASAP as we cannot stay in this neighborhood, around these neighbors. We have some awesome neighbors here but the bad ones have caused terrible damage.

Claire continues to stand on the Word of God as found in [Philippians 4:19](#):

But my God shall supply all your need according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus.

You can help support the Rembis' today by donating [here](#).

Pleas to Local Media to Tell the Whole Truth

Claire pleads to the local media:

The caller that called CPS to begin with, ended up changing her story several times under oath & was discovered to be a meth manufacturer who sells it, is a felon with a 12-yr long criminal record that may have been on drugs when she made that CPS report that started this nightmare. And none of that gets published.

We have next-door neighbors who have told us that they have never heard the children screaming or seen them

digging in dumpsters eating food, yet the local media only interviews the ones who are lying about us. We asked local media to interview our other neighbors, but they wouldn't.

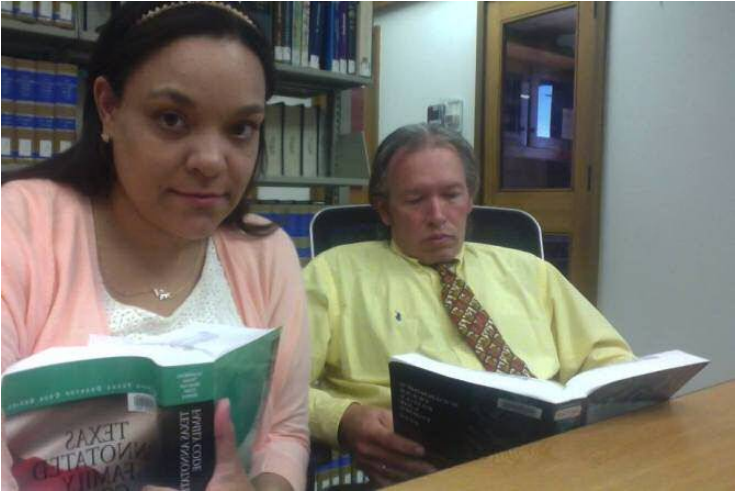
We need to expose CPS. They lie, defy court orders, leak confidential information illegally, smoke around our kids, abuse our kids, punish them for their nationality – I could go on & on!

Help us tell the public everything! Help our kids! Please help!



The children long to be home with their parents. Image from recent CPS visit. Image supplied by family.

Support the Rembis Family at Court on October 5th



Claire and William Rembis studying law at the Texas Tech Law Library. Image from [Facebook](#).

The Rembis' Status Update Hearing will be held Wednesday, October 5th at 10am at the Lubbock County Courthouse, 904 Broadway, Suite 124.

Claire said that several local families have reached out privately to offer support, but are too afraid to come forth publicly, fearing retaliation from CPS.

Claire is asking local supporters to come out to the court house on October 5th, holding signs and sharing *their* CPS stories with the local media who will be following the Rembis' story:

This is going to continue to happen if people keep hiding. We need a crowd to show up at court and bring signs. The local media has promised to follow-up, and this would be a great time to show that this is not something that is just happening to our family.

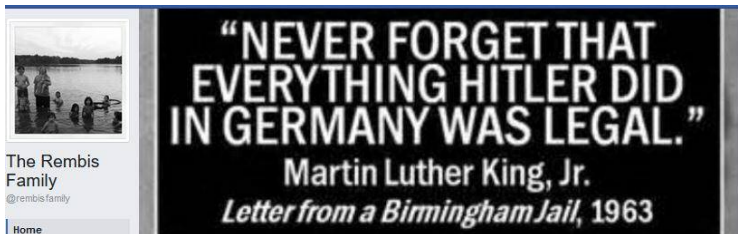
We have the media's attention, but we need people to come out and help us expose CPS.

Contact Honorable Kevin Hart and let him know that CPS is not honoring his recent rulings. Contact Dawn Garry, the Court Coordinator 806-775-1707.

Health Impact News has set up a new page to financially help the Rembis family obtain housing, furniture, and an attorney. Go to this link to make a donation:

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A Cry for Help: Texas Homeschooled Children Continue to Suffer in State Custody and Public School



by Health Impact News/Medical Kidnap.com Staff

Claire and William Rembis say they are heartbroken. They say their children are heartbroken also. Their 10 children are remaining in Texas State custody, even though there are no abuse or neglect findings, and even though the children are suffering and want to come home. The children remain in public school and State custody, despite Judge Hart's previous ruling to allow the children to be homeschooled. See previous story:

Texas Judge Allows Mother to Homeschool Her Own Children – Denies Request to Vaccinate Children While in State Custody

Judge Hart ruled on September 20th that the Rembis children should continue to homeschool while in State custody “for purposes of consistency – to keep the children in the same school setting they were in before entering state custody – since they will continue to be homeschooled once they go home,” and added that the children would be going home “quickly,” according to Claire.

When CPS defied Judge Hart’s ruling to allow the Rembis children to continue to homeschool, the Rembises were certain that Judge Hart would have no option but to send the children home on October 5th, and punish the social workers who defied his ruling. See previous story:

Texas CPS Defies Judge’s Order to Homeschool, Keeps Rembis Children in Public School

But when they went to court on October 5th, the Rembises said it was like Judge Hart was a “completely different person” than he had been during the Adversary hearing in September, and rather than dealing with CPS’ refusal to homeschool the children, the hearing focused only on presenting a lengthy list of “services” the Rembises must complete before they can get their children home and out of public school and State custody.



William Rembis with some of his children during a CPS supervised visit.

Claire and William maintain that their children should never have been taken into State custody in the first place, and that the list of “CPS services” they must now complete are a not only a waste of tax-payer money, but also a waste of

time, since there never was any abuse or neglect, and CPS allegedly never even substantiated any of their allegations.

Although there were some “supervision concerns” since their 2-year old “escape artist” got into the front yard momentarily without their knowledge, the Rembises say that their daughter getting into the yard alone was an accident (and could happen to any family), and once they learned of it, locks were immediately added to the garage doors to prevent any further “escapes.”

The Rembises are outraged that their family’s lives have been turned upside down, their children abused and traumatized in state custody, their reputation slandered in the media, and the main “eye-witness” who called CPS and started this entire ordeal is not even a credible witness, according to Claire:

The caller that called CPS to begin with, ended up changing her story several times under oath & was discovered to be a meth manufacturer who sells it, is a felon with a 12-yr long criminal record that may have been on drugs when she made that CPS report that started this nightmare.

Rembis Children Remain in Custody as Retaliation?

Claire recalled that at the close of the Adversary hearing on September 20th, Judge Hart declared that he saw “nothing to necessitate Terminating Parental Rights,” and that his only concerns were some “supervision issues that could be easily fixed.”

Yet, even though there was no substantiated “abuse or neglect,” Judge Hart ruled that the children *had* to remain in custody, saying “*his hands were tied*” because the Rembis family left Lubbock in August, before bringing the children in for CPS interviews, even though there was no court order preventing the family from leaving the state, and they allegedly did nothing illegal by doing so.

The Rembises explain that they left Texas to protect their children from the overzealous CPS worker Kris Stecklein who was harassing them at home and traumatizing the children. The Rembises also contend – and they have spoken with attorneys who agree – that the children were illegally extradited from Colorado back to Texas. According to the Rembises, CPS has defied judges’ orders, broken laws, and committed perjury over and over, yet they suffer no consequences. The Rembis family, who claim their only wrongdoing was “making a mistake” and not noticing when their 2-year-old followed William Rembis outside, continue to suffer at the hands of a corrupt system.

Are the Rembises being “made an example of” because they left Texas *and* exposed corruption within Lubbock CPS? The Rembis family believes that Judge Hart’s ruling to keep the children in State care is retaliation because they *continue* to expose the corruption of CPS and the Family Court system.

Studies have shown that children are worse off in foster homes than if they remained in a “troubled home,” and many argue that foster care itself is a form of “child abuse,” causing long-term emotional trauma for children.

In despair for her children, Claire cries:

I didn't think my body could make this many tears. Their joy is gone. Their happy faces are sad now. Oh Lord, Heavenly Father, please Lord PLEASE don't let anything happen to them!

Are they living with genuinely abused kids that are acting out towards them?

My husband & I are supposed to just sit back, hands tied & NOT HELP THEM? We're to hang tight knowing that abused kids & possibly sicko adults are living amongst them in the heavily populated group home?

For more information on grim foster care statistics, see:

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

No Consequence for CPS Defying Homeschool Ruling?

It was shocking to the Rembises that CPS could get away with “defying” the judge’s previous ruling about homeschooling their children. According to Claire:

CPS said that they tried to find a homeschool curriculum but were unsuccessful. They mentioned something about a schooling option to do at the foster homes but that each kid had to have a laptop in order to do it so it was not an option they say. They also said that they spoke to Texas Homeschooling Coalition & that they didn't offer anything that would allow CPS to take the kids to for their schooling. They said that they couldn't find a foster family willing to

homeschool the children.

They said that the kids are doing really well in school. They said that they aren't having any behavioral issues. They said that the schools have reported that the kids, "brighten up the school" & that they enjoy having them as students. They said that the kids are enjoying school, except for Sebastian.

Claire was heartbroken that Judge Hart would not even let her discuss any of the options she had written down to present in court as to how to make homeschooling work, and she was even more heartbroken that her children were remaining in State custody:

My heart hurts too bad. I feel like I'm slipping away. I don't even know how to describe this. It feels like I've been thrown into a room with a crowd of people with dementia & Alzheimer's. Then the room is locked from the outside so I can't get out. Then I'm listening to these people discuss what to do to the kids, how to do it, when to do it, etc...

And then they point at me & talk about me as though I'm a strange, non-human, defected being that they must bind up & put into a strait jacket with duct tape on my mouth. All the while I can still see & they force me to watch our kids being hurt & crying out in pain, suffering & miserable. Their arms reaching out to me, them crying out to me but I can't do anything but sit in a chair, unable to move & unable to talk.

Can CPS Lie in Court without Consequence?

Claire says she was appalled at how CPS workers could lie in

court on October 5th, without any repercussion:

Judge asks for case plan. He asks why we haven't started it since CPS says we received it on 9/23.

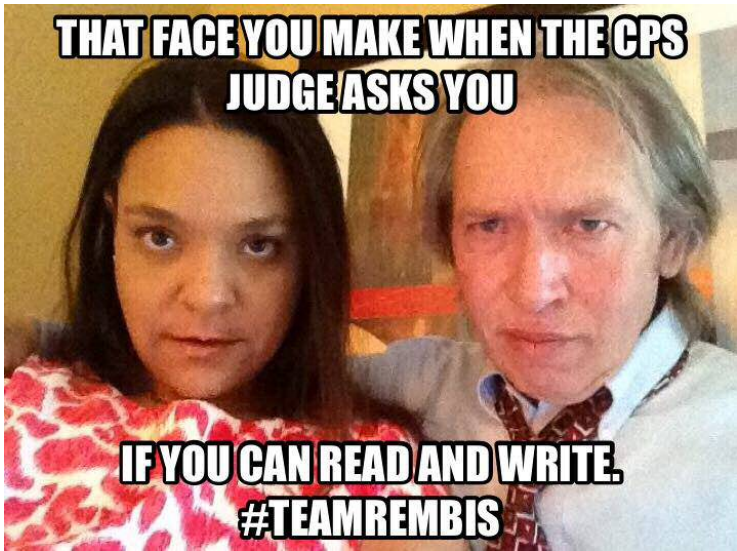
I told him that we hadn't received it & that we were told that it would be emailed to us on 9/27. CPS argued that I wasn't told this. I told the judge that the meeting in which we were told this was recorded.

I also told him that the attorneys (my husbands & the standby one for me) hadn't received it until the morning of the hearing. He didn't have a response to this.

I pointed out that the CPS attorney & CPS workers lied about the case plan. I said to him, 'I need to point out to you that these (pointed to the CPS, "team") CPS workers just told you that we received the case plan on September 23rd.' Then I said to him, 'This case plan states on the front page that it was created on October 3rd.'

The CPS team were visibly annoyed, one tapping her foot, the other rolling her eyes. There was silence as he looked at the papers. He didn't acknowledge what I had just said, just moved on & started asking someone else questions.

Claire Claims Judge Hart Insulted Her in Court – Asking if She Knew How to Read and Write



Meme supplied by Rembis family.

Claire was disheartened at the treatment she received from Judge Hart on October 5th:

After we had a recess of 15 minutes to look over the case plan, I told the judge that I needed more time to look at the case plan; he told me that I needed to put my concerns in written format to submit for another hearing – A hearing simply to go over the case plan.

Then he asked me if I could read & write!

I asked him to repeat it. He said the same thing, & I said, 'Are you serious?!' & sorta chuckled. He said that he was because he wanted to make sure that if I needed any, 'special accommodations' he wanted to provide me with them.

In hindsight, maybe he was being sarcastic. He is the judge that we had to file a complaint on for violating Williams' disability rights. He laughed at Willie when he told him that he needed to get closer to the stand in order to hear the judge. Then the judge called him a liar when William explained that he was legally deaf.

New Attorney Says Case Should Never Have Gotten This Far

Claire was reluctant to accept the court-appointed standby attorney Bill de Haas, but after talking to him, she and William are hopeful that de Haas will actually fight for them, and not just be a Family Court puppet-attorney. Claire reports that the attorney has told them that this case should have ended at the first hearing, and the children should never have been taken into custody.

William fired his other court-appointed attorney, and he and Claire have now accepted de Haas as their legal counsel. They say that de Haas has been very helpful, explaining that it was illegal for Texas to extradite the children from Colorado, and he has been advising them about how they can get the case moved to Colorado, where William has been offered a good-paying job.

Alex's Outcry for Help

At their October 17th visit, Claire's 15-year-old son made an "outcry for help," through a poem he wrote describing his group home, which he gave to his parents.

Dearest String

Dearest string I think myself as so, how I wish to be better used rather than amuse children who come and go.

How I wish to one day ditch this sidewalk where I lay, leave the rubber bands off to another land as a shoelace loving to play.

Seeing the world I may possibly love in a way which would fit like a glove is a dream I'd wish to come true if one would notice me feeling so blue.

I wish to be a dearest string, yet here I lay an old ring, "What's this?" I think to myself some way, "this just may be my lucky day!" for a man appears to be crouching down picking me off of the ground and bringing me with him now, I all the way don't ask how.

He gladly uses me to repair something of which he handled with care, a golden necklace held by a string of which had such melody to its ring.

"Dearest string," I say to me, myself and I "there is no longer need to cry, for thou art healed and no longer bruised from the weeks of being abused".

Now happily I go along staying ever so proud and strong, for finally I live life anew and no longer think of it askew.

And even after the dearest string I am is gone my legacy for all string shall live on, for 'tis a message to all loose string that if you keep a good head on your thread, You Can Do Anything.

"Dearest String," a poem by Alex Rembis, given to Claire at a visit.

Concerns Over Son Alex Escalate – Suffering in Group Home

The parents are very concerned about their son Alex:

Alex is at the end of his rope. He is in the darkest frame of mind that we have ever seen him in. We have asked Andrew to tell us what is happening. The last time I asked him he told me that he couldn't say – he was staring at a CPS worker when he said this.

We have the impression that the kids are too afraid to say anything because all of our visitations are monitored by CPS workers. They listen to EVERYTHING we all say. About 5 visitations ago, Aurora was weeping the entire time. She kept stopping to whisper to us that she didn't want to tell us why because the CPS workers were listening to her. Before we had to leave that day, she just curled up in a ball & screamed, while crying, "I want to go home!!!"

So, their ability to report & escape abuse is very much hindered. I'm also very concerned about them being manipulated & threatened into keeping quiet about the abuse.



“Meet Alex Rembis in happier times. Alex was illegally kidnapped for Texas CPS on 8/24/16. He was taken from a Christian, homeschooling family on false allegations of neglect.” – Claire Rembis

On October 18th, Claire learned that Alex had a seizure at school:

Alex was in the hospital. He had a seizure at school this morning. The CPS worker was there but not us. They didn't take care of him the way that his neurologist told us to if he had another seizure. Jennifer tried to say the seizure was mild and no big deal, but from what she described to me on

the phone, it did not sound like a mild seizure. Tragically, the lack of adequate response by CPS/fostercare/school workers could've had devastating consequences on his health.

On October 26th, Alex had a follow-up neurology appointment, where she says she learned that the reason for Alex's seizure the previous week was because the "group home" failed to give him his daily medication.

Claire says that during the appointment, she was informing Alex of his rights to talk to the Judge or his attorney, and wrote down some information for him on a note. Claire reports that Garlett wouldn't let Alex have the note, and when he tried to record his mother's advice "for his record," Garlett allegedly put her hand over the recorder and called for security.



Social Worker Jennifer Garlett. Photo taken at the recent neurology appointment for Alex Rembis.

Boys Depressed and Abused – Want to Come Home

Claire says that the children have told her that “for some reason the people at the home are being really mean to the boys and that the boys are being abused.”

Claire and William are very worried for their children’s safety, saying that two of the boys, who live in a group home,

confided in her at the October 24th visit that they are depressed and want to come home:

Holding back tears, Alex shared that he's depressed because he can't come home. His brother (14), in the same cottage as him, confided in me that he feels the same way & that he cried himself to sleep because he couldn't go home.

This isn't our son. Alex is a very sweet, joyful, intelligent young man who loves to make people laugh. I told Alex that everyone is praying for him. – I reminded Alex that Jesus' price paid for healing also includes the healing of the mind. I encouraged him to pray for healing from the depression. I reminded him to seek Jesus who is w/him 24/7 & that Jesus will comfort him.

I told him how everyone loved his poem & that we ARE listening. Please pray for Alex & his siblings to be returned to their loving home where they belong, before Christmas.



The children write and draw on a board during visits. Alex wrote on the board at the 10/24/16 visitation, “I wanna go back to my real home! – Alex” (Photo provided by family)

Children Continue to Suffer in Foster Care

Claire continued to report to Health Impact News about how her children are suffering in state care:

The kids have been so sick ever since they were taken. The CPS worker says that she is their advocate & the one looking out for their healthcare needs. However, not only is she not getting them the medical care that they need, she is LYING TO US about their health.

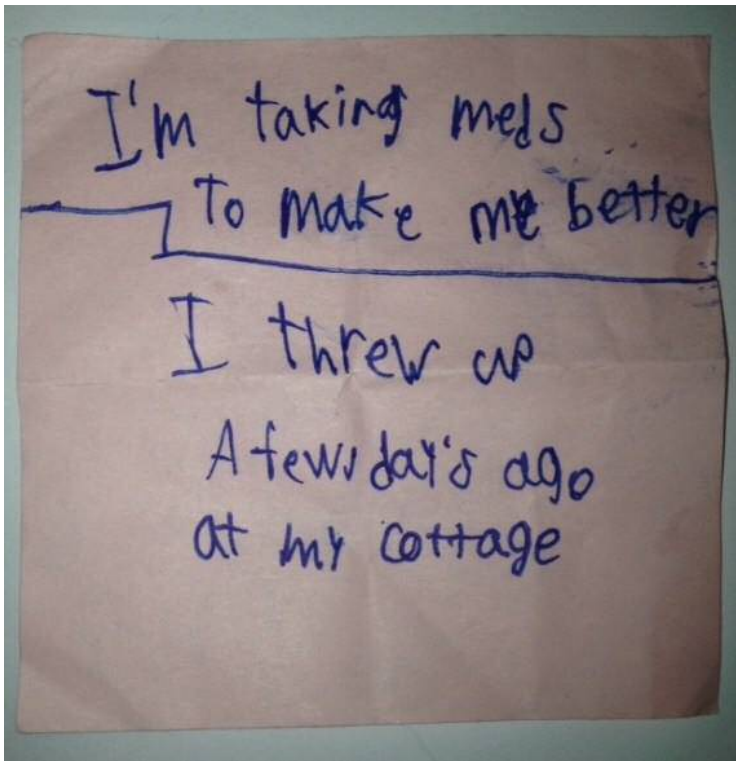
We are POWERLESS over this. We have to sit back, hands tied, mouths shut, forced to watch them suffer but not being able to alleviate it. They need help! That is why God chose our family for them; He's equipped us to care for them. THEY NEED US NOW.

At one visit, Aurora had a severe stomach ache and was crying. At the next visit, Aurora was so sick, she couldn't talk during the visit. Claire writes:

When the CPS worker Jennifer was answering my questions, Aurora was writing down the answers & correcting her.

After I asked her why Aurora couldn't talk, Jennifer said that Aurora wasn't sick. She then said that Aurora wasn't on any medication. To that Aurora wrote the response below. [I'm taking meds to make me better]

When I questioned Jennifer about Aurora not seeing a doctor after complaining about intense abdominal pain the week before at visitation, Aurora wrote down that she had thrown up a few days prior to the visitation.



During one visit, when Claire changed her toddler's diaper, she was distressed when she discovered a rash on her daughter's body from her chest to her feet. Even more troubling was the fact that the social workers allegedly tried to dissuade Claire from even changing her child's diaper, saying they would do it later. (Many families have reported that CPS would label parents with "abuse and neglect" had the child been in the family's care, and wonder, "why is not abuse and neglect when it happens in State care?")

Editorial: What is *Really* Going On with Texas CPS and Foster Care?

Unfortunately, there are still many readers who read stories like this one incredulously, thinking, “there must be more to the story,” and “CPS would not take children away from good parents without just cause.” While it’s nice to believe that CPS only rescues truly abused and severely neglected children from awful parents, sadly, this just isn’t the case.

Over 75% of CPS cases nationwide are “neglect cases” due to poverty, simply based on the biased opinion of the caller or social worker that some “basic necessities are being denied.” Once children are moved into foster care, the State’s CPS system can start receiving federal funds for foster care, social workers, judges, medical doctors, attorneys, psychiatrists, therapist, counselors, etc. – for all those who derive a living from this industry. Are we punishing poverty at the expense of future generations, using children as a commodity to create job security for CPS and Family Courts?

See:

Child Kidnapping and Trafficking: A Lucrative U.S. Business Funded by Taxpayers Called “Foster Care”

Have we allowed the State to dictate the standards for material possessions each member of a family must possess for “life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness”?

The Rembises and their supporters agree that the removal of their children is not only a violation of their Civil and Constitutional Rights, but has caused unjustifiable trauma and abuse to their children and unnecessary stress and

hardship to their family.

This is the type of CPS abuse that many families across the country who contact us face every day. Until CPS is exposed for what it truly is – **a federally-funded multi-billion-dollar child-trafficking and adoption business** – and until families across the world demand that those they elect defund CPS, no family is safe from the tyranny which CPS agents can unleash on them should *their* family ever come into CPS' sights.

Claire shares:

So many things are uncertain right now. So much fear, so much scary & crazy stuff. We can't understand how something so terrible can happen. We don't understand how it can happen to so many families and continue without massive outcry. But what we DO know, is that God is a solid rock. We know that we can trust Him. We know that our time here on earth will be spent allowing Him to work through us. Our eternity will be in paradise, with our Savior, safe & tucked away for His glory. So, as always, we must obey God, rather than man.

The abuses in Texas CPS and Foster Care have been exposed repeatedly, even in the mainstream media in Texas. For more information see:

[Judge Condemns Texas Foster Care System that Abuses Children as Unconstitutional](#)

3 Oppressive Texas CPS Agents Receive Felony Indictments

12,000 Children from Foster Care Sue State of Texas over Abuses

Claire Urges Advocates to Continue to Pray and Speak Out on CPS Corruption

On October 28th, William and Claire filed a \$10 Million-dollar lawsuit against Fox News for defamation of character and printing unfounded allegations, and they say other lawsuits will follow soon. The Rembises will continue to fight for truth, for their family and for all families victimized by a corrupt and unconstitutional CPS and Family Court, and hope that one day people will wake up and join them in this fight for truth and justice. Mainstream media already got wind of the lawsuit within hours of the Rembises filing it.

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Lawsuit filed against Fox News for defamation of character.
Image supplied by family.

Friends, I'm so sorry if you've ever been through this. Just so, so sorry. I can't fathom how anyone who has been down this road could not speak out & SCREAM to the world what is happening in secret.

We can't sit back & allow the enemy to steal, kill & destroy. CPS workers, the judges, CPS attorneys', foster homes wanting to keep our kids – are no more powerful than Goliath was on the day he got sense knocked into his big & evil noggin! – Claire

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Texas Parents Accused of Child Abuse but Claim Medical Evidence Overlooked



Michelle Wallace kisses her baby. Photo source: [Love Eva Rose Facebook page](#).

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

A couple in West Texas was devastated when they were

accused of abusing their 6 week old daughter. Michelle and Elliot Wallace began seeking answers after the explanations given by doctors placed the blame on the parents and landed their baby in foster care. They have since learned that baby Eva sustained injuries at birth, injuries which are known complications of the kind of difficult birth that their baby had. These injuries were overlooked at the time of her birth, but are now the very injuries that doctors are claiming are caused by Shaken Baby Syndrome.

Here is their story:

On Jan 29, 2016, Michelle came home from the grocery store when Elliot met her at the door with their six-week-old daughter Eva, who was crying—a high-pitched, wailing type of cry. Her eyelids were fluttering, and her eyes were pointed left and upward, not focusing on anything.

Suddenly, Eva's body went limp, and she passed out.

When they placed Eva on the bed to examine her, she woke up crying but quickly passed out. While lying there, the baby woke up crying, and passed out again. The couple loaded Eva in the car and took her to the Shannon Medical Center emergency room in San Angelo, Texas.

The hospital staff ran tests, took x-rays, and did a CT scan. While waiting for the results, Michelle fed Eva a bottle. But, Eva could not keep it down. She projectile vomited.

The hospital staff began a round of antibiotics, which is standard protocol in an infant presenting with a fever. Also, a CT scan showed she had a blood clot in her brain. The hospital staff determined that Eva needed a specialist, so they airlifted her and Michelle to Cook's Children's Medical

Center in Fort Worth. Elliot drove the 4 and 1/2 hours to join them.

Hospital Staff Stopped Looking for Cause of Injuries

That night Eva suffered from intermittent fevers. A lumbar puncture was done to check for meningitis. However, it failed—no fluid was drawn. The staff said that they would hydrate Eva for up to 24 hours and try again. However, when Michelle inquired about it later, she was told that they were not going to try the lumbar puncture again because they had ruled out meningitis as the cause of Eva's injuries.

Afterwards, an MRI was done which showed a ligament injury to her upper neck. The staff believed that it was also a result of abuse.

Reportedly, the consensus among hospital staff was that Eva's injuries were trauma-related, and they stopped looking for other causes.

While waiting on the neurologist, Eva had another seizure and was moved to the intensive care unit. There, she was sedated and given anti-seizure medication. Throughout the night Michelle never left Eva's side, and she looked on as Eva was inundated with hospital staff handling her.

During the night, a CPS worker approached Michelle and pointed at a light-colored bruise on Eva's cheekbone that Michelle had not seen before. Michelle's thoughts went immediately to the hospital staff checking on the thrush in Eva's mouth, and that their fingers were placed in the exact location of the bruise on Eva's cheekbone. Michelle wondered if the bruise had come from the hospital staff

handling her face.

While the family awaited Eva's diagnosis, Child Protective Services (CPS) separated everyone present, including their guests, and interrogated them. Then they asked for information to run background tests, as well as names of people with whom they could place Eva. Michelle approached a CPS worker, saying that this was premature and uncalled for, since they had yet to receive a diagnosis. But, Michelle said that she was told that this was to get "ahead of the game."



Michelle holding baby Eva. Photo source: Wallace family.

Michelle requested a conference with the Child Advocacy Resources and Evaluation (CARE) team to ask questions. In the meeting, Neurologist Dr. Adrian Lacy said the staff would look at the birth records the following day. He said that Eva had “bilateral subdurals, areas of stroke, bruising on her

head, [and] retinal hemorrhaging,” but that the skeletal survey showed no broken bones. He informed them that the ophthalmology department said that the bruising was “consistent with shaken baby or child abuse.”

He said that Eva had multiple bleeds of different ages in her brain, alleging that Eva had been abused repeatedly over time.

Michelle asked if Eva’s injuries could have been caused by vacuum extraction delivery. Dr. Lacy said, “Talking to neurosurgery [department]...they don’t believe that it’s from any kind of vacuum delivery.” He said that this is because “retinal hemorrhages” could not possibly be result of vacuum extraction. Dr. Lacy went on to say that Eva had undergone “a significant trauma.”



Dr. Adrian Lacy of Cook Children’s Hospital. [Photo source.](#)

His assertion is contradicted in the medical literature regarding vacuum extraction. Many medical journals and

medical resources mention that retinal hemorrhaging is a known complication of birth via vacuum extraction. An article in [*Reviews in Obstetrics & Gynecology*](#) lists retinal hemorrhaging in the list of neonatal complications:

Vacuum-assisted vaginal deliveries can cause significant fetal morbidity, including scalp lacerations, cephalohematomas, subgaleal hematomas, intracranial hemorrhage, facial nerve palsies, hyperbilirubinemia, and retinal hemorrhage.

As Michelle pondered the possible events that could have occurred to cause Eva's injuries, Dr. Lacy interjected, "These are things that are severe enough [that] you would have told me. You know, [like] she was in a bad car wreck." He went on to say that, the children who come to the hospital emergency room who were in car wrecks "don't have the degree of retinal hemorrhages" that Eva had. He and the hospital staff suspected that Eva had been repeatedly shaken. Michelle said that they equated it with "the force equivalent to being in a car crash at 40 mph."

Dr. Lacy concluded, "There's nothing in the story, as far as the history, her history, that explains the history that we see." He said that there was no other explanation but Shaken Baby Syndrome.

Not long after that, Cook's Children's Medical Center Child Abuse Specialist Dr. Sophia Grant said that Eva's injuries must be non-accidental trauma. She said that she found the "classic Shaken Baby Syndrome triad." The accusation of abuse came despite Michelle informing the hospital staff that Eva had been born via vacuum extraction. Further, reportedly, Dr. Grant expressed concern over the scratches

on Eva's face, and said that a child at six weeks old was not capable of inflicting them upon him or herself.



Child Abuse Specialist Dr. Sophia Grant at Cook Children's Hospital. [Photo source](#).

It was at that point that the staff stopped looking for other causes, Michelle said. CPS arrived and served her and Elliot an order for emergency removal. The couple was then escorted out of the hospital by security guards.

Afterwards, Eva was discharged from the hospital wearing a c-collar. It left a large dent in the back of her head, and she had to wear a helmet for a couple of months to reshape her skull.

Eva now suffers from dysphasia and is at risk of choking. She also only has 20% of her peripheral vision. Currently, Eva is in therapy and is walking and crawling.



Eva still faces challenges today. Photo source: Wallace family.

Difficult Birth

During pregnancy, Michelle experienced excessive fatigue, swelling, discomfort, nausea, etc., but she was told it was

normal. Also, under doctor's orders, Michelle received the Tdap and flu shots while pregnant.

On December 13, 2015, the OB/GYN, reportedly "roughed up" her cervix in an attempt to bring on labor. Two days later, at 8:30 pm, Michelle was admitted to Shannon Medical Center Women and Children's Labor and Delivery Unit with excessive bleeding. The next day, around 2:00 am her doctor administered Pitocin and an epidural.

During labor Michelle was shaking a lot, and Eva's heartrate kept dropping. About $\frac{3}{4}$ of the way in, Michelle was given an oxygen mask and was told to keep it on because the baby was not getting enough oxygen.

After about eight hours, the placenta began detaching prematurely. She had a 30% placental abruption. The doctor opted for vacuum extraction instead of an emergency C-section. Eva was born at 7:00 am, after about eight hours of labor and 15 minutes of pushing, weighing 5 lbs. 11 oz.

Birth records indicate that Eva's hands and feet were blue, and her coloring was gray. Eva's pathology reports indicated infection, as well as inflammation of the fetal membranes and connective tissue of the umbilical cord.

Photos taken after her birth indicate a red, bruised and molded head with vacuum marks. They also reveal swollen eyes with cuts on and above them, as well as bruising that started over her right eye. Also, at birth Eva received Hepatitis B and Vitamin K shots and erythromycin eye drops.

Pattern of Medical Concerns

When Eva's pediatrician, Dr. Elizabeth Young, came by

during her rounds, Michelle mentioned that Eva slept poorly the night before. However, reportedly, Dr. Young dismissed it and said that “it was normal for a newborn to do that.”

Michelle attempted to breastfeed Eva for three days, but it was unsuccessful. As a result, Eva was put on formula.

At Eva’s one-week checkup, everything seemed normal. Eva had been sleeping well, as well as feeding every two to three hours. That day she received the standard vaccines. Afterwards, Eva’s fussiness escalated. She had a lot of gas and was sleeping poorly.



Eva with sunglasses during a visit. Photo source: Wallace family.

Michelle suspected an allergy to formula, so she changed brands—to one that was for sensitive digestive systems. However, it did not seem to make a difference. Eva began sleeping poorly and crying excessively, as if she was in pain.

Even talking and soft noises were waking her.

Michelle called Medical Exchange Hotline and was told by the nurse that it sounded like constipation. The nurse advised Michelle to add a bit of Karo Syrup to her bottle and use glycerin suppositories when needed, and then follow-up with the doctor the next business day.

The nurse's suggestions helped some. Once Eva would have a bowel movement, she would settle down some. But, within few hours, she would begin crying again. She seemed to be in pain. Michelle also gave Eva gripe water, which sometimes brought some temporary relief.

At the follow-up appointment with Dr. Young, Michelle was told to try putting Eva on soy formula with an extra ounce or two of water to help with constipation. The doctor also showed Michelle how to lay Eva down on her stomach to help ease gas pain.

The soy formula helped for a few days, and then the colic-like symptoms returned "as bad as ever."

At Eva's one month checkup, Michelle told the doctor that Eva was not sleeping and had inconsolable crying spells, severe constipation, and gas. Also, she told the doctor that she had seen Eva making "jerky, circular arm movements," and that she had seen Eva's chin quivering. When Michelle expressed concern, the doctor said that there was nothing to worry about.

Eva was prescribed Zantac for possible acid reflux. The doctor sent them home with a sample of another formula that was hypoallergenic. After about five bottles of it, Michelle discontinued using it because it gave Eva "explosive

diarrhea” and worsened her gas problem.

Michelle tried other formulas, in hopes that she would find one that agreed with Eva’s system, but the problems only worsened. Eva’s sleeping deteriorated, as well. Even the slightest sound would wake her, and she rarely slept for more than an hour at a time.

Michelle and Elliot continued giving Eva gas drops, gripe water, glycerin suppositories, and adding water to her formula. They tried giving her Zantac, but they could not get Eva to swallow it. Eva began spitting up with more frequency.

The morning of January 29, 2016, Eva started getting very fussy and crying inconsolably. Michelle got her to settle down for a nap. But, within half an hour, she awoke. When Michelle went to pick her up, she noticed that Eva had two little scratches on her face, with a bruise behind each of them. She figured that Eva had scratched herself.

Later that day, Michelle went to the grocery store to get formula. She returned to find Elliot trying unsuccessfully to comfort Eva, and that’s when they saw her go limp with the strange cry and fluttering eyelids.

Father Charged but Not Indicted

Because Elliot was the last person to be around Eva when the symptoms occurred, he was arrested in April and charged with first degree felony assault on an infant with a \$75,000 bond. Though he has been charged, there has been no indictment. A no-contact order has been issued against him.



Elliot adores his daughter, but he can no longer see her.
Photo source: Wallace family.

Elliot has been out on bond. He would like to meet with his court-appointed attorney to make a plan to fight the charges and to challenge the no-contact order. However, since there

is no indictment and no case file opened by the district attorney, his attorney will not meet with him.

Meanwhile, he is banned from seeing his daughter.

Foster Care Placement Is Five Hours Away

When Eva was discharged from the hospital, she was placed with family friends, who live five hours away from her home. Michelle and Elliot have been trying to get Eva placed with blood relatives instead who live closer to them. It has been a difficult road for the Wallaces because of Eva's special needs. Since coming off the anti-seizure medication, under doctor's orders, the baby must have 24/7 care for a year.

Because Eva's placement is five hours away, and visitation must be supervised with a CPS staff, the only time available for visits has been during the week, when Michelle was working. She is only able to go once a month for a three hour supervised visit. Michelle has to abide by strict attendance guidelines by her employer. She would readily visit Eva more often if it were possible.



Missing and missed by her parents. Photo source: Wallace family.

Additionally, Michelle has had to be the breadwinner since Elliot's ability to find work has been hindered by the criminal charges against him. He has been working as a contractor laying cable, and his last contract finished at the end of August.

At their recent hearing, on November 2, 2016, the judge removed the supervised visit requirement and approved visits with a caregiver for Michelle only. This was met with opposition from CPS. However, the Guardian ad Litem (GAL) and Court-Appointed Special Advocate (CASA) volunteers recommended it, stating that it was in the child's best interests to have the opportunity to bond with her mother. This means that Michelle is not restricted to weekday visits and can be with Eva on her birthday and Christmas.

CPS Seeks to Terminate Parental Rights

Despite the fact that Elliot and Michelle have faithfully

worked their service plan, last July CPS notified the couple that they are seeking to terminate their parental rights. This is allegedly because they believe that Elliot is guilty. Additionally, the couple had agreed to separate, if it meant bringing Eva home to live with Michelle. However, CPS will not consider the option, since Michelle still believes that Elliot is innocent and that Eva has been misdiagnosed.

Further, the Guardian ad Litem and CASA volunteer are parroting CPS' recommendation of termination of parental rights because the "medical professionals" say that Eva was shaken. This is especially concerning to the Wallaces because neither the GAL nor the CASA volunteer has met with Elliot and Michelle to interview them or discuss their daughter.

Medical Expert Says This is a Birth Injury

Eva was born via vacuum extraction, which is the use of a cup that attaches to the baby's head and creates suction. According to [Healthline](#), the risks of vacuum extraction or vacuum-assisted delivery, "range from minor scalp injuries to more serious problems, such as bleeding in the skull." It lists the following injuries:

hematoma, cephalohematoma, subgaleal hematoma, intracranial hemorrhage, retinal hemorrhage, and neonatal jaundice.

Eva suffered from a retinal hemorrhage, something that Dr. Adrian Lacy said could not be a result of vacuum extraction. She also had intracranial hemorrhaging.

According to Medical Child Abuse Investigator Anne Renk-Bernardo of [Ohana Advocacy Center](#), who was obtained by the parents to look at this case:

“This is a birth injury case, plain and simple,” and “vacuum extraction could’ve easily caused the injury.”

She said that the cup is required to be in a “very specific position,” and as a result, “any excessive or repetitive pressure” or incorrect position could easily cause injury to the infant.



Michelle holding newborn Eva. Photo source: Wallace family.

Renk-Bernardo said that the Pitocin that Michelle was given appeared to cause late, variable and prolonged decelerations or decreases in Eva's heart rate indicating some degree of hypoxia, or not enough oxygen reaching the baby. She said that the amount of Pitocin appeared to be given off schedule

and “too much, too fast,” causing hyper stimulation. As a result, she said that it produces a “constant squeezing,” which can cause complications while the baby’s head is engaged in the birth canal using vacuum extraction. Additionally, medical records show that Eva experienced a couple of episodes of severe bradycardia, which is a slowing of the heartbeat which can be caused by a deficiency of oxygen.

Another contributing factor to the complications is the placental abruption. According to the [Mayo Clinic](#):

Placental abruption can deprive the baby of oxygen and nutrients and cause heavy bleeding in the mother.

With regards to the scratches on Eva’s face, she said that Eva could have done that herself, and that they are “not significant enough” to warrant abuse. She said that Dr. Sofia Grant said in her affidavit that Eva had bruising on her forehead, two 0.5 cm bruises, and a small scratch, which were a result of abuse.

Renk-Bernardo said that Dr. Grant’s opinion was issued without reviewing Eva’s records. She said that Eva, at the time, “was moving her extremities,” and that she could have easily scratched herself.

Renk-Bernardo believes that Eva’s ligament injury was probably a result of the vacuum extraction. She referred to the fact that the baby was “high up” in the pelvis and “never progressed” out of the birth canal. As a result, she said that the baby had to be forcefully pulled out. According to [American Family Physician](#), this is a risk factor for complications while giving birth.

Lastly, with regards to the multiple bleeds on Eva's brain, Renk-Bernardo said that they are a result of "probably a bleed from birth that re-bleed." She pointed out that there are several things that can cause a re-bleed, such as choking, coughing, and illness. She said that vacuum extraction injuries can manifest up to three months after birth.

If This is Abuse, "How Did They Shake the Baby?"

After examining Eva's medical records, Renk-Bernardo said that the accusation of Shaken Baby Syndrome begs the question, "How did they shake the baby?" She pointed out that Eva had no fractures or bruising on the arms, chest, etc., that would be evidence of such abuse. She also said that, to her knowledge, there was no soft tissue damage. Further, she notes:

If there were blunt force trauma, we would expect to see more than superficial bruising. These two 0.5 cm bruises to the child's forehead appear to be minor and accidental in nature as the CT scan and MRI did not reveal any associated deeper trauma, there was no bruising, tissue inflammation, or fractures to the skull. If the force that caused Eva's injuries is "equivalent to a motor vehicle crash at 40 mph" as Dr. Lacy claimed, then common sense dictates that you would see more severe, deeper and multilayered injuries to the skull, perhaps a fracture with that force, but there was absolutely nothing other than two 0.5 cm superficial bruises underneath a minor scratch. These bruises are what most would call non contributory.

Lastly, in her expert opinion, there is no evidence that Eva

has been violently shaken. She pointed out that when the Wallaces took Eva to the emergency room, both the trauma and neurology department refused to admit Eva because they said that the cause of her injuries was not trauma-related.

“Problems All Along, but Nobody Paid Attention”

According to Michelle, about a month after Eva’s release from the hospital, new bleeding was found in a follow-up MRI that the doctor ignored. Further, he did not relay the information to anyone, not even the foster mother.

Further, nowhere in the medical records from Cook’s Children’s Medical Center does it say anything about a chronic bleed. However, during the CARE team meeting, Dr. Adrian Lacy told the family that Eva had multiple bleeds.

Michelle had expressed concerns since Eva’s birth, but they were dismissed. She said, “There had been problems all along, but nobody paid attention.” For instance, Eva was born with meconium in the amniotic fluid, which means that she is at risk for developing Meconium Aspiration Syndrome (MAS). MAS is associated with neonatal seizures and chronic seizure disorders. Renk-Bernardo said, “Normally, it’s a concern. But, they [medical professionals] didn’t seem concerned.” Further, Eva’s family history includes heart problems, bleeding and bruising disorders, as well as nephrotic syndrome, which involves seizures.

Now, Elliot and Michelle want to share their story to “help spread awareness of the plague of false allegations based on junk science that destroys innocent families.”



Eva – her parents’ little Superhero. Photo source: Wallace family.

At the November 2, 2016, hearing, the CPS attorney told the Wallaces that she had contacted the district attorney about Elliot’s criminal charges and that his case is to go before a grand jury in the next month or two. She went on to say that CPS had secured their own medical expert to testify against the Wallaces. Elliot and Michelle plan to request assistance from the court for securing their own medical expert testimony.

There is a pretrial hearing on December 12, 2016, and a permanency hearing on February 15, 2017. There is a family court bench trial date set for March 23-24, 2017. However, the Wallaces are considering requesting a jury trial instead. If granted, it will take place in late April of 2017.

How You Can Help

There is a Facebook page set up for the family called [Love Eva Rose](#) where supporters can follow the Wallaces' story and help.



Supporters are asked to contact legislators on behalf of the family.

Texas Governor Greg Abbott may be reached at (512) 463-2000 or contacted [here](#). His Facebook page is [here](#), and [here](#) is a link to his Twitter page.

The Texas state representative for the Wallaces' district is Rep. Drew Darby. He may be reached at (512) 463-0331, or contacted [here](#).

Charles Perry is the Senator for their district. He may be reached at (512) 463-0128, or contacted [here](#).

The US representative for the Wallaces' district is Rep. Mike Conway. He may be reached at (325) 659-4010, or contacted

[here](#).

Senator Ted Cruz also represents the Wallaces in Washington, D.C. He may be reached at (202) 224-5922, or contacted [here](#). His Facebook page is [here](#), and [here](#) is a link to his Twitter page.

Courts and judges across the U.S. are increasingly overturning Shaken Baby abuse convictions, as most of these cases do not present the science against “Shaken Baby Syndrome,” and the medical evidence that can support injuries apart from parental abuse.

See:

[Ruling Alters Legal Landscape in NY Shaken-baby Cases](#)

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

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

Many are also questioning the role of the new pediatric specialty of “Child Abuse Specialist.” See:

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

Child Abuse Pediatricians: An “Ethically Bankrupt” Profession that Destroys Families

Medically Kidnapped Texas Teen Suffers Seizures, Medical Neglect in State Care



Alex Rembis in happier times before CPS ripped him away from his family. Photo source: Rembis family.

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

Texas parents Claire and William Rembis are scared for their

son's health since he was taken from his family in late August 2016. Alex, who is almost 16, has a seizure disorder that was under control when he lived at home with his parents and 10 siblings. But he has recently been experiencing more seizures, and his parents believe that the actions of Child Protective Services social workers and the staff of the group home he was placed in have put his health in serious danger. According to Claire:

Alex has had uncontrollable seizures ever since being in CPS custody & there is a history of the group home not giving him his medications.

Recently, the Rembis parents were thrown out of Covenant Children's Hospital, the hospital where Alex was being treated, despite a court document ordering that "Mr. and Mrs. Rembis will attend all medical appointments pertaining to their children"

They hadn't caused any problems or done anything to provoke being thrown out. The doctor and hospital security were allegedly enforcing the wishes of the CPS social worker, who insisted that the parents leave the hospital.

Claire said that they simply wanted to be with their son during his medical emergency. Like any normal parent, they did not want to leave his side until they knew he was no longer in danger, and until they had some answers. Instead, they were forced to leave without the answers that they desperately sought.

CPS Leaves Out Vital Information

Worse, they learned that between the social workers and the group home parents, vital medical information was not given to the doctors in charge of Alex's care. Just as many other parents have reported to *Health Impact News*, the doctors treating the child in foster care were missing vital information which would affect the care given to the child.

They were never informed that their seizure patient had ITP, idiopathic thrombocytopenic purpura, which is a rare blood disorder involving low platelets. Platelets help blood to clot, and patients with low platelets are at risk of severe bleeding. For a patient suffering from seizures, who could potentially bang his head against the floor or bed, this is important need-to-know information. But the doctors apparently didn't know this, because the people in charge of "protecting" Alex allegedly didn't tell them.



Alex in the hospital after seizures suffered in state care.
Source: [YouTube video](#).

Repeated Seizures

Claire says that she received a text Monday afternoon, November 28, informing her that Alex had another seizure at school, (he had one on October 18 as well), and that he was being taken to the hospital. She and her husband immediately went to meet their son at the hospital. He was released shortly after they got there, and they all headed to the CPS office for the family's scheduled visitation.

Alex was not permitted to ride with his parents, and had to ride with the foster parent. They hadn't gone 6 blocks when Alex began having another seizure. The foster parent pulled over and called 911. Alex was transported back to the hospital.

As soon as Claire and William arrived for the visit with the rest of the children, social worker Jennifer Garlett took Claire aside to tell her that Alex had another seizure. Distraught, Claire and William asked if their visit with the other children could be rescheduled so that they could go back to the hospital.

Their request was denied. They spent the hour with the rest of their children. Before they left, Jennifer reportedly stopped them to ask if they were going to the hospital. She informed them that they would only be permitted to stay with Alex for 1 hour. This made no sense to the Rembises, who pointed out that there was nothing in the court order limiting time with their children in the hospital, and that this was an emergency.

The social worker threatened to call security if they stayed past 1 hour. Instead of arguing with the social worker, they walked away and went back to the hospital.



Social worker Jennifer Garlett. Photo taken at a recent neurology appointment for Alex.

Platelet Condition Could Be Devastating

While they were there, Claire says that she asked if the staff had checked Alex's platelet level. She was told that there was no need to check for that, since he was at the hospital for seizures. It took a great deal of effort for her to get anyone to listen to her tell them that Alex has a low platelet condition. It's a very simple test, she says, and they finally did it. It wasn't till after they left that the results came back. Claire wrote:

a normal range for platelets is 150-400. His are at 199. This is normal but low normal. Alex has ITP (the doctors treating him today weren't told that he has ITP!). I asked for the

platelet count and the Dr. agreed that it was important – thank goodness. This is very important. We almost lost Alex when he was 2 & he received a wonderful wish from the Make-A-Wish Foundation because we didn't know if he would make it.

By the grace of God sweet Alex is in remission. He has done very well watching his diet and making other healthy choices. It's paid off! That being said, his platelets can drop at any time and if they are too low, he can start hemorrhaging internally and externally. Obviously, this is important to know about with a kid jerking around and bumping his head on a hard surface during a seizure. Seizures have the power to be fatal on their own so factoring in the ITP too? VERY SCARY.

Please pray that his platelets stay in a safe zone. Mostly, pray for answers and a miraculous, complete healing.

One person at the hospital blamed his seizures on his size – “probably because he's a big kid” and needed a bigger dosage.

Several times during the course of the evening, Claire says that she asked staff if they had checked Alex's medication levels, but no one ever gave her an answer. She wanted to know why her son was suddenly starting to have seizures, when they had been under control when he was at home. The group home had reportedly neglected to give him his medication once during the previous month, which resulted in Alex having a seizure then. Could this be what happened this time?

Chilling Response

Claire asked her son if he had taken his medicine yesterday. She says that he looked around the room at the social workers, then responded:

That's what THEY said. I don't remember exactly.

He paused, then continued cryptically:

Previous week has been rather long, and I don't think I have the sharpest memory of it, because I don't want to remember ANY of this place.

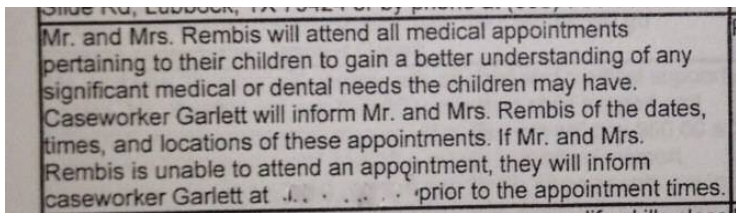
The children have been forbidden to talk about “their case” with their parents, so Claire has no idea what that means. It was Alex who recently wrote a poem called “Dearest String,” which his parents recognized as a cry for help. See poem [here](#).

Parents Kicked Out of Hospital Without Court Order

Without answers and without assurance that their son was going to be OK, the hospital staff complied with the social worker's demand that Claire and William Rembis leave the hospital. They recorded their encounter with the doctor and security guard who forced them to leave.

<https://youtu.be/iQ9pxEww4eE>

The doctor told the Rembises that he had seen the court order and that they can't stay there at the hospital, but that is not what the court order says. There is nothing in the document that says that the parents cannot stay with any of their children in the hospital. In fact, the opposite is true.



This is the only portion of the court order that addresses medical issues.

Claire and William left the hospital Monday night without hugging Alex goodbye. Claire told *Health Impact News* that they have learned from prior experience that the social workers tend to “flip out” whenever they hug or kiss their children during any medical visits. Somehow, she says, it is different in regular visits, and they are allowed to hug and kiss their kids, but they have learned that it is “obvious that it is not OK” during medical appointments or visits. They don’t want to cause “more drama,” so they go against every natural parental instinct and refrain from hugging or kissing their children at hospital or doctor visits. “It’s hard,” says Claire. All she wants to do is love and protect her kids.

Mother Worried about Child in “Protective” Custody

It was in the wee hours of Tuesday morning that Claire posted on Facebook:

I can't sleep.

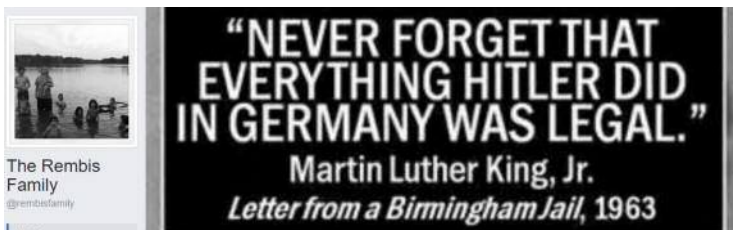
How is Alex feeling right now? Is he scared? Has anyone explained to him what is happening w/his body? Does he feel abandoned by us? Will he have more when we are not there? Is this epilepsy more serious than the, "typical" epilepsy? Are his siblings worried about him? Are the nurses giving him the right medications & are they being administered on time? Are they listening to him when he expresses his concerns, fears or needs?

We almost lost Alex in 2002 & we never, ever, EVER take his beautiful life for granted. Mostly, does he feel loved? Does he feel like he is surrounded by people that care about him?

Later on Tuesday, as Claire and William were heading to the hospital, they got a text from the social worker that Alex was being discharged and being sent back to the group home. They still don't know if anyone checked Alex's medication levels to make sure that the foster parents gave him his seizure medication.

All this heartache and risk to their child came to their doorstep, even though there have never been any findings of neglect or abuse against the Rembises. Yet, 10 of their 11 children remain in state custody.

There is a Facebook page set up for supporters to follow their story.



Contact:

Texas Governor Greg Abbott at (512) 463-1782, or reach him [here](#).

Health Impact News has set up a page to financially help the Rembis family during this difficult time. Go to this link to donate:

[Family Defense Resources](#)

To follow the Rembis story, you can read all our previous articles below:

ORIGINAL STORY 8/4/2015:

[CPS Kidnaps 11 Children from Texas Homeschool Family](#)

UPDATE 9/11/2015

[Innocence Destroyed: Case Against Texas Homeschool Family Dismissed as Traumatized Children try to Rebuild Their Lives](#)

UPDATE 8/22/2016

Homeschool Texas Family Terrorized by CPS for Speaking Out and For Having Too Many Children at Home

UPDATE 8/29/2016

Colorado Police Help Texas CPS Kidnap Rembis Children and Bring Back to Texas - Father Jailed

UPDATE 9/9/2016

Outrageous and Unfounded Claims Used Against Texas Homeschool Family to Keep Children in Custody

UPDATE 9/26/2016

Texas Judge Allows Mother to Homeschool Her Own Children - Denies Request to Vaccinate Children While in State Custody

UPDATE 9/26/2016

Texas CPS Defies Judge's Order to Homeschool, Keeps Rembis Children in Public School

UPDATE 10/30/2016

A Cry for Help: Texas Homeschooled Children Continue to Suffer in State Custody and Public School

Other stories about Texas:

[Children of Texas Family Victimized by Medical Kidnapping Now Safe, Away from CPS](#)

[California Family Traveling Through Texas Loses Children to CPS After Autistic Daughter Drowns in Accident](#)

[3 Oppressive Texas CPS Agents Receive Felony Indictments](#)

[Judge Condemns Texas Foster Care System that Abuses Children as Unconstitutional](#)

[Parents' Constitutional Rights Not Allowed for Discussion in Texas CPS Reform Hearing](#)

Texas Homeschool Family of 10 Reunited One Year After CPS Took Children



Rembises Reunited. Welcome Home Party.

Health Impact News and MedicalKidnap.com Staff

Seeing families reunited and rejoicing once again, after being unjustly separated by Child Protective Services (CPS) is the passion that fuels us to continue to expose the destructive activities of CPS agencies and Family Courts throughout the United States (and even the world). Their rejoicing is also our reward as we rejoice with them.

It is with great joy that we share this story of the Rembis family in Texas being reunited and rejoicing with their 10 children!

No More Foster Care



“No More Foster Care.” Rembis children happy to be together again at home.

Once again laughter, love, and little ones fill the Rembis home.

As of August 11, 2017, the 10 Rembis children who were taken into CPS custody in Lubbock County, Texas, last year (after their young daughter snuck out into their front yard alone), have been returned to their parents, Claire and William

Rembis, and they couldn't be happier.

For background of this story, see:

[Homeschool Texas Family Terrorized by CPS for Speaking Out and For Having Too Many Children at Home](#)

When the children arrived home on Friday August 11, 2017, the youngest exclaimed:

“No more foster care? I'm home mommy, I'm home?”

Claire assured her,

“Yes baby, you are home for good. You will live with us forever now!”

Bubbling with joy, the Rembis' youngest daughter hugged her mommy's leg and started jumping up and down and laughing. Then she ran off and told her sisters,

“Mom is here and we won't have to leave again!”

As the kids were bringing their belongings in, they were excitedly telling each other,

“No more foster care! We get to stay home finally!”



“Within an hour of them walking through the door they were in the master bedroom just sitting around & talking. Our bedroom has always been the family hang out and the kids gathered together like always – despite the nearly 1 year apart.” – Claire

In Desperate Times, Family Turns to God

Like any parent whose children are seized by CPS, Claire and William were angry, confused, helpless, and fearful that harm would come to their children while in Foster Care. Only by completely and totally surrendering the battle for her family to Jesus, could Claire continue to have hope that her family would be restored.

Claire was feeling overwhelmed and exhausted in the battle to bring home her children, and feeling discouraged that they were, for the first time ever, spending Christmas (2016) apart from their children.

Attorney Joe Churchwell Takes Rembis Case

The Rembis parents continued to pray and seek God's will about how to get their family back. They prayed for a good attorney, and in March they contacted [Joe Churchwell](#), and their prayer was answered. At the Rembis' Permanency Hearing on May 24, 2017, attorney Joe Churchwell became legal counsel for the Rembises.

Attorney Joe Churchwell has appeared in other articles we have covered on Health Impact News. See:

[Arkansas CPS Attorney Writes: "What Happened to my Country?"](#)



William Rembis, Claire Rembis and their attorney, Joe Churchwell.

Churchwell is extremely pleased with how quickly things moved forward toward family reunification after he began representing the Rembises after the Permanency Hearing on May 24, saying:

“[Although] the children did not return home immediately, [Judge Hart] did increase visitation between William, Claire, and the children, and for the first time since the case was opened, ordered sibling visitation between the younger 5 and older 5 children, who were living apart, in different group homes. The contact between children and parents tripled immediately each week.

Judge Hart ceased individual counseling and ordered the children’s counselor begin family sessions. William and

Claire were ordered to complete homemaker services, and prepare and submit a parenting plan for the children's return home, and to maintain stable housing and employment.

Judge Hart set review hearings to monitor compliance and stated that if the order was followed the children would be able to transition home within approximately 60 days."

1st Unsupervised Visit – Children See Their New Home for First Time

In less than a month after the May 24th hearing, the Rembises had completed and complied with all requirements set forth by Judge Hart, and at the July 20th Review Hearing, CPS had submitted a reunification calendar that began with a 7-hour unsupervised visitation starting the following day, July 21st.



The Rembis children see their beautiful new home for the first time on July 21st, 2017, after being in foster care for nearly a year.

Claire says the children were delighted to see their new home for the first time! It was a welcome home celebration like no other.

They RAN into the house & then ran all over the house for about 10 minutes, yelling, laughing, screaming in delight, jumping up & down & a few were crying tears of joy. It was amazing.

The kids wanted to stay up all night talking about their time away. They talked about how excited they were to play in the huge backyard, to plant a new garden, to decorate their rooms, what they could finally do again when they came back & how “cool” their rooms were. They are so excited about being together again.



Rembis girls loving their new bedrooms in their new home.
Happy to be HOME.

Children Home for Good – Parents Regain Custody

The following week, the Rembises got an unsupervised overnight visitation, and then the next weekend they had a full weekend visitation from Friday to Monday, with the children remaining home full-time with their parents under monitored placement as of Friday, August 11th.

After completing some paperwork on Monday August 14th, Claire and William Rembis have custody back. Claire happily declares,

“the children are no longer considered foster children.”

A final hearing is scheduled for October 30th and should close the case for good, ending all CPS monitoring and oversight.

Giving God the Glory

After what has been the most difficult year of their lives, Claire says,

It feels like I can finally exhale. Now we can re-group, heal & move forward as a family. It felt like our life was put on hold – but now we can all continue down the path that God has planned for us. God will use this tragedy for good & we are humbled to be a part of it.

God has spoken incredible things into our lives even from other brothers & sisters that don't know us. We have an

incredible testimony filled with grand miracles that only God could've done.

We are stronger because every day we live, every crisis God overcomes, every situation we go through draws us closer to the heart of God. God is good no matter the situation at hand.



“It feels like I can finally exhale,” says Claire, thankful to be able to just be a family again – all together again in their own home.

Claire is thankful that even the children stayed strong in the Lord during this trial:

I prayed several times a day that God would keep them & that the enemy wouldn't be able to use this nightmare to lure our children away from their solid rock – Jesus.

I constantly told the kids that Jesus was with them even if we weren't. They would express some terribly grave concerns that we had no power to fix. We encouraged them to speak to God constantly.

The enemy can use things like this to draw Gods' children away from Him. Not only did that not happen, our kids now have a stronger understanding of exactly what God meant when He told His children that He is all we need.

By the grace of God, our children have a ton of testimonies about their relationships with Jesus & their experiences with answered prayers.

Having a Thankful Heart

Throughout this ordeal, there has been tremendous heartache, but Claire has been able to overcome tremendous pain by looking for things to be thankful for.

One extremely painful memory of the violent way in which the children were removed by police force in Colorado to be

brought back to Texas, was ironically comforted by her cousin, a retired police officer who served for 25 years in the Lubbock Police Department. After the children were taken into CPS custody, Claire reconnected with her cousin, and together they laughed and cried, and Claire's heart healed:

When we shared with him what had happened to the kids, he cried. Then, through his tears, he asked me to promise him that I would teach the kids that not all officers are bad, like the ones the kids had recently encountered. I told him I would. I meant that & I still do.

See:

[Colorado Police Help Texas CPS Kidnap Rembis Children and Bring Back to Texas – Father Jailed](#)



William Rembis with Claire's cousin, who "was a good & fair Lubbock officer." Her cousin went to be with the Lord on April 5, 2017, but Claire plans to keep her promise to him to teach the children that not all police officers are mean.

Claire's Advice to Fellow Families – Put Your Trust in God Even During Difficult Times

Claire acknowledges that it is terrifying knowing that CPS can remove your children, even when there's no abuse, but she says the biggest thing she had to accept during this trial was that God's Word applies, *even in this situation*.

Her advice to other families in the trenches of a CPS battle?

Love God with ALL your heart, ALL your mind, and ALL your

soul. CPS can be a distraction from that.

God says to pray for your enemies & to do good to those that persecute you. What I've learned time & time again is that God will soften your heart towards those you pray for – anger melts into compassion & something clicks. When Jesus' light infiltrates even the darkest of situations, evil scurries away & with it goes the lies. Social workers are no longer the enemy – Satan is.

It's not our job to fear everything, to stay up all night worrying.... That's God's job!

God put your family together. He wants your family together. He's advocating for your family.

Texas Mother of Daughter Injured by Gardasil Vaccine Fights to Get Daughter Back as Attorneys Betray Her



Aniya in her Wonder Woman costume, with her mommy Anita. Photo Source: [Justice for Aniya](#) Facebook page.

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

A Texas mother faces another setback in trying to get her

daughter back from Child Protective Services. Her daughter was medically kidnapped after a serious medical accident in which a pediatrician accidentally gave 4 month old Aniya Blu Vasquez the Gardasil 9 vaccine that was intended for her big brother.

After receiving the vaccine by accident, baby Aniya began experiencing health problems that were subsequently blamed on her mother, Anita Vasquez.

See our original story:

Infant Accidentally Vaccinated with Gardasil – Mother Blamed for Vaccine Injuries and Baby Medically Kidnapped

But Anita Vasquez recently learned that the attorney she hired to help her fight for baby Aniya is not, in fact, an attorney.

Anita first learned of Lamberg when a friend of her mother told them about the wonderful attorney who would “fix this” and help her regain custody of her daughter. Her mother Mary Vasquez, the grandmother of baby Aniya, tearfully told *Health Impact News*:

We thought he was our answer; he was going to help get our baby back. But he was a joke.

Randall George Lamberg met with Anita and reportedly told her that he was an attorney who would work hard to get things done and file the motions needed to get Aniya home. Anita Vasquez set to work fundraising and selling menudo, a

spicy Mexican soup, to raise money to pay his law firm. Between the fundraisers and a loan from a friend, she was able to pay the law firm \$7000.

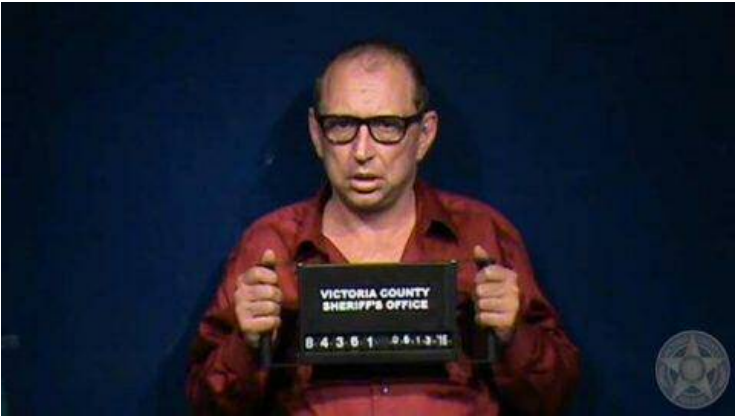
Lamberg reportedly told the Vasquez family that he was an attorney working with Esequiel Ramos, Jr. However, according to court transcripts from a hearing last week, Mr. Ramos testified that Lamberg is a “legal assistant” working for him. The *Victoria Advocate* reports:

The State Bar of Texas has no record of an attorney by the name of Randall Lamberg.

Lamberg was indicted in February in another case where he fraudulently represented himself as an attorney, but the Vasquez family was unaware of this history.

Court last Tuesday was supposed to be a hearing about custody of Aniya. Instead, the child was little more than an afterthought in the circus surrounding the attorney impersonator, who did not even show up for court. Anita told the [*Victoria Advocate*](#):

I've been scammed.



The attorney who was supposed to fight for her has legal battles of his own, starting with a felony charge for presenting himself as an attorney. Photo source: [Victoria Advocate](#).

Baby Was Healthy Before Gardasil Vaccine



Aniya smiling with her mother shortly before she was taken from her mother. Photo provided by the family.

According to reports from several friends and family members, Aniya was a healthy, happy baby before that fateful day in late December 2016. She had an ear infection before that checkup, but other than that, she had never had any health issues.

This is verified by medical records, as well as by the baby's grandmother and other family friends with whom we spoke.

Dr. Veronica Guel-Valdivia allegedly walked into the exam room, preoccupied with a conversation on her cell phone. She picked up all of the syringes that a nurse had drawn up and, without looking at any of the labels, she administered all of the shots to little Aniya.

They only realized the mistake when Anita began asking about her son's Gardasil 9 shot. It had allegedly been given to the baby by mistake.



Dr. Veronica Guel-Valdivia – Photo source: [DeTar Healthcare System](#)

The vaccine is not intended for children under 9 and has not been tested in babies. The Gardasil 9 has more than twice the toxic aluminum adjuvants as the previous Gardasil vaccine.

See:

Aluminum Adjuvants plus Gardasil Vaccine: Uniquely Damaging Neuroinflammatory Cocktail

According to Dr. Toni Bark:

The HPV vaccine (which is no longer governmentally recommended in Japan, France and Israel due to serious reactions including deaths) used the new aluminum adjuvant as the placebo.

See:

Dr. Toni Bark, M.D. – Do Not Remove Vaccine Exemptions – Some Children Die from Vaccines

By the next evening, Aniya had already begun to show symptoms of injury from the vaccine.

As her health began to decline, all of the doctors involved ignored the connection between Aniya's health and the Gardasil 9 shot. Instead, as she got sicker, doctors diverted the blame away from the vaccine and onto the mother, eventually accusing her of Munchausen by Proxy.

Child Protective Services seized Aniya on May 2, 2017, and her family has been fighting to get her back ever since.

The Gardasil Vaccine Was the Turning Point

Since the Gardasil 9 vaccine, Aniya's health declined. Her grandmother Mary Vasquez said that she noticed symptoms right away indicating that things were not right. Aniya began staring into space. She said that she was not the only one to

tell Anita that something was wrong and that she needed to get her checked out.

Friends were shocked when CPS took her away from her home.

Mother Blamed, Attention Diverted from Vaccine Injury

Even though people close to the situation clearly see that the Gardasil vaccine was the point at which Aniya's health started to decline, that narrative doesn't fit with the agenda that says that vaccines are safe and harmless. According to the family, every doctor and social worker involved with the case is in denial that her symptoms are at all related to the vaccine.



Aniya was a healthy baby before an accidental injection with Gardasil 9 vaccine changed her life. Photo source: [Justice for Aniya](#) Facebook page.

Anita says that her town of Victoria, Texas, has never seen a medical kidnapping case before, and they don't know how to deal with it. They don't realize, she says, that innocent parents are sometimes accused in order to take a child or to cover up for a medical mistake or medical malpractice. Before this happened to her, she had no idea that this could

happen either.

The accusation of Munchausen by Proxy is a convenient label to place on a parent who is trying to find answers for a medically complex child or one who has been injured by vaccines. Instead of looking at the medical issues involved, blame is deflected onto the parent. Any possible connection to vaccines is thereby avoided in favor of the narrative put forth by the doctors and CPS.

In Anita's case, that narrative appears to be that they want to discredit Anita and accuse her of being crazy.

Instead of taking responsibility for his paralegal who allegedly misrepresented himself to the Vasquez family as being an attorney, Mr. Esequiel Ramos, Jr., accepted \$7000 for work that neither he nor his paralegal Randall Lamberg have allegedly done.

Judge Jack Marr told Mr. Ramos that the money would need to be refunded promptly to Anita Vasquez. He said that he was going to turn the matter regarding the paralegal over to the Victoria district attorneys office and report it to the Texas state bar, stating that unethical and possibly criminal activity had occurred.

Health Impact News contacted attorney Esequiel Ramos, Jr. and requested to hear their side of the story, but he chose not to comment on the charges.

Anita became a nurse so that she could better help others. All of the accusations against her are inconsistent with what her family knows of her. She told *Health Impact News*:

To hurt people is not in my nature. I certainly don't need to

hurt my own child.

Anita's mother believes in her daughter. She said:

It's been a cover up from the very beginning.

How to Find an Attorney Willing to Fight CPS?

It has been almost 10 months since Aniya was mistakenly given the Gardasil 9 vaccine, but there have been no lawsuits filed. Even though friends have encouraged her to sue, getting money for this is the furthest thing from Anita Vasquez's mind. She just wants her baby back and wants her healthy.

One attorney considered taking the case over the summer. Mary told us about the conversation. When the attorney asked how much money she hoped to get, Anita made it clear that this was not her focus. She told him:

I just want the doctor to get off the phone.

She wants the doctor to be held responsible. Talking on a cell phone to friends while she is doing things to patients like giving injections is not good practice, and can potentially have devastating consequences, as it did with Aniya.

The judge accused Anita of playing Musical Attorneys, because she has already had so many. Unfortunately, Anita

has found that it is truly difficult to find an attorney who will give more than lip service to fighting CPS. Her only goal is to get her child back home, but she has learned the bitter truth that not every attorney actually works toward that goal.

Both the paralegal allegedly posing as an attorney and a court-appointed attorney have told her that they have filed important motions on her behalf. She has learned that they have not.

Her first attorney was court-appointed. His specialty was social security law. He had rarely delved into family court law.

It was a logical next step to try to hire an attorney who is more familiar with family law. She took all of her income tax return and hired a private attorney.

It was only after he became involved in the case that he told her that no one would believe her, so she needed to just go along with the allegations by CPS, waiving her right to dispute false allegations. That, he told her, was the way to get her child back.

Anita says that she has never harmed her child, and she won't admit to something she did not do.



Aniya became ill after being injected with the Gardasil 9 vaccine. Photo source: Vasquez family.

She fired that attorney and asked for another court-appointed attorney. Again, she found that the attorney wanted her to be quiet and not fight CPS.

When her mother told her that she had a friend who knew a great lawyer who would fix everything and get their baby back, they jumped at the chance. They had no idea that he was not who he said he was.

Now, she is back to attorney #3, a court-appointed attorney, at least until she can get the money refunded that she paid to Ramos and Lamberg so she can hire someone else who will fight for what is right.

Even with all the different attorneys, none of them has been able to obtain discovery in the case.

Finding a good attorney is every bit as much of a nightmare as trying to find medical help for Aniya was. The deck has been stacked against parents and families, and the cost is everything – the very life of a child.

Baby's Current Health Status in Foster Care Unknown – Parents Forbidden to Ask

A hallmark of Munchausen by Proxy is that the child gets better once they are out of reach of the parents. The theory is that, if the parents were causing the illness, then the child will no longer be sick out of the parent's care.

Anita is not permitted to inquire about her daughter's condition. She cannot attend medical appointments or be informed about any medical information regarding Aniya. If she does ask questions, instead of being seen as the normal behavior of a normal parent, it is interpreted as further evidence of Munchausen by Proxy.

While social workers attempt to say that Aniya is thriving outside of her mother's care, there is evidence to the contrary. Her family was able to visit her on her birthday August 4, and she was clearly not feeling well.



Her eyes show that she wasn't feeling well on her birthday. Grandma Mary holds Aniya. Photo source: Vasquez family.

She didn't want to crawl that day or do much of anything. The previous week Aniya was trying to walk, but on her birthday, she seemed weak and lethargic. She was fussy and had mucous drainage, and she lost weight from the previous week.

Last Sunday evening, the Vasquez family learned that Aniya was taken to the Emergency Room by her foster parent. She was running a fever, but tested negative for strep and flu. Her family's visit for Monday was cancelled.

CPS social workers are allegedly pushing for a speedy trial to terminate parental rights. Is this so that they can hide Aniya's medical problems?

Anita cannot ask questions about her daughter's health, but we can.

Why the rush to separate this child from her brothers and family? How sick is she?

Are her sodium levels still bottoming out? When she was with her grandmother, doctors from Texas Children's Hospital had her on a high sodium diet.

Why are they still drawing labs every week if she is healthy?

How You Can Help

There is a Facebook page set up to follow Aniya's story called [Justice for Aniya](#).



Greg Abbott is the Governor of Texas. He may be reached at (512) 463-2000 or by [contacting him here](#).

Representative Geanie W. Morrison represents the Vasquez family's district. She may be reached at (512) 463-0456 or contacted [here](#).

Lois Kolthort is the Senator for their district. She may be reached at (512) 463-0118 or contacted [here](#).

Local Dallas CBS Affiliate Goes Undercover to Reveal Medical Kidnapping of Teenage Girl



Texas mother was powerless to bring her daughter home after she was taken to Sundance Hospital. Source: [CBS 11 DFW](#).

Comments by Terri LaPoint
Investigative Writer, Health Impact News

Being held against one's will is one of the most frightening, and powerless, things a person can experience. Whether it is a hostage situation with a bank robber, or a masked man holding a loved one for ransom, the terror experienced by both the victim and the family of the victim is the stuff of blockbuster movies, and the hero swoops in and defeats the bad guys, setting the captives free.

What if, instead of the captor being a stereotypical “bad guy,” the captor is a hospital or the state? Would the terror and post traumatic stress experienced by the victim be any less? Those who have experienced this tell us that it is just as disturbing and traumatic. If anything, the powerlessness takes on a whole other dimension because this isn’t the way things are supposed to happen in America. The hospitals are supposed to be the good guys that we turn to in times of need.

A news investigative team in Texas has investigated a number of reports of local hospitals holding young people against their will, while their parents are stripped of their power to help their children, saying that:

This could happen to almost any parent out there.

Investigative reporter Ginger Allen says that they have investigated similar complaints “for years,” and that the story they reported on October 27, 2017, is:

an example of the complaint we probably hear most often.

People – kids – are transported to these hospitals and you can’t get them out. This means that any parent out there could go through what you are about to watch play out.

A teen was taken to [Sundance Behavioral Hospital](#) in Texas and held against her will, even when her mother tried to check her out against medical advice. She was also drugged without her mother’s consent while she was there. CBS 11 went undercover with hidden cameras to report on the

medical kidnapping.

Health Impact News has also heard of many such complaints. Most often in the stories we report, a child is taken to a hospital for something, and Child Protective Services is called in, beginning a nightmare that can last for years as the parents try to get their children out of the foster care system.

In other cases, such as this one, a teen goes into a hospital for whatever reason, but once they are admitted to a mental ward, the parents are stripped of any ability to bring their child home until the facility says they can go home.

Teens, and children, go into the hospital and are held against their will and the will of their parents. They lose all of their rights. Even if they retain their rights on paper, in actual practice they have no rights and no freedom. They are essentially prisoners of the hospital.

Fortunately in this case, Child Protective Services was not involved, but in many cases, the hospital works in collusion with Child Protective Services to hold the child in custody against their will. Hence the term “medical kidnapping.” The term describes what happens in reality to someone taken against their will for medically-related allegations.

See similar stories that we have covered:

[Vermont Teen Drugged Against Her Will, Held in Custody in Massachusetts Mental Health Facility](#)

Medical Kidnapping in Missouri: 25 Year Old Daughter Forced onto Drugs and Committed to Mental Facility

Parents Denied Access to Son in Forced Medical Detention and Forced Medication Case in Alaska

20 Year Old Autistic Girl in Michigan Medically Kidnapped Over Treatment Disagreement

Medically Kidnapped Disabled Man Held Against his Will in Orange County California

In a recent story, a Colorado facility was shut down years after Lisa Mitchell's son was held captive and abused at the El Pueblo Boys and Girls Ranch. Colorado Child Protective Services seized custody of her son, not because of anything that she had done wrong, but because the state claimed that they could do a better job of "providing services" than she could. Instead, they turned her son's life into a living hell.

See:

Reign of Terror at Colorado Boys and Girls Ranch Finally Stopped Years After Abuse First Reported

Here is the story of a Texas teen, placed into a mental hospital against her will, despite efforts by her family to bring her home:

I-Team: Mother Of Teen Says A North Texas Hospital Worse Than A Jail

by [Senior Investigative Reporter Ginger Allen and Special Projects Producer Aparna Zalani](#)
[CBS 11 DFW](#)

Video no longer available.

Excerpts:

Madison's mother, Amanda Mauldin, called the CBS 11 newsroom on a Wednesday afternoon desperate to get help for her daughter who, she said, was admitted to Sundance Behavioral Hospital in Garland, TX.



Sundance Behavioral Hospital – the subject of numerous complaints to media about kids being held captive. Source: [CBS 11 DFW](#).

The teenager had been vacationing with her boyfriend's family. She was on her way back to Oklahoma where she lived. Mauldin got a call from an Anna, TX Police officer. Mauldin told I-Team Investigator Ginger Allen that the

officer called to say Bell and the boyfriend's family had stopped on the side of Interstate 75. He said she had gotten into a fight with her boyfriend's family. She was acting up. He told her Bell was not under arrest, but the officer said "due to (her) actions," she needed somewhere to go.

"I asked the officer on the phone if he could please just hold her, detain her," Mauldin told the I-Team. Mauldin said she was more than three hours away and needed time to drive to get Madison. The officer said there was nothing to charge her with so he could not hold her. He told Mauldin that he would take Madison to Sundance Behavioral Hospital.

Mother Told She Has "Zero Rights"

When Mauldin arrived at Sundance, she begged the hospital to release Bell; however, by state law, the facility said it was holding Bell for 48 hours until a doctor could reevaluate her. After repeated requests to see Bell and several visits to the hospital, Mauldin was not getting answers about why the facility wanted to hold her daughter.

"They told me I had zero rights to my child because of how she was brought to this facility," she said.



Mother Amanda Mauldin was told she had zero rights to get her child out of the hospital. Source: [CBS 11 DFW](#).

Hiring an Attorney

Mauldin called attorney Margaret Carrigan who returned with her to Sundance 48 hours later. This time the I-Team went inside the hospital with her with our undercover cameras rolling. We watched and listened as Mauldin and Carrigan asked to see Madison. They also asked why she would not be released.

Once again, with security officers standing close-by, employees at the front desk told her Bell could not be released. No one would tell Mauldin why Bell was being held.

And then, more troubling to Mauldin, she learned the hospital had issued an Order of Protective Custody which prolonged Bell's stay indefinitely. Once again, no one would tell her why. She could not see her child. And, she could not speak to her doctor.

“No one calls. I’ve left ten voicemails,” she said. “No one ever called me back,” she said. Mauldin told the I-Team that the only call from the hospital was from the billing office saying she now likely owed thousands of dollars.

Finally Released (After Being Drugged Against Her Will)

Wednesday afternoon was a good day for Amanda Mauldin since the harrowing phone call Sunday night from the Anna PD police officer.

Carrigan took Mauldin’s case to a judge that morning. The judge signed an emergency order immediately releasing Bell. The I-Team followed Mauldin back into the hospital to see how quickly it would release Mauldin. But, once again, Mauldin waited. She tried to explained to the front desk employees that a judge had signed a release and Bell should be discharged “immediately” without any paperwork.

Several hours after the judge signed the order, 15-year-old Madison Bell rushed out of the hospital right into the arms of her waiting grandmother. Our cameras were there to capture the moment. While Bell’s mother spoke to the front desk inside the hospital, Renee Mauldin threw her arms around Bell with tears streaming down her face. She hugged and kissed her cheeks saying she was sorry and “this would never happen again.”



Madison's tearful reunion with her grandmother after finally being released from Sundance Behavioral Hospital, where she was held against her family's will. Source: [CBS 11 DFW](#).

As she got in the car to leave with her family, Madison showed us marks on her arm where she said she'd been grabbed on her first day there. She talked about threats similar to those the I-Team has repeatedly investigated. She specifically referenced a shot called "booty juice."

"The girl told me they give it in the butt and that it knocks you out," Bell told Allen and the I-Team. Many former patients and employees have told the I-Team similar stories. Patients called the shot booty juice and said they were threatened with it or given it to sedate them.

Mauldin's family became the latest loved ones to tell us they are taking legal action against Sundance Hospital. "They know that that we are not done," Renee Mauldin. "I'm going to fight for every other child in there too."

Read the full article and watch video of the tearful reunion at [CBS 11 DFW](#).

Texas Mom Blamed for Baby's Accidental Gardasil Vaccine Injuries Fights to Get Medically Kidnapped Daughter Back



Anita Vasquez: My baby is depending on us to do what's right & bring her home. #BringAniyaHome #STOPMEDICALKIDNAPPING #PRAYBIG Photo supplied by family.

by Health Impact News/MedicalKidnap.com Staff

The Gardasil vaccine is not intended to be given to children under 9 years of age and has not been studied in babies. It is a vaccine developed for sexually active young women to prevent the human papillomavirus and cervical cancer. In recent years, it has been [given to teen-age boys as well](#). It is perhaps the most controversial vaccine in America and around the world today. (See: [America's Vaccine Civil War: Will Negative News on Gardasil Turn the Tide in 2018?](#))

Yet when a 4 month old baby in Texas was mistakenly given the shot intended for her teenage brother, her mother has been blamed for causing the symptoms that followed.

Everywhere Anita Vasquez turned for answers for little Aniya's condition, it seemed that no one she talked to was willing to make the obvious connection between the vaccine and her illness. In the effort to cover-up or deny any effects of the medical error, a family is being sacrificed.

In a cruel twist of irony, the fact that Anita refuses to give up her quest for answers and the fact that she has medical knowledge (because she is a nurse by trade) is being viewed as "evidence" that she has Munchausen syndrome by proxy (or "factitious disorder") – a rare mental disorder by which someone, usually a parent, intentionally makes a child sick in order to gain attention.

Baby Aniya was seized by Child Protective Services on May 2, 2017, and placed into foster care with strangers.

Her big brother has struggled with blaming himself ever since. He loves his baby sister very much.

In the latest development in their story, CPS social workers have cut off all of 14 year old Alfred's visits with Aniya.

The Vasquez family just wants to be a family again, but CPS appears to be blaming everyone except the most likely culprit – the vaccine that she never should have received, the vaccine that she was mistakenly given right before her symptoms started.

See their original story:

Infant Accidentally Vaccinated with Gardasil – Mother Blamed for Vaccine Injuries and Baby Medically Kidnapped

Medical Records Show Possible Diagnosis, Downplayed by Social Worker

Like many parents whose children have been medically kidnapped, Anita Vasquez has had a difficult time getting her child's medical records.

Once Aniya was taken into state custody, her mother has been denied access to her medical records. She has been in the dark about any of her baby's labwork, medications, and visits to the doctor or hospital.

After court on Monday, January 22, 2018, Anita says that the CPS attorney finally gave her a CD containing most, but not all, of Aniya's medical records.

She was stunned to see that there was a diagnosis a full 6 months ago of "partial adrenal insufficiency." This was written in her charts as a diagnosis in July, and Aniya was later prescribed corticosteroids for the condition.

This information has been kept from her until now, and Anita says that it explains all of Aniya's symptoms that she

experienced since receiving the Gardasil 9 vaccine: low sodium, fatigue, lethargy, weakness, weight loss, decreased appetite, dehydration, and polyuria (increased urination). These were symptoms that formed the basis for her removal from her family by CPS.



Child removals devastate the whole family. Photo supplied by family.

Aniya not only received the Gardasil shot on December 29, 2016, she also got the pneumococcal vaccine, an oral dose of the rotavirus vaccine, and Pediarix, a combination of diphtheria, tetanus, pertussis, hepatitis B, and polio vaccines. Thus, Aniya received a total of 8 vaccines at once. This young baby received a very large dose of not only

inactivated viruses, but also other ingredients such as mercury and aluminum which are contained in vaccines as preservatives.

Because Gardasil has not been studied in children under 9, there are no studies to show the possible side effects and dangers of the shot in babies. There is no scientific data to indicate whether or not adrenal insufficiency could be caused by the vaccine.

Adrenal insufficiency has, however, been seen in teens and adults following the administration of the vaccine. There is a very real possibility of a link, but it has not been researched.



Courtney and her mother explain how the [Gardasil vaccine destroyed Courtney's life.](#)

Courtney is a teenager who received one Gardasil shot, and her life was forever changed. Her mother, who is also a nurse, [wrote:](#)

After Courtney's appointment with the pediatric endocrinologist, he felt it was possible that her adrenal glands were not functioning correctly.

He ordered additional blood on Courtney. This blood work showed Courtney supposedly had "Adrenal Insufficiency" which means her adrenal glands were not working correctly.

The endocrinologist said they were seeing more teens being diagnosed with this in the last several years.

I asked if he felt it was tied to Gardasil since teens are now receiving this vaccine, he said he wasn't sure but definitely thought it was worth looking into and keeping track of.

My daughter was placed on steroids and it was hoped that this would improve the situation. This condition is also considered life threatening if she were to become very ill or in an accident etc.

After months of treatment and searching for answers, she went to the Mayo clinic:

On the last day at MAYO when we met with the endocrinologist, he felt Courtney was misdiagnosed with Adrenal Insufficiency and was now truly adrenal insufficient after having been placed on high doses of steroids.

He recommended we see a new endocrine doctor at Kansas University Medical Center when we went back to Kansas and for her to be tapered off her steroids.

He felt her adrenal glands would wake back up.

Then we met with her case doctor, she diagnosed Courtney with “Autonomic Dysfunction”.

This is a neurologic disease that they are also seeing more of. She has been placed on a high salt diet, drinking a lot of fluids especially water, placed on an exercise regime, and she takes a prescription for this 3 times daily.

They feel she “should” grow out of this but aren’t sure at what age.

They too aren’t sure “why” she has this disease! She was a normal, healthy teen girl with mild asthma that was controlled. She was outgoing, happy, loving girl with straight “A’s” in school.

She was full of life UNTIL she received her first and only Gardasil vaccine and this is a decision I regret every second of every day – if only I could turn back the clock!

See Courtney’s story:

Gardasil: The Decision I will Always Regret

There are certainly similarities between Courtney’s case and Aniya’s, including the high salt diet, dehydration, and the denial of medical professionals to connect the decline in health to the Gardasil vaccine.

In the medical records that Anita Vasquez recently received, she found that on 9/11, a doctor prescribed Aniya hydrocortizone, a steroid, for 3 times a day. This is a recognized protocol for treating adrenal insufficiency, along with a diet high in salt. Aniya had that as well.

Anita questioned the CPS case worker Megan Morales about the medications that she saw prescribed, and her responses do not add up to Anita. The case worker said that they did a test for adrenal insufficiency, and that she passed it.

They gave her medicine in case she was to get sick. However, she did not get sick so the medication was not needed.

Why would a doctor prescribe a medication that was not needed? More importantly, does she or doesn't she have adrenal insufficiency?

While a mother is being blamed and a family torn apart, the doctors who are seeing Aniya don't seem to have a definitive answer for her condition.

Even if they want to underplay the role of the vaccine, there is clearly something that has been wrong with Aniya. She wouldn't have been diagnosed with, or suspected of having, adrenal insufficiency if there were not something very real going on with her.

Blaming the mother and taking the baby away from the family seems a very poor way of addressing their inability to come to a conclusion about what is causing the child's symptoms.

Social workers have not communicated with Anita about doctor appointments or medical treatment, in what may be an attempt to hide her medical condition.

The baby was clearly not feeling well when the family visited her for her birthday on August 4.



Grandma Mary on Aniya's first birthday. Photo supplied by family.

Anita knew that the foster parents took her baby to the emergency room last October on a Sunday evening. The visit the next day was cancelled. All that Anita was told that her baby was running a fever but tested negative for strep and flu.

Now that she has the medical records, it is clear that Aniya was more than a little bit sick that day, with a temperature of 104.3, pulse of 170, and blood pressure of 137/83. Other vital signs were off as well, indicating that she was definitely sick.

Social workers have reportedly communicated to the court that Aniya got better once she was out of her mother's care – something that is seen as definitive evidence of Munchausen by proxy.

Clearly, according to the limited medical records that Anita has received, that is not the case.

Munchausen Syndrome by Proxy – A Convenient Diagnosis

At *Health Impact News*, we have noted that virtually every case of Munchausen syndrome by proxy (MBP) that we have investigated is, in actuality, a case of medical malpractice or vaccine injury that is being covered up by labeling the mother with MBP. A hospital or medical professional cannot be sued for malpractice if the child is no longer in the parent's custody.

In this case, a medical mistake was clearly made. A doctor gave the baby a vaccine that was not intended for her. There is no question about that fact.

The denial of responsibility comes in as doctor after doctor has denied any connection between the mysterious symptoms that only began after the shot and the administration of the shot.

In an apparent attempt to avoid culpability, the mother has been vilified.

Dr. Marc Feldman, considered to be one of the world's leading authorities on MBP, told us in 2014 that the diagnosis can be conveniently used to get parents out of the way. (See [article](#).)

Whether it is a parent who is making waves, questioning a medication or procedure, asking for a second opinion, or simply disagreeing with the doctor, a label of MBP shuts all of that down.

If a parent questions and seeks out answers, that parent can be victimized by the system, and their child can be taken by the cooperative efforts of CPS and the hospital.

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Dr. Hayward–Brown was interviewed by host Tammi Stefano of the National Safe Child show to discuss how MBP is used against parents to take children away from them, comparing MBP to a “witch hunt.” Watch the interview:

<https://youtu.be/ljvkQTeb2gE>

Anita Vasquez is a normal mom whose child began showing signs of vaccine injury after receiving a vaccine that is not intended for babies – a vaccine that has been implicated in the deaths and injuries of more young people than any other vaccine since its introduction in 2006. ([Source.](#))

Because she persisted in advocating for her child and because she knows medical terminology, she has been assigned a label designed to keep her from her child.

The very things that make her a good mom are being used against her.

Big Brother Can No Longer Visit

In another cruel twist to their story, Aniya’s big brother Alfred has been banned by CPS from visiting her.

Alfred, who is now 14, has blamed himself for his baby sister getting the shot that was intended for him. He wants to be the protective big brother, but he is helpless to save his sister. There is nothing he can do about the situation.

(He got the Gardasil 9 vaccine as well. While the doctor’s staff was calling Merck about the baby getting the shot by mistake, one of the staff went back into the room where Alfred was and made sure to give him “his” shot.)

Alfred has enjoyed spending time with his sister at visits, and he adores her.



Alfred and his little sister at a recent visit. Photo supplied by family.

A couple weeks ago, Anita says that she got an odd text from the social worker accusing her son of pinching and poking

Aniya during a visit – something that she says didn't happen. If it had, she asserts, surely the CPS people would have said something during the visit or stopped the visit.

This has been very difficult on the teen, who has had to adjust to having his sister being sick and being medically kidnapped, as well as the normal teenage adjustments. According to Anita:

This has just wrecked his world.

Anita Talks to Vaxxed Team

Recently Anita Vasquez shared her family's story with Tia Sevarino from the Vaxxed team.

<https://youtu.be/XkdKpMdXt9o>

What Now? Mother Seeks Help

Anita has been working hard to raise money for attorney's fees by making and selling menudo, a spicy Mexican soup. She has begun working with renowned attorney [Allison Folmar](#).

During court on January 22, the judge denied the motion for continuance to give the new attorney more time to prepare the case. There was a public defender on the case, but the judge removed him.

Anita had petitioned for the state to pay the fees for her expert witnesses, but he denied that as well. Because of her fundraising efforts, he says that she is not indigent. She will

have to raise more money to pay for experts to testify unless she can find qualified experts who will waive their fee.

He's making me depend on donations to pay for experts.

There will be a jury trial in civil court on March 5.

There is a Facebook page set up to follow Aniya's story called [Justice for Aniya](#).



Greg Abbott is the Governor of Texas. He may be reached at (512) 463-2000 or by [contacting him here](#).

Representative Geanie W. Morrison represents the Vasquez family's district. She may be reached at (512) 463-0456 or contacted [here](#).

Lois Kolhhort is the Senator for their district. She may be reached at (512) 463-0118 or contacted [here](#).

Mother Faces Jury Trial As Texas Seeks to Terminate Her Parental Rights Over Daughter Injured by Gardasil Vaccine



Anita reads to Aniya at a recent visitation. Photo supplied by family.

UPDATE:

Texas Mom Blamed for 4-Month-Old Daughter's Accidental Gardasil Vaccine Injury – Loses Parental Rights

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

A trial began this week for a mother who was separated from her baby after the 4-month-old mistakenly received a Gardasil-9 vaccine intended for her older brother. The Texas Department of Family and Protective Services seeks to convince a jury to terminate the parental rights of Anita Vasquez for her now 22-month-old daughter, Aniya Blu Vasquez.

Jury selection began on Monday, June 18, 2018, for the trial which is expected to last up to 2 weeks.

We originally reported their story in June of last year:

Infant Accidentally Vaccinated with Gardasil – Mother Blamed for Vaccine Injuries and Baby Medically Kidnapped

The previously healthy baby, Aniya, began showing symptoms of problems almost immediately after getting the shot, a vaccine which is not approved for use in children under 10 years of age.

Her mother sought medical attention for the symptoms that her daughter exhibited, asking each practitioner about the connection between the symptoms and the Gardasil-9 shot that her baby should not have received, but her concerns were rebuffed at every turn.

No doctor that saw her daughter wanted to admit that the

shot could have any kind of side effects.

The doctor who made a medical error in giving her the vaccine has suffered no consequences, but the baby's family has been ripped apart.



Previously health baby Aniya's health declined after her doctor mistakenly gave her the Gardasil-9 vaccine. Photo supplied by family.

Munchausen Syndrome by Proxy Accusation to Cover up Gardasil Injury?

Instead, the mother was accused by doctors and social workers of Munchausen syndrome by proxy (today usually called “factitious disorder”), a diagnosis that has become a convenient scapegoat to accuse parents, usually mothers, of children who are vaccine injured, medically complex, or victims of medical malpractice.

It is a difficult accusation to fight, since even Munchausen experts recognize that the symptoms of Munchausen syndrome by proxy, or “medical child abuse” as it is sometimes referred as, are remarkably similar to those of parents who are seeking medical help for children with difficult medical conditions.

Dr. Marc Feldman, who is considered to be a leading authority on the subject of Munchausen syndrome by proxy, says that the very fact that a mother protests and defends herself and her child is perceived as a further indication of her guilt. It is a lose/lose scenario, he told *Health Impact News*. (see [article](#)).

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See also:

[Munchausen Syndrome by Proxy – A False Diagnosis to Blame Parents for Vaccine Injuries and Deaths](#)

[Munchausen Syndrome by Proxy Label Destroys Families – Covers Up Vaccine Injuries](#)

As we continue to report at *Health Impact News*, the safety of the Gardasil vaccine has come under fire by many countries around the world. The lives destroyed or ended, after the vaccine, continue to stack up while mainstream media and doctors ignore the dangers. A recently published study [linked the Gardasil vaccine to infertility](#).

In this case, a family could be forever-separated as a side effect of the shot, unless the jury finds in favor of the mother.



Baby Aniya and her mother Anita Vasquez. Photo from [Justice for Aniya](#) Facebook page.

The [Victoria Advocate](#) is covering the story of the Vasquez

trial.

Excerpts:

Jurors began hearing a case Monday that will ask them to determine whether a toddler's illness was the result of endangerment from her mother or the accidental injection of an HPV vaccine.

Attorneys for the [Texas Department of Family and Protective Services](#) are suing Victoria mother Anita Vasquez, 36, to terminate her parental rights for 22-month-old Aniya Blu Vasquez. They claim the child struggled to gain weight and was hospitalized for severe medical problems because of her mother's actions.

"I would like a hashtag movement (called) #KeepAniyaSafe," said Shelly Merritt, an attorney representing the state, to jurors. "It's what she deserves."

Note: this seems to be in response to the #BringAniyaHome twitter hashtag that family and supporters have been using as they post in social media and share the story of the medical kidnapping of Aniya.

But Vasquez's attorney, Chris Branson, of Houston, told jurors the allegations against his client were "nonsense" and based on "an assumption."

He also asked jurors to hold state attorneys to the strict burden of "clear and convincing evidence" that they are required to meet when the custody of a child is at stake. That burden, one lower than the beyond-a-reasonable-doubt

requirement used in criminal cases, is the highest available in civil court.



Anita and her daughter during a recent visit. Photo supplied by family.

During the jury selection process Monday morning, Judge Jack Marr said the trial could take as long as two weeks.

Branson said he planned to call as many as 14 witnesses. Attorneys for the state and Barron declined to comment, and a Texas Department of Family and Protective Services spokeswoman did not answer phone calls Monday.

Anita Vasquez, who is a registered nurse, first took the stand after jurors were selected, describing Aniya's battle with persistent health problems in 2017.

Vasquez said those problems manifested after a Victoria doctor accidentally administered to Aniya an HPV vaccine

meant for her 14-year-old son.

After the mistake, Aniya suffered not only physical symptoms such as fever and weakness but also psychological changes, such as lip smacking and staring spells, Vasquez said.

Doctors don't know the cause of Aniya's illness and have no reason to accuse Vasquez of endangerment, she said.

Note by *Health Impact News*: Although CPS has argued that her health problems disappeared, there is evidence that she continued to experience health issues after going into state custody.

There was at least one occasion that the fosters took Aniya to the emergency room that the family learned about. The mother has been denied medical information about her daughter in foster care.

The photo below was taken during a visit while Aniya was in state care. Her family described her as lethargic that day, and her eyes showed that she was not feeling well.



Grandma Mary holds baby Aniya on her 1st birthday during visitation. Photo provided by Vasquez family. Read the full article at [Victoria Advocate](#).

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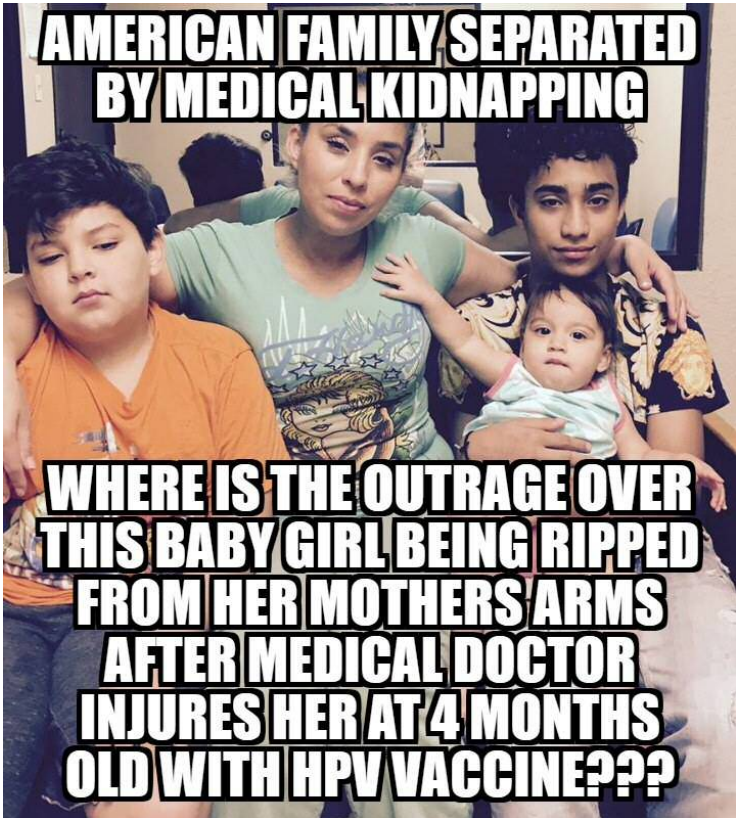


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Facebook meme created by supporters of the Vasquez family.

by Health Impact News/MedicalKidnap.com Staff

A Texas jury decided Thursday afternoon, June 21, to terminate the parental rights of a mother whose 4-month-old baby was injected with the Gardasil-9 vaccine in error.

Anita Vasquez is devastated. She and her friends and supporters are shocked that this could happen.

Instead of doctors and social workers considering the possibility that the symptoms her daughter, Aniya Blu Vasquez, experienced could be related to the vaccine that is not approved for children under 9-years-of-age, Anita was blamed, and her daughter was taken from her by Child Protective Services (CPS).

See their original story:

[Infant Accidentally Vaccinated with Gardasil – Mother Blamed for Vaccine Injuries and Baby Medically Kidnapped](#)

Anita tells us that there was important information that the jury did not hear before making their decision. There were things that she believes her attorney should have presented but did not. When she was on the stand, Anita reports that the judge threatened her with contempt of court when she tried to give complete answers. Of CPS and the doctors who testified, Anita says:

They lied and they lied and they lied.



Aniya's health declined after the Gardasil 9 vaccine. Photo provided by the family.

Munchausen Syndrome by Proxy – Diagnosis or Cover-Up?

A Child Abuse Specialist doctor from Texas Children's Hospital in Houston reportedly diagnosed her of having Munchausen Syndrome by Proxy, a extremely rare mental condition where a parent, usually a mother, makes a child

sick in order to gain attention. Anita told *Health Impact News*:

I wasn't even their patient!

A later psychologist, one who does psychological evaluations for CPS, reportedly based his diagnosis on the previous diagnosis from the doctor at Children's.

This is a common scenario that we have seen in our research at *Health Impact News*. The “diagnosis” of Munchausen Syndrome by Proxy appears to almost universally be a cover up for vaccine injury or medical malpractice.

Instead of medical professionals admitting that a vaccine could be causing symptoms or that a doctor made a mistake, it seems to be easier to deflect blame by accusing the mother of Munchausen Syndrome by Proxy, or the newer refashioned title for the same thing – “Medical Child Abuse.”

See more on the Medical Child Abuse diagnosis and the doctors responsible for influencing policies and practices from coast to coast in this article:

[California Christian Homeschool Family Torn Apart as Children are Medically Kidnapped, Forced into Public School, and Mother is Forced out of Family Home](#)

The very fact that the mother blamed the Gardasil vaccine for Aniya's illness was used as evidence of her having Munchausen. Doctors and investigators seemed determined to deny that the vaccine could have caused harm. Because of

their belief system, Anita must have been mentally ill, because the vaccine, in their opinion, could not have made Aniya sick.



Doctors refused to associate Aniya's health problems with the vaccine that she was given, a vaccine that is not approved for use in children under 9. Photo supplied by family.

It appears that the belief that all vaccines are safe all the time for everybody was a forgone conclusion in court.

According to the [Victoria Advocate](#):

A Texas Children's Hospital physician testified on the second day of trial that he did not think a mistakenly applied HPV vaccine was the cause of an infant's recurring illnesses.

Dr. David Paul, an endocrinologist or hormone specialist, said of the estimated 100 documented cases of babies receiving the HPV vaccine, the most severe symptoms were "fever and fussiness."

Anita wanted to bring in expert testimony from doctors who challenge the doctrine of complete vaccine safety and rebut these claims, but her previous court-appointed attorney told her that the judge would only allow local expert witnesses.

Expert Witness Not Allowed to Testify – Writes that Gardasil Can and Does Cause Harm

[Dr. Toni Bark](#) is one such witness who was not permitted to appear as an expert witness, because she is not a Texas doctor. However, she sent a letter that could have been presented in court but wasn't. CPS was presented last year with a copy of the letter which reads as follows:

To whom it may concern,

The Gardasil vaccine comes with certain risks. From Merck's own data, we know syncopal episodes, anaphylaxis autoimmunity and even deaths occurred at rates 3 times higher than the general public in their post surveillance

studies.

The vaccine was tested girls and then boys, age 12–26 and then approved for those as young as 9. It is not approved for those younger than 9 and certainly not for infants.

The aluminum adjuvant content is higher than in any other vaccine and seems to be one of the true culprits for serious adverse reactions.

Many girls around the globe are documented as suffering from POTS or postural orthostatic tachycardia syndrome. This syndromes due to the dysautonomia or abnormal autonomic tone which results from aluminum making its way into the brain. Part of the syndrome is the autonomic system's in ability to regulate itself and therefore, many bizarre signs and symptoms can be found.

Currently, there are lawsuits against Merck in other countries which don't give blanket protection from tort law. One example is Columbia where a law suit on behalf of 750 girls from one town who all suffered with this autonomic dysfunction syndrome. Another example is the government of Japan opened a government office just to keep an eye on Gardasil injury and the vaccine was removed from the list of recommended vaccines.

The government of Israel has also removed its recommendation of that vaccine as well as Spain and a few other countries.

It is very likely Gardasil could be causing poor regulation of electrolytes and fluid control in an infant who inadvertently received the vaccine but since the vaccine has never been studied in or approved for young babies, we have no

published data on this issue.

Thank you,

Toni Bark MD MHEM LEED AP

Health Impact News has covered the Gardasil vaccine scandal for many years now. The fact that the vaccine, even when administered to the appropriate age levels it was intended for, does in fact have many side effects. This is a fact that is not even in dispute.

[Learn more about Gardasil.](#)

Some of the issues that Aniya suffered included electrolyte imbalances and low sodium levels.

Though doctors admitted to the court that they don't know what caused Aniya's sodium levels to drop to dangerous levels, they felt that somehow, it had to be the mother's fault.

Child Got Better When Mom Wasn't Around – Or Did She?

CPS and their doctors argued that evidence of Munchausen was the fact that Aniya got better when her mother was not around and that she is healthy and thriving now.

But is that true?

Anita has reported numerous times that CPS kept medical records from her. There were times that she would learn later than her daughter had been sick or taken to the

hospital when she was in CPS care.

When CPS initially seized custody of Aniya on May 2, 2017, she was in Texas Children's Hospital. Child Abuse doctors accused Anita of having Munchausen Syndrome by Proxy.

The following day, social workers with Victoria, Texas CPS reportedly told Anita that the hospital was going to run tests and labs to find out if she was still sick when her mother was not with her. If they found her to be ill, they would return her to her mother's custody, but if they didn't find anything wrong, they said they would need to investigate further and keep Aniya in their custody.

The baby was alone with no loved one to comfort her at the hospital for almost 2 weeks. Meanwhile, on May 14, Texas Children's Hospital diagnosed Aniya with adrenal insufficiency, which can cause low sodium levels. It was only much later that Anita learned of the diagnosis. It was apparently not reported to CPS either, because Aniya was released to a foster home, not her own home, on May 18.



This was on her first birthday, in CPS custody. She was not healthy that day. Photo supplied by family.

She was again diagnosed with adrenal insufficiency on September 11, 2017, and prescribed steroids and medications. On October 15, she went to the ER for high blood pressure, fever, and refusal to eat. In November, she was referred to an ENT doctor, and in January, 2018, she was referred to neurosurgery. In March, she had surgery for tubes

in her ears.

Yet, the *Victoria Advocate* reports that CPS and their witnesses testified that Aniya got better after she was removed from the care of her mother. The *Victoria Advocate* reported the jury verdict last Thursday. (Article link [here.](#))

During his closing argument, [CPS attorney Allen] Lowe pointed to a timeline that showed Aniya's health sharply improved when she was under observation and out of her mother's custody. He described that timeline, despite its inability to explain exactly how Vasquez harmed her child, as clear and convincing evidence.

The timeline presented to the court left out a number of illnesses and diagnoses that happened after Aniya was no longer in the custody of her family. Anita asked her attorney to submit the complete timeline, but he did not. According to the *Victoria Advocate*:

[Aniya] is now healthy, happy and thriving, caseworker Megan Morales testified.

The alleged misrepresentation of facts convinced the jury.

Mother Not Charged with a Crime

It did not, however, convince the police department, who are charged with requiring actual evidence of crimes:

Although the department has forwarded their findings to the

Victoria Police Department, Vasquez is not charged with a crime relating to harming her child.

Case Plan Sabotage

Anita was accused of not completing her “case plan,” a serious problem in the eyes of CPS that renders a parent unworthy of getting their child back.

According to testimony from social workers, Vasquez was ordered to follow the recommendations of a psychiatrist and a plan outlined by the department. She did not, a case worker testified.

That assertion is not true, Anita told us. The case plan, which she did not sign, stated that she was to go to a psychologist chosen by CPS, which she did. His recommendation was that Anita either receive counseling or take medication, and the choice was hers.

Even though she chose counseling, CPS never made the necessary arrangements to schedule an appointment. If they had, Anita says that she would have been there. If it meant getting her daughter back, she would have even taken medication. It was never set up.

This is consistent with reports by countless other parents whose children are taken by CPS. They are told that they must complete various requirements that social workers write on the case plan or safety plan, yet the social workers fail to schedule necessary appointments or secure the services demanded.

If parents try to do them on their own with providers they choose, many times they find that they don't "count." The services have to be the ones the social worker orchestrates with providers contracted through CPS.

If a parent fails to jump through the hoops, even if social workers fail to do their part, parents are held accountable. Some have lost their children permanently because social workers essentially run the clock out.

The Clintons' Adoption and Safe Families Act of 1997 shortened the time that parents have to meet the case plan demands of CPS. If a child remains in custody for 18 months, parental rights can be terminated and children's lives destroyed, simply for failure to complete the case plan.

Where Do They Go From Here?

Anita Vasquez told us that she is considering her options, but she doesn't know yet what she will do. She does not intend to give up fighting for her baby girl.

Unless this decision can be overturned, Aniya Blue Vasquez has been cut off from her family. Because she had the misfortune of getting sick after she was given a vaccine that is not intended for babies, she continues to suffer the loss of being separated from her mom and her brothers.

This may seem like a case of "how can this happen in America?" Perhaps a better question would be: "How many more families will be destroyed by CPS before Americans demand change?"

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Young women whose lives were destroyed by the HPV vaccine.

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Texas Mom Who is a Nurse Fights to Regain Custody of Daughter Taken Away After Gardasil Vaccine Injury



Anita Vasquez prays that Monday's visit was not her last with her daughter Aniya, vaccinated in error at 4 months with Gardasil. Photo supplied by family.

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

Social workers told a Texas mother that Monday was her last

visit with her daughter. Aniya Blu Vasquez was medically kidnapped from her family after she became ill following a medical error in which her pediatrician injected her with the Gardasil 9 vaccine intended for her older brother. Aniya was just 4 months old at the time.

A Texas court decided last month that the parental rights of her mother, Anita Vasquez, should be terminated, devastating the family and supporters alike.

However, their story is not over.

In a quirk of legalities, Anita Vasquez filed a Declaration of Rescission of Signature/Contracts before the court was able to file the entry of judgement on the termination of parental rights.

As a result, there will be another hearing on Monday, July 23, 2018, at the Victoria County Courthouse at 9 a.m.

She says that there is substantial new evidence in her case that was not considered by the court. Anita asserts that the very basis upon which CPS seized custody of Aniya was fraudulent, and CPS knew it all along.

Concerned citizens are rallying around the family that they believe is suffering a grave injustice. One supporter wrote:

We need people to come forward with their story of the HPV [or Gardasil] vaccine injured victims to STAND WITH ANIYA.

We are asking other victims of adrenal insufficiency and pituitary gland cyst to come forward and help support Bring ANIYA HOME.

Make your sign of support and flood the [phone] lines in

Texas.

Supporters have been making signs and posting them onto social media with hashtags such as #BringAniyaHome and #MedicalKidnap, and tagging Greg Abbott, the Texas governor.



These are some of the #BringAniyaHome signs being posted to social media. Source: [Bring Aniya Home](#) Facebook page.

Mother Accused of Hurting her Baby

When Anita sought medical care for her baby's symptoms after getting the Gardasil vaccine, she was villainized by Child Protective Services and Child Abuse doctors. Rather than admit that Aniya had medical problems arising from the vaccine that is not approved for children under 10, they accused her mother of having Munchausen Syndrome by Proxy.

See original story, reported in June of last year:

Infant Accidentally Vaccinated with Gardasil – Mother Blamed for Vaccine Injuries and Baby Medically Kidnapped

The mantra of Munchausen Syndrome by Proxy has been repeated by social workers, their attorneys, and Child Abuse Specialist doctors alike ever since Aniya was taken from her family on May 2, 2017.

However, Anita Vasquez recently found a letter from a doctor who treated Aniya who wrote, 2 months after CPS seized custody of Aniya, that he does not believe that this is a case of Munchausen. That letter was buried in the records and has been ignored by CPS.

There is also evidence in the medical records that Aniya developed adrenal insufficiency and a cyst on her pituitary gland.

This was evidence that the doctors knew about before CPS took Aniya away. All the while, doctors accused the mother of somehow making her daughter sick by possibly watering down formula or otherwise overdosing Aniya with water for

attention.

The reports consistently acknowledge that Aniya suffered from either hyponatremia (low sodium levels in the blood), or from elevated sodium levels.

Child Abuse Specialist Report

Texas Children's Hospital of Houston Pediatrician Dr. Reena Isaac and Child Abuse Pediatrician Dr. Lauren Burge wrote on May 1, 2017, the day before Aniya was taken from her family:

Aniya has had a thorough workup by multiple subspecialists for her cause of hyponatremia, and no organic, medical cause has been identified.

Despite numerous tests, the doctors assert:

All of these tests have not shown a clear cause for her hyponatremia or poor weight gain.

These doctors belittle the mother's concerns that the Gardasil vaccine could have caused a problem:

Mother voices concerns regarding the erroneous administration of an HPV vaccination to Aniya when the patient was 4 months of age. Mother claims that Aniya's reported seizures and delay are a likely result of the vaccine.

*Aniya's mother has also chosen not to vaccinate her due to **these unfounded concerns**. [Emphasis added].*

Anita's concerns are not unfounded. *Health Impact News* has documented many problems with the Gardasil vaccine. Governments of several nations share the same concerns.

See more on Gardasil [here](#).

Drs. Isaac and Burge note:

Poor weight gain, if left untreated in a developing infant, can lead to poor linear growth, poor brain growth, and even developmental delay.

Yet the fact that Anita was seeking treatment for her daughter's poor weight gain and other symptoms was used against her to accuse her of having Munchausen Syndrome by Proxy.

The unspoken value judgement by the Child Abuse Specialists, here and in most other cases in which these specialists and CPS are involved, is that the possibility of physical and developmental harm from whatever the parent is accused of doing outweighs the known psychological, physiological, emotional, and developmental harm that comes to a child, any child, from being separated from their parents.



The need of children for their parents is every bit as important as any physical or medical need. Photo supplied by family.

CPS Report

The Intake Investigation Report by CPS social worker, Ashley Dygert, and supervisor, Jarlene S. Ross, appears to be based on the report by Drs. Isaac and Burge. It is dated May 2, 2017, the day that CPS seized Aniya and kicked Anita out of the hospital. The report states:

There are no known disabilities or special needs.

They acknowledge the Gardasil error, but they too belittle Anita's concerns about the vaccine. According to their report:

All of the research indicated that there is no harm from this mix up. [Anita Vasquez] has been clear with anyone that talks to her and intimates that she is trying to put a lawsuit together against the medical provider. For this she would have to put together harm for [Aniya]. [Anita] wants [Aniya] to be sick for her legal case.

[Aniya] had been perfectly healthy up until this injection.

There is concern for Medical Child Abuse (what is also considered Munchausen by Proxy) and failure to thrive for. [Aniya] has been admitted three times for the exact same thing.

There is no medical reason for [Aniya's] condition.

Real Medical Reasons Discovered, But Left Out of Reports

Like many parents whose children are medically kidnapped, Anita Vasquez has had a difficult time getting complete medical records. It is common for them to get incomplete records. Sometimes the records actually change during the course of their case.

Obviously, this is illegal, but it happens frequently in medical kidnap cases.

Anita Vasquez was told repeatedly that there was no medical reason for her daughter's symptoms. The basis of the court case against her was that she somehow caused Aniya's low weight gain and hyponatremia.

She was shocked when she found evidence buried in the

medical documents, which she eventually obtained. She also found evidence that records were changed.

The records she has now show that Aniya failed a cortisol test on April 24, and that doctors knew, before Aniya was taken, that there was adrenal insufficiency as well as a cyst on her pituitary gland.

How can a mother possibly cause a cyst on a pituitary gland? The allegations are that Anita somehow caused the low sodium levels by giving her baby too much water. That doesn't cause a cyst.

What it could cause, Anita says, is adrenal insufficiency, which in turn causes low sodium levels and fluctuating sodium levels, low cortisol, and increase in aldosterone levels. All of these are symptoms that Aniya demonstrated.



Doctors found reasons for Aniya's symptoms before she was taken by CPS. They didn't tell her. Photo source: [Justice for Aniya](#) Facebook page.

According to medical records from Texas Children's Hospital, an MRI of Aniya's brain on April 22, 2017, shows a 5 mm cyst. This was a week and a half before Aniya was taken by CPS.

A medical progress note from May 15, 2017, notes the cyst within the pituitary gland and states:

Patient is considered to have partial adrenal insufficiency and needs life saving stress dose steroid coverage....

Dr. Andrea Balazs states in the records that he “discussed results with fellow and family.” However, Anita says that neither she nor any other family member was informed of this.

Anita Vasquez was recently contacted by the mother of a young lady who was harmed by the Gardasil vaccine. Her daughter also developed a cyst on her pituitary gland after the shot.

The mothers do not believe that this is a coincidence, and they want to know if there are others with this symptom. Please contact *Health Impact News* or the [Vasquez family](#) if you or a family member has developed a cyst on the pituitary gland or adrenal insufficiency following vaccination with Gardasil.

Lack of Information Endangered Baby

In an Affidavit of Facts that Anita Vasquez filed with the court this week, Anita writes:

Texas Children’s Hospital (TCH) was fully aware of :Aniya’s pituitary cyst and adrenal insufficiency and did not reveal these abnormal health problems to maternal grandmother Mary Vasquez which caused :Aniya: to be life flighted back to TCHon 7/13/2017 with low socium and high potassium. This is medical neglect and gross judicial negligence for this court to allow this robbery, harm and damage.

Evidence proves TCH was fully aware of :Aniya's found diagnosis of adrenal insufficiency and pituitary cyst yet did nothing to address it while stuck in foster care.

She also states:

Health and Human Services admits they never conducted federally required monitoring of vaccine safety for over 30 years.

See:

HHS Sued for Not Upholding Vaccine Safety Testing Mandated by Law

Letter from Endocrinologist – Not Munchausen

Anita discovered a letter from Aniya's pediatric endocrinologist buried in recently obtained medical records. In the letter dated July 7, 2017, Texas Children's Hospital Dr. George Jeha wrote about Aniya's condition. He has been involved in her health care and has personally evaluated her. He states:

[Aniya's] Adrenal response to ACTH testing is abnormal.

Adrenal insufficiency can lead to isolated hyponatremia secondary to an increase in free water retention....

I am less convinced that this child's hyponatremia is due to

excessive water intake which should not lead to hyponatremia in a 14 month old or reduced salt intake given the fact that her weight has increased which means her caloric intake is adequate....

The letter concludes:

The more I think about this child's situation the more I am convinced that this is not due to Munchausen by proxy. [Emphasis added by HIN].

As a Nurse, Mother Never Questioned Vaccine Safety, Until her Child Was Harmed

At the time of the error by Aniya's pediatrician, Dr. Veronica Guel-Valdivia, Anita was very pro-vaccine. She was trained as a nurse, and she fully supported vaccinations. She readily accepted the vaccines that her obstetrician recommended during pregnancy, and all of her children were fully vaccinated on the recommended schedule.



Why is Anita Vasquez “good enough” to parent her sons but not her baby girl? Photo supplied by family.

If doctors had simply acknowledged that the Gardasil vaccine, which was not approved for infants, could cause her baby’s symptoms, she may never have questioned vaccines or investigated vaccine safety. She would have continued vaccinating her children on schedule and recommended the same to others.

She would have likely been diligent to remind parents to watch their doctors and make sure that no baby accidentally received Gardasil or another vaccine only recommended for older children.

It was not until several months into their ordeal that she began considering the possibility that there could be problems with vaccine safety in general.

Had the doctors simply admitted that, she would likely never have started investigating vaccine safety.

Inspector General Office – Investigating Medical Fraud

Earlier this week, Anita Vasquez called the Office of the Texas Inspector General. Their office, she said, investigates fraud. She was surprised to learn that they were already investigating possible Medicaid fraud involved with Aniya's case.

Apparently someone within the Medicaid office detected possible fraud when they were billed for Aniya's hospital stay at Texas Children's Hospital, when her labs were reportedly stable on May 1 and 2. On May 2, the hospital kicked the mother out of the hospital and kept the baby in the hospital for another 2 weeks.

How You Can Help

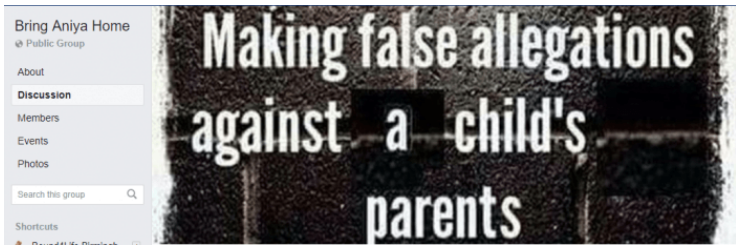
The person with whom Anita spoke at the Inspector General's office recommended that supporters call the Office of Consumer Relations for Texas CPS about Aniya's case. Their number is 1-800-720-7777.

Anita says that the CPS case against them was opened fraudulently. CPS and Texas Children's Hospital knew that there were medical reasons for her daughter's condition, but they suppressed the evidence.

There will be a court hearing on Monday, July 23, 2018, at the Victoria County Courthouse at 9 a.m. The courthouse is located at 101 N Bridge St, Rm 102, Victoria, TX.

A rally is planned on behalf of the family at the courthouse. The public is invited to attend and bring signs.

A new Facebook page called [Bring Aniya Home](#) has been formed by supporters to help mobilize concerned citizens.



Greg Abbott is the Governor of Texas. He may be reached at (512) 463-2000 or by [contacting him here](#). Many supporters are tagging him with #GregAbbott. His Twitter page is [here](#).

Representative Geanie W. Morrison represents the Vasquez family's district. She may be reached at (512) 463-0456 or contacted [here](#).

Lois Kolkhort is the Senator for their district. She may be reached at (512) 463-0118 or contacted [here](#).

Following is a possible script that Anita Vasquez has prepared for phone calls, emails, and messages:

CPS (Supervisor Nicole Green and social worker Megan Morales along with investigators Ashley Dygert, Glenn Mutchla, Nicki Nagel Carver and CPS worker Jarlene Ross from the Victoria, Texas CPS office along with Shawna Cueves of San Antonio Texas) continued to commit medical neglect by not telling foster parents or maternal grandmother of Aniya's adrenal insufficiency and pituitary

cyst until AFTER the grave danger they put Aniya in when she was life flighted in a helicopter on 7/3/2017 and was facing grave danger from HYPERKALEMIA & low sodium!!!

Aniya was life flighted on 7/3/17 due to the ongoing medical neglect from CPS in which CPS possessed medical records which gave Aniya evidence proving there was a found pituitary cyst and adrenal insufficiency yet neglected to reveal [despite] Aniya's mother's concerns!!!!

They found a diagnosis and abnormal medical findings yet medically neglected Aniya ultimately leaving Aniya to be life flighted back to Texas Children's Hospital and wrongfully placed in foster again where CPS continued to ignore Aniya's found pituitary cyst and adrenal insufficiency!!! Again, this neglect deprived Aniya of necessary medical interventions and treatment.

Was Texas Mom's Baby who was Accidentally Vaccinated with Gardasil Medically Kidnapped for Medical Research?



Aniya – Before and after Gardasil. Photo provided by Vasquez family.

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

When Anita Vasquez sought medical care for the reactions her baby girl was having after mistakenly being given the

Gardasil vaccine at only 4 months old, she had no way of knowing that she was walking into a hospital that was working on vaccine development in collaboration with one of the largest pharmaceutical companies in the world.

She found herself tangled in what appeared to her to be a deep web of interests that were in direct conflict with her only goal, which was simply trying to get help for her baby.

Instead of finding help, she was met with accusations that she had somehow caused harm. Doctors and social workers testified that Anita had Munchausen Syndrome by Proxy (also known as “factitious disorder”), which means she was accused of making up her daughter’s medical conditions when there were none. Anita is a licensed nurse by profession.

The state of Texas recently terminated her parental rights to her daughter Aniya Blu.

It was apparent to Anita from the very beginning that there was more going on than meets the eye.

Evidence was hidden. Medical records were kept from her and her attorneys. Medical diagnoses of real problems were covered up.

The deception continued throughout the ordeal with Child Protective Services, and it followed Anita into the courtroom. There were many facts of the case that Anita didn’t learn about until just before the termination hearing. Even then, the evidence was ignored.

Anita Vasquez has appealed the termination of her parental rights for her daughter, who was mistakenly injected at 4

months old with the Gardasil 9 vaccine intended for her older brother. Anita received a letter on August 31, 2018, from the Thirteenth District of Texas Court of Appeals noting that her appeal was accepted.



This photo was taken in July 2018 – the last time that Anita has seen her baby. She hopes and prays that Aniya will still come home. Photo source: [Justice for Aniya](#) Facebook page.

Medical Diagnoses Were Allegedly Kept from Mother

Aniya's health began to decline soon after she got the shot, which is not approved for children under 9 years old. *Health Impact News* has been following her story not long after Child Protective Services seized Aniya from her mother's custody on May 2, 2017.

See our original story:

[Infant Accidentally Vaccinated with Gardasil – Mother Blamed for Vaccine Injuries and Baby Medically Kidnapped](#)

Doctors at Texas Children's Hospital labeled Anita as having Munchausen Syndrome by Proxy. Doctors, including Child Abuse Pediatricians, testified that Aniya didn't actually have any health problems except when she was in the presence of her mother. Even though Aniya was hospitalized on multiple occasions, they said that she recovered quickly in the hospital. ([Source](#)).

However, the missing medical records that were recently released make it clear that this is not what happened.

For example, Aniya was diagnosed with hyponatremia, or low sodium levels. The levels came back up when she was in the hospital because they were treating her with sodium chloride, but the family was never instructed to continue this necessary treatment at home, and her levels would again decline to dangerously low levels.

Rathke's Cyst on Brain

Less than 2 weeks before Anita was kicked out of the hospital, doctors discovered a Rathke's cleft cyst in Aniya's brain on her pituitary gland, but it was only after CPS seized custody of her baby that Anita learned of this diagnosis.

Anita has learned of at least one other case where a young lady developed a Rathke's cleft cyst after receiving the Gardasil vaccine.

In most cases a Rathke's cleft cyst doesn't cause any symptoms, but in about [150 known cases](#), it causes symptoms such as adrenal insufficiency (See [study](#)) and hyponatremia (See [study](#) and [study](#)).

Several documents also state that Aniya had suspected adrenal insufficiency. She certainly showed signs of being sick.



Aniya was so weak on her 1st birthday that she could hardly stand at the visit. Doctors insisted she was fine. Clearly, she wasn't. Photo provided by family.

When CPS seized custody of Aniya on May 2, 2017, she was released to the care of her grandmother. The hospital and CPS told Anita and her mother that Aniya was fine, and blamed her previous symptoms on Anita. Neither were told that Aniya was at risk.

Anita later learned that the lack of CPS or the hospital informing them of this almost resulted in her daughter's death. Aniya was diagnosed with left ventricular hypertrophy (LVH) after being life-flighted back to Texas Children's on July 3, 2017.

Blame was still assigned to Anita, with allegations that she still had access to Aniya since she was with her mother.

Doctor who Denied Munchausen No Longer With Texas Children's Hospital

Meanwhile, one doctor from Texas Children's Hospital realized that this was probably not a case of Munchausen Syndrome by Proxy.

In the latest update article, we reported that pediatric endocrinology specialist Dr. George Jeha wrote a letter dated July 7, 2017. He was involved in Aniya's care and has personally evaluated her.

See:

[Texas Mom Who is a Nurse Fights to Regain Custody of Daughter Taken Away After Gardasil Vaccine Injury](#)

Dr. Jeha wrote:

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hyponatremia in a 14 month old or reduced salt intake given the fact that her weight has increased which means her caloric intake is adequate....

The more I think about this child's situation the more I am convinced that this is not due to Munchausen by proxy.

Dr. Jeha is no longer with Texas Children's Hospital. Little more than a month after he wrote the letter, a public notice was published online:

Public Notice: Effective August 24, 2017 Dr. George Jeha will no longer be affiliated with Texas Children's Hospital and Baylor College of Medicine. ([Source](#)).

He refused to testify for Anita at her trial.



The Birthday Princess did not feel much like celebrating, even with her grandmother. She was in foster care and was not well, no matter how much social workers and doctors denied her illness. Photo provided by family.

“Rare Rare Disease”

Both Child Protective Services and Texas Children’s Hospital were aware that Aniya was very sick. According to a document dated July 18, 2017, social worker Megan Morales wrote that Texas Children’s social worker Jennifer Stansberry informed her that:

...their Endocrine Team has a concern that Aniya may have this “rare rare disease” and that is why they are wanting Aniya to have weekly labs and weight checks. She stated the Endocrine Team wants to continue monitoring Aniya’s labs on a weekly basis to make sure that she doesn’t have this “rare rare disease.”

The plan was to discharge Aniya to foster parents this time. Morales’ report continued to state that the foster parent would need to know that if there were any “slight symptom,” she would need to take Aniya to the Emergency Room immediately because if she has this “rare rare disease”:

...it could result in death.

There were standing orders to run labs for sodium, renin, aldosterone, and other levels if she became symptomatic again. These were either ignored or not given to the fosters. Aniya was again taken to the ER in mid-October.

Aniya was referred to a neurosurgeon on January 19, 2018, but social worker Megan Morales appeared to try to minimize the significance of the referral. She wrote to Anita on Feb. 12, 2018, acknowledging that there was a referral to neurosurgery, but:

Dr. Kim stated the Cyst had nothing to do with Aniya’s sodium issues that lead to the hyponatremia.

That is contradictory to what the medical literature

indicates.

Fact: The Gardasil Vaccine Can Cause Harm

In the jury trial over custody of Aniya, the [Victoria Advocate](#) reports that:

...doctors had testified that no documented connection existed between the HPV [Gardasil] vaccine and medical complications suffered by Aniya.

Again, there is actually a great deal of medical evidence that the Gardasil vaccine causes harm. *Health Impact News* has reported many articles about the research and the personal stories of young people harmed by the vaccine. (See [link](#)).

Several countries, such as Japan, no longer recommend the vaccine due to the volume of adverse effects, which includes death.

Much of what *Health Impact News* has already covered connects to Aniya's story, and it ties into what appears to be a carefully crafted web that has caught a helpless little girl into a plot that possibly goes deeper than the Vasquez family could ever have dreamed in their worst nightmare.

There are several pieces of the puzzle that seem to connect together, starting with the Gardasil drug trials and something most have never heard of – Amorphous Aluminum Hydroxyphosphate Sulfate or AAHS.

Gardasil Risks Masked by Deceptive Drug Trials – Aluminum Used Instead of Placebo

Last year (2017) a [study](#) was published in the journal *Clinical Rheumatology* looking at serious adverse events after HPV vaccination. The title of the study is: *Serious adverse events after HPV vaccination: a critical review of randomized trials and post-marketing case series*.

The study was conducted by doctors from the Rheumatology Department and the Immunology Department at the National Institute of Cardiology in Mexico City.

[This study](#) revealed that proper placebos were not used in pre-market trials. Instead of an inert placebo, aluminum adjuvants (amorphous aluminum hydroxyphosphate sulfate or AAHS) were used.

The overwhelming majority of randomized HPV vaccine trials did not use inert placebo. They used aluminum containing placebo or other aluminum-adjuvanted vaccines.

For clinical studies, a placebo is defined as a “pharmaceutically inert” substance. This definition cannot be applied to an adjuvant substance.

Aluminum adjuvant mechanism of action remains poorly understood and its safety has been questioned. Aluminum adjuvants are known to stimulate TH₂ immune response, activate dendritic cells, and activate NLRP₃ inflammasome.

Large randomized trials disclosed significantly more severe adverse events in the tested HPV vaccine cohort.

In randomized double-blind trials, confounding variables are canceled out minimizing the influence of external factors on the results.

The two relatively small randomized trials testing HPV vaccine against true inert saline placebo revealed a tendency to have more adverse events in the vaccine group.

Two of the largest HPV vaccine randomized trials showed significantly more severe adverse events in the investigated vaccine arm of the study: Compared to aluminum placebo, bivalent HPV immunization was accompanied by significantly more vaccine-related general solicited symptoms during the 7-day post-vaccination period and a statistically significant four-fold increase in death rate.

The unquestionable statistical results derived from two of the largest HPV vaccine randomized trials must take preeminence over the investigators' judgment ascribing the disproportionate severe adverse events and excessive death rate to external factors.

Post-marketing HPV vaccine adverse events case series describe similar cluster of symptoms than those reported in pre-clinical trials.

Both pre-licensure randomized trials and postmarketing-independent reports describe similar cluster of adverse events symptoms, namely, headache, fatigue, dizziness, musculoskeletal pain, and gastrointestinal symptoms among others.

In the postmarketing studies, this cluster of symptoms was labeled with different diagnoses such as complex regional

pain syndrome, chronic fatigue syndrome, fibromyalgia, or postural orthostatic tachycardia syndrome. When looking at these diagnoses separately, HPV vaccine safety signals may be diluted.

This possible post-marketing HPV vaccine adverse reaction under-recognition is reinforced by the recent WHO VigiBase report.

In-depth analysis of some supportive post-marketing HPV vaccine safety studies discloses disquieting findings.

HPV vaccine post-marketing safety studies done in Valencia, Spain, and Alberta, Canada, endorsed HPV vaccine safety.

Nevertheless, these investigations contain disquieting findings. It seems perilous to blame “Bad press” for the 10 times higher than expected HPV vaccine adverse events notification by Valencian doctors and nurses. Similarly intriguing is the description of 10% of HPV-vaccinated healthy Canadian girls needing to visit a hospital emergency department within 42 days following HPV immunization.

The researchers conclusions:

Scrutiny of two of the largest randomized trials unveiled significantly more serious adverse events in the investigated HPV vaccine arm of the study.

Compared to the 4-valent dose, 9-valent HPV vaccine had significantly more serious adverse events. Considering this statistical difference, the reported 0% incidence of vaccine-

related serious adverse events is probably an under-estimation.

Nine-valent HPV vaccine has a worrisome number needed to vaccinate/number needed to harm quotient. Nine-valent vs. 4-valent HPV vaccine local and systemic adverse events disparities raise the possibility of a dose-dependent untoward effect.

Compared to aluminum placebo, the group of individuals receiving the bivalent HPV vaccine had more deaths on follow-up. Pre-clinical randomized trials and independent post-marketing case series describe similar post-HPV immunization symptom clusters.

These findings raise further doubt on HPV vaccine safety. ([Study](#))

See:

[International Study: An Honest Look at the Statistics Shows that the HPV Vaccine is Not Safe](#)

Amorphous Aluminum Hydroxyphosphate Sulfate or AAHS



Dr. Suzanne Humphries demonstrates the harshness of the AAHS adjuvant with Del Bigtree. [Source](#).

So what is this substance?

It is a form of aluminum used as an adjuvant that is added to the Gardasil vaccine. Merck owns the patent.

Merck Aluminum Adjuvant (AAHS) is a proprietary aluminum hydroxyphosphate sulfate formulation that is both physically and functionally distinct from traditional aluminum phosphate and aluminum hydroxide adjuvants.

At a macromolecular level, AAHS is structurally related to aluminum phosphate as it forms an amorphous mesh-like structure. ([Source](#)).

It is not the typical aluminum adjuvant that is used in older vaccines.

In a recent video, Dr. Suzanne Humphries describes the way that the sharp edges of the AAHS substance binds viral DNA to human cells, creating dangerous inflammation and harm to the body. It causes more harm than ordinary aluminum adjuvants.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mv_N5qByF-U

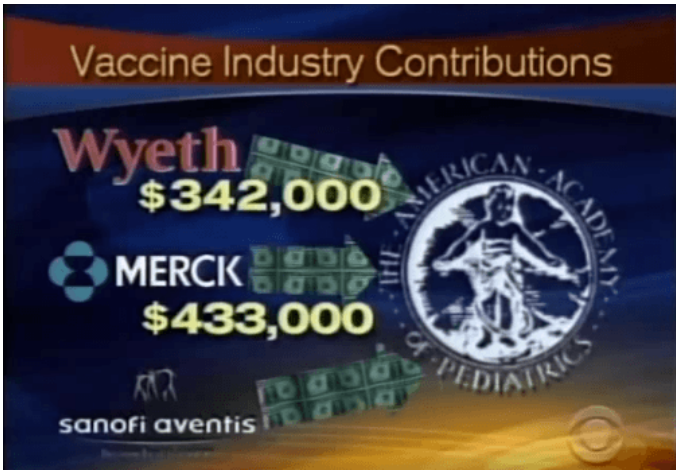
Donations to American Academy of Pediatrics

A former [CBS News](#) investigative correspondent uncovered concerns about money being paid by vaccine manufacturers to the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP), which makes recommendations to parents and doctors about vaccines.

The AAP establishes policies for vaccine schedules and informs medical personnel what is, and isn't, a reaction or a side effect of vaccines. Can they avoid the appearance of a conflict of interest or even corruption when they accept money from the very companies who want them to endorse and push their product?

The investigation was not able to track down the total amount of money given to the AAP by vaccine manufacturers, but they found "bits and pieces" in public documents, including:

- *A \$433,000 contribution from Merck, the same year the academy endorsed Merck's HPV [Gardasil] vaccine – which made \$1.5 billion a year in sales.*



Are these payoffs to AAP for favorable policies? Source: [CBS News Sheryl Atkinson](#).

How much do these kinds of donations impact the policies written for doctors regarding the vaccines?

<https://youtu.be/A5Ycv65yXII>

Texas Children's Hospital is a Center for Vaccine Development

When Anita Vasquez told doctors at Texas Children's Hospital (TCH) that she believed Aniya was sick because she had mistakenly been given the Gardasil vaccine, the doctors gave her the standard medical line, assuring her that Aniya's symptoms couldn't possibly be connected to the vaccine.

What she didn't know was that Texas Children's Hospital (TCH) has a Center for Vaccine Development.

TCH is “the largest pediatric hospital in the United States” and is affiliated with Baylor College of Medicine. ([Source](#)).

What were the odds for the hospital that a baby would come through their doors having been injected with a vaccine that no one had been given the opportunity to observe in someone so young?

Could Anita have been set up for failure the moment she told the doctors about the vaccine?

Interestingly, the original Gardasil vaccine was designed to target 4 strains of human papillomavirus (HPV), but only 2 of the 4 are associated with cervical cancer. [Marcella Piper-Terry](#) wrote in 2016 that:

The other two strains are HPV 6 & 11. They are not associated with cancer. They are reportedly associated with recurrent respiratory infections.

Who is most at risk for severe outcomes from respiratory infections?

Infants.

This was planned from the beginning. If it wasn't, why would HPV 6 & 11 be in a vaccine for cervical cancer?

See:

Gardasil HPV Vaccine Trial Using Infants as Young as One Year of Age

Children who are wards of the state may legally be used in medical research studies or drug trials without their parents' knowledge or consent. See:

Medical Kidnapping in the U.S. – Kidnapping Children for Drug Trials

Could it be that researchers saw an opportunity to study the effects of the vaccine, containing the proprietary AASH, in an infant?

Is that why the foster parents were told when Aniya was released from the hospital that they needed to bring her back every week to have blood drawn and labs run on several different things? Are the vaccine researchers studying the effects of the Gardasil vaccine on her tiny body?

There are ongoing clinical trials being funded on the Gardasil vaccine, including one announced earlier this year (2018) at the University of Alabama, funded by Merck, on postpartum mothers between the ages of 16 to 26 immediately after giving birth. See:

Merck and UAB Recruiting 16 to 26 Year Old Mothers Who Just Gave Birth to Enroll in Gardasil 9 Vaccine Trials

Pro-Vaccine Apologist Dr. Hotez Connection

Dr. Peter Jay Hotez is a pediatrician and the founding dean of the Baylor College of Medicine's National School of Tropical Medicine. ([Source](#)).

He is also the director of the Texas Children's Hospital Center for Vaccine Development ([Source](#)), and he is the President of the Sabin Vaccine Institute ([Source](#)).



In 2017, in *Scientific American* magazine, Dr. Hotez called on the U.S. government and G20 nations to take steps to “snuff out” the “American anti-vaccine movement.” To “snuff out” means to “crush or kill.” [Image Source](#).

Earlier this year *Health Impact News* reported on some disturbing comments that Hotez made calling for the government to “snuff out” voices opposed to vaccines. See:

[America's Vaccine Civil War: Baylor Doctor Attacks Mothers of Vaccine Damaged Children in Attempt to Silence Them](#)

From many of his writings, it is clear that he does not hold views favorable toward parents who question vaccine safety.

Anita Vasquez is a nurse by trade. At one time, she firmly believed in vaccines. But she knew that her daughter's problems began after she got the shot that she wasn't supposed to have.

Hotez's hospital was not the place for a mom who challenged vaccines.

Merck's MilliporeSigma life science division announced last year that they were forming a "strategic alliance" with Texas Children's Hospital Center for Vaccine Development and Baylor College of Medicine's Vaccine Product Development Partnership.

Their goal is to "advance vaccine research and development for neglected and emerging infections." ([Source](#)).

Dr. Hotez Aligned with the Clinton Global Initiative

Dr. Hotez has formed an alliance with the Clinton family. In 2006, he found his way to the Clinton Global Initiative, where he co-founded the Global Network for Neglected Tropical Diseases.



Hotez has made it clear that he would like to see vaccines mandated for everyone, stooping as low as to publicly declare that groups which advocate for parental choice in vaccines are “hate groups” who hate families and children. (See [article](#)).

For that, he came under fire, but Chelsea Clinton seemed happy to defend him. [Autism Investigated](#) picked the Twitter exchange:



Chelsea Clinton  @ChelseaClinton · Aug 19, 2017



Dr. Hotez, I am so sorry you're receiving threats from science deniers/anti-vaxxers. Thank you for your vital work & advocacy [#vaccineswork](#) [twitter.com/peterhotez/sta...](https://twitter.com/peterhotez/status/898888888)



Prof Peter Hotez MD PhD

@PeterHotez

Thank you so much @ChelseaClinton, so kind of you to write. I remember so well our work together on [#NTDs](#) neglected tropical diseases!

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See Prof Peter Hotez MD PhD's other Tweets



 **Chelsea Clinton**  @ChelseaClinton · Aug 19, 2017 
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[#vaccineswork](#) [twitter.com/peterhotez/sta...](#)

 **Jake L. Crosby**  
@JakeLCrosby






Since my meme is one of those "threats," surely you can tell me what is so threatening about it. [twitter.com/JakeLCrosby/st...](#)

Jake L. Crosby   @JakeLCrosby

DENIAL: @PeterHotez just completed 1st draft of my 3rd single-author book @JHUPress Working title: "#Vaccines did NOT cause Rachel's #Autism"



10:52 PM - Aug 20, 2017

  See Jake L. Crosby  's other Tweets 

Recently, he has been [tweeting](#) that Russian bots are behind the “anti-vaccine movement.”

Dr. Hotez apparently has a vested interest in studying vaccines and a history of trying to squash dissent.

Instead of looking after the health and well-being of baby Aniya Blu Vasquez, who wants her mommy and family, it seems that there are much bigger players involved who might see her as an experiment.

How You Can Help

Was Aniya Vasquez taken from her family to be a medical lab rat, to study her response to the Gardasil vaccine and its adjuvant AAHS?

Was the accusation of her mother having Munchausen Syndrome by Proxy simply a means to get Aniya away from her family so that they could study her?

Family and friends have long believed that Aniya's medical kidnapping was a cover-up for vaccine injury, and a way to try to silence Anita Vasquez. Could it be that the truth is much deeper and darker?

The Vasquez family is not giving up. Their appeal has been accepted, and they are hopeful that a new judge will see that justice was not served in the lower court. They just want Aniya home and their family reunited.

The last time that Anita has seen her baby was in July. They need a miracle to bring her home.

The person with whom Anita spoke at the Inspector General's office recommended that supporters call the Office of Consumer Relations for Texas CPS about Aniya's case. Their number is 1-800-720-7777.

There is a Facebook page set up to follow Aniya's story called [Justice for Aniya](#).



Anita says that the CPS case against them was opened fraudulently. CPS and Texas Children's Hospital knew that there were medical reasons for her daughter's condition, but they suppressed the evidence.

Greg Abbott is the Governor of Texas. He may be reached at (512) 463-2000 or by [contacting him here](#). Many supporters are tagging him with #GregAbbott. His Twitter page is [here](#).

Representative Geanie W. Morrison represents the Vasquez family's district. She may be reached at (512) 463-0456 or contacted [here](#).

Lois Kolkhort is the Senator for their district. She may be reached at (512) 463-0118 or contacted [here](#).

[More information about Gardasil](#)



California Nurse Gives Gardasil Vaccine to Own Daughter who Develops Leukemia and Dies

Infant Accidentally Vaccinated with Gardasil – Mother Blamed for Vaccine Injuries and Baby Medically Kidnapped

Iowa Girl Faces Death: Life Destroyed by Gardasil Vaccine

Gardasil Vaccine Given without Consent and Ruins Life of 14 Year Old Girl

[After 3 Years of Suffering 19 Year Old Girl Dies from Gardasil Vaccine Injuries](#)

[Gardasil: The Decision We Will Always Regret](#)

[15 Year Old French Girl's "Descent into Hell" After Gardasil Vaccine - Wheelchair Bound and Paralyzed](#)

[The Gardasil Vaccine After-Life: My Daughter is a Shadow of Her Former Self](#)

[Gardasil: An Experience no Child Should Have to Go Through](#)

[I Want my Daughter's Life Back the Way it was Before Gardasil](#)

[Gardasil Vaccine: Destroyed and Abandoned](#)

[15-Year-Old Vaccinated by Force with Gardasil now Suffers from Paralysis and Pain](#)

[Recovering from my Gardasil Vaccine Nightmare](#)

[Gardasil: We Thought It Was The Right Choice](#)

["HPV Vaccine Has Done This to My Child"](#)

[13 Year Old World Championship Karate Student Forced to Quit After Gardasil Vaccine](#)

[If I Could Turn Back Time, Korey Would not Have Received any Gardasil Shots](#)

[What Doctors Don't Tell You: Our Gardasil Horror Story](#)

[Family Fights U.S. Government over Compensation for Gardasil Vaccine Injuries](#)

[Gardasil: When Will our Nightmare End?](#)

[HPV Vaccine Injuries: "I Cannot Begin to Describe What it is Like to Watch your Daughter Live in Such Agony"](#)

[Gardasil: Don't Let Your Child Become "One Less"](#)

[The Gardasil Vaccine Changed Our Definition of "Normal"](#)

[Gardasil: I Should Have Researched First](#)

["They've Been Robbed of Their Womanhood" – Local Milwaukee Media Covers Gardasil Vaccine Injuries](#)

[Gardasil: The Day Our Daughter's Life Changed](#)

[Gardasil: The Decision I will Always Regret](#)

[Gardasil Vaccine: One More Girl Dead](#)

[Gardasil: A Parent's Worst Nightmare](#)

[After Gardasil: I Simply Want my Healthy Daughter Back](#)

[Gardasil: My Family Suffers with Me](#)

[Gardasil Changed my Health, my Life, and Family's Lives Forever](#)

[Gardasil: Ashlie's Near-Death Experience](#)

[Gardasil: My Daughter's Worst Nightmare](#)

[My Personal Battle After the Gardasil Vaccine](#)

[Gardasil: The Worst Thing That Ever Happened to Me](#)

[A Ruined Life from Gardasil](#)

[HPV Vaccines: My Journey Through Gardasil Injuries](#)

[The Dark Side of Gardasil - A Nightmare that Became Real](#)

[Toddler Wrongly Injected with Gardasil Vaccine Develops Rare Form of Leukaemia](#)

Defiant Texas Mom Opposes Tyrannical Medical Doctors Trying to Medically Kidnap Newborn Unvaccinated Baby



InfoWars reporter Millie Weaver with her husband and newborn unvaccinated baby. ([Source](#))

Comments by Brian Shilhavy
Editor, Health Impact News

Texas mom and InfoWars reporter Millie Weaver recently went public and talked about her experience with medical doctors regarding her newborn unvaccinated baby.

Millie explains how she wanted to have a natural vaginal birth, even after her first child was born by cesarean (VBAC), but her doctors disagreed, and so her baby was born via C-section. As a result, they had to suction fluids out of the back

of her mouth.

At her baby's first doctor visit, they observed something at the back of her throat, which was probably a result of the suction process during the cesarean birth.

But doctors were concerned that it could be an infection, and wanted to send the baby to the hospital for further testing.

Millie refused, because the baby had no adverse symptoms, not even a fever. The doctor allegedly told her to go to a drug store to purchase a thermometer, and to regularly check the baby's temperature in case there was an infection that would spike a fever. The doctor allegedly told her to take the baby to the emergency room right away at the first sign of a fever, even if it was 100.3 or higher.

Millie complied, and bought a cheap drugstore thermometer and monitored her baby's temperature. A couple of days later, the baby's temperature registered as 100.6.

Thinking that perhaps the baby had contracted some infection at the hospital, Millie decided to play it safe and follow the doctor's directive, and took her into the emergency room.

Once she arrived at the hospital, they took the baby's temperature, and it was normal. There was no fever. Millie, still having her cheap store-bought thermometer, decided to check the baby's temperature again, and it still showed that the baby had a slight fever. They checked again with the hospital equipment, and it still showed that there was no fever.

Millie assumed that the expensive hospital equipment,

which was medically calibrated, was certainly more reliable than her cheap store-bought thermometer, and wanted to leave the hospital with her baby, since the baby was obviously not sick.

However, the doctors at the hospital wanted to do further testing. They stuck a catheter into the baby to get a urine sample, which of course caused great stress to the baby as she started screaming.

When the doctors announced that they need to do a spinal tap on the baby, Millie put her foot down and refused.

Doctors then threatened to call in CPS (Child Protection Services) to take custody of the baby, and also force her to get caught up on vaccines.

But Millie held her ground, and eventually was able to bring her baby home.

Watch the full video below.

Be aware that the network that Millie works for, Alex Jones' InfoWars, has been banned from almost all social media sites now, such as YouTube, Facebook, Twitter, and others.

The video below is on another YouTube channel, and could soon disappear. If it does, go to the [InfoWars website directly to view it](#).

Video no longer available.

Texas CPS Medically Kidnaps 4 Year Old Homeschooled Boy After Parents Complain About Poor Doctor Care



The Pardo Family.

by [Jeremy Newman](#)
[Texas Home School Coalition Association](#)

Drake Pardo (age four) was **illegally taken from his family by Child Protective Services(CPS)** on June 20.

The Pardos are a Texas Home School Coalition (THSC) member family.

THSC attorneys Chris Branson and Julie Jacobson are now representing the Pardos and are attempting to return Drake, a medically fragile child, back to his family.

CPS first made contact with the family on June 7, leaving a business card on the family's door.

Two weeks later, after repeated attempts by the family and their attorney Chris Branson to obtain any information about the case, CPS suddenly declared an "emergency."

Watch the family's video of the incident:

<https://youtu.be/Fe1dAYBLi4>

Two CPS caseworkers and four armed police officers arrived unannounced at the Pardo family's home and took Drake, still refusing to give the family any information about the accusations against them.

At the time of the removal, advocates from Family Rights Advocacy and the Parent Guidance Center were live on the phone, attempting to de-escalate the situation.

In a rough cell phone video captured by the family, the Pardos remained calm but can be seen challenging the

caseworker's claim to a two-week delayed "emergency" and the decision to suddenly remove Drake.

Drake's father, Daniel, can be heard for several minutes attempting to keep Drake calm as he is placed into the police car and as he asks repeatedly why his father is not coming with him.

The CPS caseworkers allowed the family to take photos of a signed affidavit which they claimed as justification for the immediate removal of Drake. However, the caseworkers would not provide the family with an actual copy.

The affidavit appeared to be signed by a doctor from the Dallas Children's Hospital, where the family had periodically taken Drake for treatment.

On April 22, nearly two months prior to this horrific incident, the Pardos had filed an official complaint against the Children's Hospital for the poor treatment of Drake by several of the hospital's doctors.

They informed the family that they would review the matter and resolve it within 45 days. On day 46, with the family still having heard nothing from the Children's Hospital, CPS showed up at the family's door with an affidavit signed by one of the hospital's doctors.

The removal of Drake was in clear violation of state law because CPS:

1. **Refused for nearly two weeks** to provide the family with any information about the accusations against them. [This was a violation of TAC 700.508.](#)
2. Claimed that there was an immediate danger to Drake

which required an emergency removal, **despite CPS having already delayed for two weeks.** This was a violation of [Family Code 262.102](#).

3. **Failed to make any reasonable efforts** to avoid the need for removal, such as by failing to conduct any interviews with the family or to offer any alternatives to the removal of Drake. This was a violation of [Family Code 262.102](#).

Since the removal of Drake, the Pardos' two other children have been fearful of any strangers who enter the house and have asked why their brother was taken.

After five days of forced and illegal separation from their four-year-old son Drake, Ashley and Daniel Pardo were given the chance to meet with him briefly during a visit on Tuesday.

Drake, a medically fragile, special-needs child, was elated to see his parents and asked repeatedly if he was allowed to go home with them. His parents were forced to explain to him that this would not be possible.

In a heartbreaking display, Drake spent about 15 minutes of the visit with his parents reenacting the moment when CPS removed him from his home, asking his parents to pretend to knock on the door and scare him when it opened.

Drake periodically switched roles and pretended to knock on the door and scare his parents.

The illegal removal of Drake Pardo was a state-sanctioned kidnapping.

We can't let them get away with breaking the law and abusing the Pardo family. We need your help to #BringDrakeHome.

So, what can you do to help?

The homeschool community has often rallied to defend each other from state overreach. It's time to do it again. THSC is raising money to cover the costs of what could be a very expensive legal defense for the Pardos. **We need to raise \$50,000 to bring Drake home.**

Here is what you can do to help #BringDrakeHome:

1. **[Donate and sign the petition](#)** to #BringDrakeHome.
2. **Call Governor Abbott** and tell him that Drake Pardo was illegally removed from his family and that Texas needs Governor Abbott to make CPS reform a priority during the legislative interim and during the next legislative session in 2021 (check the action tool below for instructions).
3. **Pray** for the family and for Drake's safe return.

It is easy to invade one home at a time. If we let them get away with this, they will do it again.

Help us #BringDrakeHome by donating, signing the petition and telling Governor Abbott to rein in CPS's abuse of power.

Read the full article at the **[Texas Home School Coalition Association](#)**

More articles on Texas:

[Texas Judge Sanctions CPS \\$127K for Wrongfully Taking Couple's Children and Lying to the Court](#)

[New Proposed Texas Bill would Stop Child Protective Services from Falsifying Records](#)

[Judge Condemns Texas Foster Care System that Abuses Children as Unconstitutional](#)

[75% of Children Taken by Texas CPS are Based on Unfounded Accusations](#)

[Texas Child "Protection" Services: Pipeline to Child Sex Trafficking](#)

Judge Issues Gag Order Against Texas Family as CPS Refuses to Return Child Even After Hospital Admits There is No Emergency



4-year-old Drake clings to his parents during a supervised visitation as Texas CPS refuses to let him go home. [Image source](#). Health Impact News

We previously reported on the Medical Kidnapping of a 4-year-old boy in Texas who was being homeschooled. The parents were not happy about the treatment he was

receiving from his doctors, and after filing a complaint against the doctors, CPS removed the boy from his home.

See:

[Texas CPS Medically Kidnaps 4 Year Old Homeschooled Boy After Parents Complain About Poor Doctor Care](#)

Earlier this week, the parents appeared in court in the hopes of being able to finally bring their son home. But as The Texas Home School Coalition Association (THSC) [reports](#), that did not happen, and the judge issued a gag order in an attempt to force them to stop talking to the media.

After [2 weeks of separation](#) from their 4-year-old son, today the Pardo family attended a hearing in the 422 District Court of Kaufman County with hopes of being reunited. Turnout in support of the Pardos was so high that the hearing had to be moved to a larger courtroom to accommodate the crowd.

*At the conclusion of the hearing, **Judge Chitty issued a gag order** forbidding any of the parties in the case from discussing the details of the case publicly. While the gag order does not apply specifically to THSC, we will share further information with great care in order to protect the family.*

The Pardo case underscores the 2019 Texas legislative session in which action on behalf of families was negligible. [The 86th Texas Legislature chose not to protect innocent families and children from suffering horrific trauma from CPS overreach. A select few legislators](#) prioritized the protection of Texas families but were unable to get the reforms through among their disinterested peers.

The legislature must address this issue. Several state lawmakers attended today's hearing and saw the problems first hand.

In addition to fighting in court for the Pardo family, THSC is already working on legislative reforms for 2021 to protect families from suffering the same abusive treatment by CPS in the future.

Stay tuned. The fight is not over. ***THSC and the homeschool community are standing with the Pardos as the battle continues.*** It will take a statewide effort to reunite the Pardo family and then get reforms passed to prevent other families from suffering the same abuses.

Just a few days earlier, the parents had attended a meeting with Children's Medical Center Dallas and Texas CPS, where it became evident that there was no medical emergency that warranted CPS taking the child out of his home.

THSC reports:

Children's Medical Center Dallas (Children's) requested a meeting with the Pardo family and Child Protective Services (CPS) earlier this week. This request followed Children's recent filing of a CPS report which resulted in the illegal removal of Drake Pardo (age four). The Pardo family was joined at the meeting by their legal and advocacy teams, including THSC.

This devastation occurred after CPS collected a court order to take the medically fragile four-year-old from his family, claiming an "emergency" situation although the investigation had already been ongoing for nearly two weeks

at the time. *The family videoed the horrible incident.*

CPS has attempted to justify the removal based on an affidavit provided to them by Dr. Dakil, who works for Children's. The affidavit expressed "concern" over whether the Pardo family's detailing of Drake's medical symptoms was accurate.

At the meeting, CPS dug in their heels on the *illegal removal of Drake* despite Children's Medical Center Dallas stating that ***the hospital's concerns had been resolved*** after the conversation with Drake's parents. At the June 27 meeting, two things became impossibly clear:

1. Children's Medical Center Dallas had not reviewed all of Drake's important medical documents.
2. Everyone in the room knew that no emergency had ever existed to justify Drake's removal, but CPS would not back down.

Dr. Dakil, *who originally reported the Pardo family to CPS,* expressed two main concerns during the meeting. First, that she doubted the family's claim that Drake has autism. Upon seeing a copy of Drake's letter of diagnosis from another doctor, Dr. Dakil stated that she had "not seen" the record before. Second, Dr. Dakil expressed doubt about Drake's need for a feeding tube, which Children's had originally suggested. The Pardo family and the doctors came to an agreement on the best future course of action for Drake.

The family and the doctors concluded that clear communication between the parties would resolve the medical concerns raised by Children's. Although she had

originally filed the CPS report, Dr. Dakil also stated that she was surprised when CPS decided to remove Drake from his home.

Upon hearing that both the family and the doctors had agreed on the best solution for Drake's medical care, **CPS still refused to return Drake.** It is now impossibly clear that no emergency ever existed to justify taking Drake. **When forced to choose between admitting an egregious error or keeping Drake away from his family to save face, CPS chose the latter.**

The family is currently scheduled to appear in court on July 2, at which point the judge will hopefully require Drake be returned to his family.

The hearing will take place at 9 a.m. in the 422nd District Court, located at 100 W. Mulberry, Kaufman, TX 75142. **THSC is encouraging families to attend the hearing in support of Drake and the Pardos.**

The Pardo family is in a battle to save Drake from the very state agency built to protect him. Apparently, CPS was unable to stomach the prospect of admitting an error and preferred instead to save face at the expense of a four-year-old boy and his family.

[Update on Pardos' meeting at Children's Medical Center today](#)

THSC Public Policy Director Jeremy Newman reports on a meeting of Pardo family with CPS and doctors at Children's Medical Center in Dallas. The outcome of the meeting will

astound and infuriate you!

Posted by [Texas Home School Coalition \(THSC\)](#) on Friday,
June 28, 2019

Read about the Pardos and how you can support them at [The Texas Home School Coalition Association.](#)

Texas Senator Exposes Corruption with CPS and Child Abuse Doctors Over Medical Kidnapping of 4-Year-Old Child



Texas Senator Bob Hall. [Image source](#).

Commentary: CPS Heavy-Handed Overreach

by [Senator Bob Hall](#)

When the overreaching heavy hand of the government leads to even one instance of injustice, a little bit of liberty is lost for all citizens.

On July 2, 2019, in Kaufman County, Texas, another piece of liberty was chipped from our society. Once again, in a very sad courtroom scene, the “legal” abduction of a 4-year-old child by the Texas Child Protective Service (CPS) was upheld by what can only be described as an egregious miscarriage of justice.

During a hearing, that lasted more than six hours, little to no evidence was presented that indicated either parent, of the 4-year-old boy, had actually done anything remotely close to child abuse. In fact, no one involved in the whole prosecution process had ever met or talked with either parent, or met or talked with the child.

The doctor from Children's Hospital, who apparently initiated the forceful removal, had no history of treating the child, had never seen the child, and did not make a complete review of all of the child's medical records.

The CPS caseworker, responsible for initiating the legal process, as an "emergency" necessity, had no firsthand knowledge of any of the alleged charges she levied against the parents, had never met or talked with the child, and had made no attempt to complete a background investigation, as required by CPS policy.

Yet, the courtroom judge insisted that the process to permanently terminate parental rights be continued, that no further interaction between the child and the parents be allowed except with CPS approval and supervision, and that CPS be granted total control over all needs of the child.

Yes, that is the same Texas CPS that is notorious for the extensive abuse and high rate of suicides of children, in their care and in their foster child care system.

How Could This Have Happened?

Each of the four parties (Hospital/Doctor, CPS, Court System and Child's Ad Litem Attorney) involved failed in its primary responsibility to act in accordance with its role of "protecting the child first".

While all four parties failed their responsibility, CPS is the root of the failure.

This government agency is the real genesis of this problem and others like it. There has been multiple confirmed cases that CPS does not know when or under what circumstances it is in the best interest of the child to be removed from parental custody.

All too often it seems CPS errs on the side of the parent is guilty of child neglect instead of ensuring the protection of the child from the true evil in the world.

Unfortunately, from the testimony given last week, there appears to be little or no supervisory oversight to ensure that overzealous caseworkers are actually working in the best interest of the child.

In this instance, the CPS caseworker had:

1. never seen or talked to the child;
2. not seen or talked to the parents;
3. not seen or talked to family members;
4. not seen or talked to neighbors;
5. not conducted a background investigation;
6. not attempted to resolve the issue without removal;
7. refused to disclose the allegations to the parents or to their lawyer;
8. misquoted and misrepresented a hospital doctor's affidavit to obtain the court order and;
9. had no firsthand knowledge of any wrong doing by the parents;

was allowed to initiate an "emergency" action to remove a child from his parents and to begin the process to

permanently terminate parental rights.

By declaring it an “emergency”, the caseworker was able to forcefully remove the child by requiring his father to put him in a waiting police vehicle without having to first complete any of the procedural steps which were supposedly put in place to ensure that removal from the home was done as a last resort action.

The court hearing testimony and behavior of the caseworker can only be described as strange or bizarre. On almost every question that could be answered with a “yes” or “no”, the caseworker would first look down and appeared to be shuffling through papers looking for the answer.

Then she would look up and at the CPS attorney who would be nodding her head in either a “yes” or a “no” movement. The caseworker would then answer accordingly. After a while, I began watching the judge and it appeared to me that he, too, was watching the CPS attorney appearing to be coaching the witness, but he never called them out.

Even though there was an exhaustive series of questions asked, the caseworker never gave a reason why the first and only official action by CPS had to be an “emergency” order for removal.

It was also quite clear, to me, that the CPS caseworker’s personal push led her to take it upon herself to pursue an “emergency” order.

Doing so, in essence, showed the family’s attorney that she was from the government, she could do anything to that family that she wanted to do, when he indicated he was going to take the case up the CPS chain of command.

Knowing that judges, for self-protection, almost always side with CPS was the only path to ensure that she got a pelt-for-her-belt.

Part 2: CPS Caseworker

This government agency, Child Protective Services (CPS), is the genesis of this problem and others like it. As has been confirmed multiple times, CPS does not know when or under what circumstances it is in the best interest of the child to remove the child from parental custody.

All too often, it seems CPS errs on the side of “the parent is guilty of child neglect or abuse” instead of ensuring the protection of the child from the true evil in the world. Unfortunately, from the testimony given last week, there appears to be little or no supervisory oversight to ensure that overzealous case workers are actually working in the best interest of the child.

The sworn affidavit and testimony of the caseworker has several issues. Remember, she testified that she had never seen or talked to the child or anyone with firsthand knowledge of the statements that she swears to be true.

Some of the questionable statements in her affidavit in support of removal, dated June 20, 2019, are: (Her affidavit paragraph titles and numbers are below, in bold.)

3. ALLEGATIONS (page 2)

Essentially, every statement is either untrue, a twisting of a similar statement, or just plain hearsay.

Examples of some of the misstatements:

“... referral alleging the physical abuse of Kaleb by Ashley Pardo.”

– No such statement is in the hospital doctor’s affidavit.

“Ashley is displaying behavior associated with Munchausen syndrome by proxy.” – On what basis? The caseworker is not a doctor and has never seen Ashley.

“Ashley convinced a doctor to put in an NG tube” – There is no evidence or testimony to support this. How does anyone “convince” a doctor to do a medical procedure against his will?

“Ashley constantly wheels Kaleb around in the wheelchair.” – This statement is not in the hospital doctor’s affidavit, and the caseworker could not possibly have any firsthand knowledge.

“Ashley began telling everyone that Kaleb had epilepsy.” – There is no evidence or testimony to support this statement. Again, the caseworker is swearing this to be true, even though she has never heard Ashley speak.

4. CPS HISTORY (page 4)

This is a particularly outrageous section in which the caseworker uses “allegations” against Ashley’s previous husband—who, it appears, has some real problems—to make it appear to the casual reader that the problems were with the current family; nothing could be further from the truth.

The caseworker began this section with the statement: *“The family appears to have previous CPS history”* – She then uses four pages to list several law enforcement allegations against Ashley’s first husband; none of which had any finding of neglect or child abuse.

In the second to last sentence of the 05/23/2014 allegation statement, the caseworker makes an outright lie when she states:

“Ashly Pardo said Daniel Pardo struck Ashly Pardo while Ashly Pardo was pregnant with Linzey Pardo.” This could not possibly be true. Ashly and Daniel did not meet until long after Linzey was born.

It appears that the caseworker knew her case against the Pardo family was extremely weak, therefore she chose to include these “red herring” allegations to mislead the court into thinking this was a really bad family with a lot of violent history.

6. CONCLUSION (page 7)

The caseworker misquotes the hospital doctor’s affidavit and makes a statement that is contrary to courtroom testimony. One of the two statements has to be untrue.

“The Reach clinic has provided its findings as highly concerning for medical child abuse.”

The word “highly” is not in the hospital doctor’s affidavit. In fact, in testimony, the hospital doctor made it quite clear that she simply had “some” concerns after a partial review of the child’s medical files, and those concerns were resolved after discussion with the parents. (This discussion took place after the affidavit but before the court hearing.)

“The Department has attempted to identify safe family members or fictive kin with whom the child could be placed as opposed to placement in foster care, however, no such individuals could be found.”

“Reasonable efforts had been made to prevent or eliminate the need for removal of these children from the Prado’s home”

In the court hearing, the caseworker could not describe any effort made by CPS to resolve the concerns without removing the child from the home.

In fact, her testimony confirmed that the only action CPS pursued was that of an “emergency.”

However, the “emergency” was allowed to go on for two weeks between the time the CPS worker put a business card on the family’s door and the time the child was removed—more than ample time for parents to be allowed to address the allegations without further traumatizing the child.

The court hearing testimony and behavior of the caseworker can only be described as strange or bizarre. On almost every question that could be answered with a “yes” or “no,” the caseworker would first look down and appeared to be shuffling through papers, looking for the answer.

Then she would look up at the CPS attorney who would be nodding her head in either a “yes” or a “no” movement. The caseworker would then answer accordingly.

Even though there was an exhaustive series of questions asked, the caseworker refused to answer why the first and only official action by CPS had to be an “emergency” order for removal.

The only thing close to an explanation the caseworker would give for refusing to tell the parents or their lawyer the allegations was that she was afraid the parents would run

and hide.

It was also quite clear, to me, that the CPS caseworker's ego led her to take it upon herself to pursue an "emergency" order to show the family's lawyer that she was from the government and she could do anything to that family that she wanted to do.

Part 3: The Hospital/Doctor

In what can only be characterized as an extreme miscarriage of justice, the Texas Department of Child Protective Services (CPS) got an emergency court order in Kaufman County to remove a 4-year-old boy from his family.

On June 20, 2019, the 4-year-old was forcefully taken by CPS with the assistance of law enforcement. Following that, on July 2, 2019, a Kaufman County judge upheld the order.

The doctor from Children's Hospital, who apparently initiated the process which resulted in the forceful removal of a 4-year-old boy from his family by CPS, had no history of treating the child, had never seen the child, never spoke with the parents, and did not even make a complete review of all of the child's medical records before submitting an affidavit simply expressing some concerns about the child's medical history.

CPS then used (perhaps "misused" is more appropriate) this affidavit to get an "emergency" court order to remove the child from his home and start the process of permanently terminating all parental rights.

There are several problems with the affidavit submitted and the testimony of the hospital doctor who was responsible for

the initiation of this CPS action.

The first problem is that all of her statements about the child and parents are pure speculation. She never saw or spoke with either parent or the child before submitting the affidavit.

All the “concerns” she expressed in her affidavit were simply “concerns.” She presented no firsthand or even secondhand knowledge of any wrongdoing by either parent.

Also, she did not express any urgency for an “emergency” action, and she made no recommendation related to a need for CPS to remove the child from his family.

Some of the highlights of inconsistencies between the affidavit, testimony, and the conclusions intended to be used are:

- In her testimony, she questioned the decision made by the cerebral palsy doctor to provide a wheelchair for the child. Yet she admitted that she did not know and had not talked with that doctor. In paragraph 2 of her affidavit, she said, *“I do not have access to the child’s records from the cerebral doctor.”*
- The doctor discussed several medical issues, doctor visits, treatments, and medications the child has faced in his short four years. These include a brain surgery; before allowing it, the family got four second opinions from other doctors regarding the necessity of the surgery. He was also diagnosed, tested, and treated for many issues. These included autism, sleep apnea, restless leg syndrome, RSV viral lung infection, milk-protein allergy, cerebral palsy, and reflux. However, not all doctor-ordered treatments produced good results. According to the doctor’s seven-page

affidavit, **every medical diagnosis and treatment the child received was from a certified medical doctor.**

Yet under the medical findings on page four of the doctor's affidavit, the doctor appears to criticize the mother by stating in Item 4, "*. . . mother has expressed concerns for multiple problems over the years.*" Wow. What loving, caring, and doting mother would not be "concerned" with so little progress being made by multiple doctors? But, the two big questions are:

1. Why would CPS accept a sworn statement like this one when that doctor had never met nor talked with either parent or the child?
2. Why would an allegedly impartial court system accept such a document as fact?

The only "significant" concern expressed by this doctor in her affidavit is directed at the competency of the other doctors, not at the parents.

In fact, almost all the "concerns" expressed by the doctor in her affidavit appear to be criticism of the previous doctor's diagnosis and treatments.

On page 6, "*Kaleb is a 4 yo male that is currently being seen by multiple doctors in the Dallas area. With much review, I have significant concerns about the accuracy of some of his diagnoses. I am very worried about medical abuse for this child.*"

So, if this is truly her belief, why has she not reported these concerns to the Texas Medical Board for a malpractice investigation of the doctor for every procedure she questioned?

After all, it was the doctor, not the mother, that made the diagnosis and performed the procedure.

Even though there appeared to be some conflict in testimony between hospital doctor and the CASA representative, it was quite obvious that they had coordinated their testimony. They both used very similar words and scenarios to describe the child in the hospital.

However, one of them got their facts reversed on the issue of potty training. One said that “he only pooped in the toilet but he peed in his pull-ups,” while the other stated, “he only peed in the toilet but pooped in his pull-ups.”

Then, after the abduction but before the court hearing, the doctor did meet with the parents to discuss her concerns. It was noted by several people that attended the meeting, either in person or via telephone conferencing, that the doctor said her concerns had been answered and saw no reason for the child to remain in the hospital.

Why, then, does CPS insist on continuing to seek custody of the child and permanent termination of all parental rights?

These are just the highlights of the concerns with the doctor’s affidavit that began the persecution of this family.

In addition to the above, citizens should have serious concerns with the way that CPS and officers of the court twisted and misused her statements.

Next Article: Part 4 – “Was Justice or Injustice Served” will be a discussion of the role the court system played in assisting CPS in its mission to remove the child from its family.

Source: SenatorBobHall.com

Texas Judge Chastises CPS but 4-Year-Old Boy Still Not Returned to Family



4-year-old Drake clings to his parents during a supervised visitation as Texas CPS refuses to let him go home. [Image source.](#)

by [Texas Home School Coalition Association](#)

On Friday, August 9, a status hearing was held in the Pardo case where the court considered what action steps would have to be taken before Drake could be sent home. Judge

Tracy Gray, the same judge who signed the original emergency removal order on June 20, presided over the case. The tone of the hearing was strikingly different than the post-removal July 2 hearing presided over by Judge Michael Chitty, which [Senator Bob Hall described as an “egregious injustice.”](#)

While the scope of topics which may be considered at a status hearing is extremely narrow, several startling revelations were still made. Most strikingly, **CPS brazenly asked that the court order Ashley and Daniel Pardo to admit to medical child abuse and to having “severe” mental health problems before they could have their son returned to them.**

Nearly as incredible was when CPS was asked on the stand whether they had followed the required legal process in the construction of their recommendations for how the family could have their son returned home. **When asked if they had followed CPS rules, along with state and federal law, the CPS caseworker responded “no.”** The law requires that CPS develop the recommendations collaboratively with the family. Instead, CPS brought their pre-printed plan (which included a required admission of guilt) to the July 23 meeting with the family and then accused the family of “not cooperating” when they rejected the plan.

The Attorney Ad. Litem also asked the court to prohibit THSC from posting any updates about the case on social media, something the court has no jurisdiction to do because THSC is not a party to the case.

Judge Tracy Gray chastised CPS for the ridiculous list of requests included in their report to the court. Judge Gray threw out every item challenged by the family’s attorneys, ordered CPS to “expedite” their efforts to place Drake with

family or friends, and to start allowing the family to bring a third party witness to visits with Drake, something CPS has prohibited thus far.

While the hearing was a great success for the family, there is still a long way to go. Judge Gray clearly appeared frustrated by CPS' brazenly unconstitutional requests (like a court-ordered admission of guilt). This offers a ray of hope that CPS may not be able to continue getting away with their illegal actions.

Intervention from the Dallas Court of Appeals:

On August 2, Ashley and Daniel Pardo requested emergency intervention by the Dallas Court of Appeals after their son, Drake Pardo (age four), was **illegally taken from his family by Child Protective Services(CPS)** on June 20.

The family filed two motions asking the Court of Appeals to intervene on an emergency basis to stop the abuse being allowed by district Judge Michael Chitty. The family's first motion was a [petition for Mandamus](#), asking the appellate court to return Drake home and detailing how Judge Chitty abused his discretion by removing Drake from Ashley and Daniel without any evidence against them.

In their second motion, [the family filed an emergency Motion To Suspend](#), asking the court to immediately dismiss Judge Chitty's latest order on the basis that it was illegally issued and it harms the rights of Ashley, Daniel, and Drake.

According to the family's Mandamus petition, "The trial court is supposed to be the gatekeeper to ensure that actions taken by CPS conform to Texas Constitutional and statutory law, and the trial court utterly failed to perform that vital function." If the

appellate court grants the emergency orders the family could get immediate relief and have their son returned home. If not, the family may have to seek emergency assistance from the Texas Supreme Court.

On August 5, CPS [filed a response to the family's second emergency motion](#). In their response, **CPS argues that Ashley and Daniel have nothing to complain about because Drake is receiving the same medical care which Ashley and Daniel would have given him.** The response details repeatedly how the family has agreed to every medical recommendation being suggested for Drake and how the parents stated to the court that they plan to follow all recommendations from Drake's doctors. CPS argues that because CPS and the parents plan to give Drake identical medical care, that therefore no harm is done by Drake remaining in state custody.

In essence, CPS claims that, because the state is handling Drake's medical needs the same way Drake's actual parents had planned to, that he might as well remain in state custody. It's hard to imagine a more callous view of family rights than this.

Apparently, the state does not believe that removing a child from his home or his family has any negative effect that the appellate court should consider.

[The Court of Appeals has](#) ordered CPS to file a response to the family's petition for Mandamus by August 12 and will likely rule on the Motion to Suspend within the next few days.

The Background:

THSC has launched a campaign to raise money for the Pardos' legal expenses. The Pardos are a homeschool THSC member family. The Pardo case has gained media attention due to egregious and repeated violations of the law committed by CPS. After refusing to inform the family of allegations against them, the agency fabricated an emergency to remove the child, ultimately pressuring a judge to grant them temporary conservatorship of Drake at a hearing on July 2.

The events have put the homeschool community, the [family's State Senator](#), [and the media](#) in an uproar.

CPS first made contact with the family on June 7, leaving a business card on the family's door. Two weeks later, after repeated and unsuccessful attempts by the family and their attorney to obtain any information about the case, CPS suddenly declared an "emergency" and forcibly removed Drake from his home.

<https://youtu.be/Fe1dAYBLi4>

At the time of the removal, advocates from Family Rights Advocacy and the Parent Guidance Center were live on the phone, attempting to de-escalate the situation.

In a rough cell phone video captured by the family, the Pardos remained calm but can be seen challenging the caseworker's claim to a two-week delayed "emergency" and the decision to suddenly remove Drake. Drake's father, Daniel, can be heard for several minutes attempting to keep Drake calm as he is placed into the police car and as he asks repeatedly why his father is not coming with him.

On April 22, nearly two months prior to this horrific incident, the Pardos had filed an official complaint against

Children's Medical Center because of the refusal of one of Drake's doctors to visit him while he was admitted to the hospital.

Children's informed the family that they would review the matter and resolve it within 45 days. On day 46, with the family still having heard nothing from the Children's Medical Center, CPS showed up at the family's door with an affidavit signed by one of the hospital's doctors and removed Drake.

At a hearing on July 2, approximately 100 homeschoolers arrived to support the Pardos and their attorney as they argued that Drake should be returned home. During the hearing, testimony from CPS and Dr. Dakil of Children's Medical Center left the audience in shock.

Dr. Dakil admitted on the stand that:

1. She had never seen or met with Drake or his parents;
2. She had no first-hand knowledge of Drake's medical conditions;
3. The concerns listed in her affidavit were all speculative and she could not confirm them or rule them out without speaking to the parents, a step she had not yet taken;
4. Her concerns were not an emergency;
5. She had not requested that Drake be removed from his home and only wanted CPS to facilitate a meeting with the family on June 10 to help address her concerns;
6. She was surprised when CPS chose to remove Drake from his home;

7. Going forward, her concerns could all be alleviated by having a sit-down conversation with the parents to create a treatment plan and having both parents attend future medical visits;
8. She was not sure how that would be possible as long as Drake remained in CPS custody as CPS had been given conservatorship of Drake;

The CPS caseworker and her supervisor admitted in testimony that prior to the removal CPS had:

1. never seen or talked to the child, the parents, family members, neighbors, or any doctors who had first-hand knowledge of Drake's condition;
2. not conducted a background investigation;
3. not pursued multiple opportunities to resolve the issue without removal;
4. refused to disclose the allegations to the parents or to their lawyer;
5. had no firsthand knowledge of any wrongdoing by the parents;
6. had *intentionally not informed* the family of the June 10 meeting requested by Children's Medical Center.
7. decided there was an "emergency" because the family failed to attend the June 10 meeting **they were never informed of.**
8. decided there was an emergency based on the concerns provided by Dr. Dakil, **despite Dr. Dakil's testimony that her concerns were not an emergency.**

State Senator Bob Hall, who attended the July 2 hearing, recently recounted his observations and his disbelief at the “egregious miscarriage of justice” that is taking place in the case.

To add to the list of offenses, when the July 2 hearing began it was discovered that CPS and the Attorney Ad. Litem had **failed to respond to the valid discovery requests from the Pardo’s attorney.**

Observers in the courtroom were left searching for anything that CPS had done correctly during their gross mishandling of the case.

Despite the lack of *any evidence* against the family and the admissions by CPS of their gross and repeated mishandling of the case, Judge Michael Chitty granted every single request made by CPS’s attorney, including leaving Drake in CPS custody, and **issued a *gag order* preventing the family from discussing the case publicly.**

CPS saves *thousands* of children from legitimate situations of abuse. Their incredibly difficult job and the considerable weight of their responsibility is something that none of us should envy. However, when laws are broken without a second thought, CPS can quickly become the source of trauma in a child’s life.

When this happens, judges, lawmakers, and the public must be willing to stand up to defend innocent families.

The jaw-dropping events of the Pardo case follow a series of high profile and egregious errors committed by CPS overreach in Texas.

- In 2018, CPS was sanctioned \$127,000 for lying to a Houston judge and fabricating an emergency in order to seize the 2 children of Melissa and Dillon Bright.
- Also in 2018, the two children of Lyndsay and Jason Grant were severely abused during a short stay in the foster care system when CPS wrongfully removed their children after having officially ruled out any abuse by the family.
- In 2017, the Tutt family came through a 3-year nightmare after a CPS caseworker perjured herself and the agency accused the family of having no “state approved homeschool curriculum,” something that does not exist.
- In 2016, CPS was ordered by a Houston judge to pay \$27,000 in sanctions and to have agency staff read the U.S. and Texas Constitutions after the judge said CPS “knowingly mislead the court” in order to remove a child who they knew was not in any danger.
- In 2011, CPS was sanctioned \$32,000 when the judge found that CPS had acted in “bad faith” to obtain an “illegal” emergency order for the removal of three children.

Since the removal of Drake, the Pardos’ two other children have been fearful of any strangers who enter the house and have asked repeatedly why their brother was taken.

Observers in the courtroom described the illegal removal of Drake Pardo as a “state-sanctioned kidnapping.”

We can’t let them get away with breaking the law and abusing the Pardo family. We need your help to #BringDrakeHome.

Read the full article at the [Texas Home School Coalition Association](#).

Texas Mom Tells her Story of How a Child Abuse Pediatrician Used CPS to Medically Kidnap her Baby



Baby Tristan. Photo supplied by family.

Comments by Brian Shilhavy
Editor, Health Impact News

When we first started MedicalKidnap.com back in 2014, there were very few other media sources publishing these types of stories.

When they did, such as the [Justina Pelletier](#) case which received national media exposure, it was seen as something “rare.”

But as we began investigating the issue and taking literally hundreds of emails from people suffering some form of medical kidnapping, we soon learned that it was an epidemic, and systemic.

We have published hundreds of stories since 2014, and now these stories are being reported all across the country much more frequently.

I have told people many times over the years that nothing would please me more than to stop publishing these stories, if local media in communities across the country would start publishing them instead.

Today, as we draw near to the close of 2019, there are signs that this is beginning to happen.

For example, NBC News in collaboration with The Houston Chronicle, is currently running a series of articles on medical kidnapping, focusing on the roles of Child Abuse Pediatricians, and illustrating through their stories how these doctors are ripping innocent families apart.

Some of the parents featured in these articles have contacted

us and thanked us for exposing this horrible problem in the U.S. for the past several years.

One of them was Ann Marie Timmerman. Her family's story was the first one featured on NBC and [can be read here](#).

She wrote to us:

Wanted to thank your organization for all the awareness you all have brought about on Medical Kidnapping and share our story with you. Your organization helped our family know we weren't alone in this horrific nightmare and gave us hope that we would make it to the other side. We hope to also promote awareness and policy change through telling our story.

I asked Ms. Timmerman if she wanted to write a summary of her family's experience to publish on MedicalKidnap.com, where we would also link to the NBC/[Houston Chronicle story](#).

She agreed and wrote the following summary for MedicalKidnap.com, because no matter how many people read this story of how their lives were destroyed by a single doctor, it will never be enough. This is a story, representative of many other thousands of stories happening all across this country every day, that every single person living in the U.S. needs to hear and understand if there is any hope of ending this kind of medical tyranny.

Do No Harm: The Timmerman Family Story

by **Ann Marie Timmerman**

Health Impact News

In the middle of the night on May 23rd, 2016, my husband, Tim was caring for our 4-month-old infant son, Tristan, our third of three boys, while I was trying to get some rest.

Tim awoke to find our son completely unresponsive.

He immediately woke me up and told me to go to the emergency room as fast as possible.

I rushed him to the hospital without a moment's hesitation; no wallet, no phone, no shoes.

I will never forget the pure fear of those moments holding my unresponsive baby in my arms praying to God not to take my baby.

When I got to the hospital, the ER doctor told us Tristan had a small subdural hematoma and at the time we had no idea what that was.

After a day of testing, our prayers were finally answered when Dr. Sandberg, Tristan's Neurosurgeon, came in with his diagnosis of a tiny subdural hematoma caused by birth injury.

He let us know it would resolve itself in the next couple of days, that he was canceling the scheduled MRI, and that we could go home, as he said there was no reason to intubate and bathe our baby in that much radiation.

This was the moment that our family had been praying for, and for the first time we felt relieved to know that Tristan was going to be ok and we would all be going home soon.

But unbeknownst to us, our nightmare was just beginning.

While we were taking in the comfort in Dr. Sandberg's diagnosis, the child abuse pediatrician (or CAP) was formulating her own diagnosis for Tristan's medical emergency... Abusive Head Trauma.

After Sandberg had canceled the MRI, she informed us that she was reinstating the order for the MRI because this MRI was going to prove her accusation Tristan had been shaken.

She used CPS to medically kidnap our baby.

What we did not know then, but we clearly know now, this CAP was giving statements to CPS saying

"Most likely cause of Tristan's brain bleed & RH's is inflicted trauma."

and

"Tristan should not go home with a caregiver that may have shaken him".

The following day, Tim's 36th birthday, we stood in the Fort Bend County Courthouse where the State of Texas took conservatorship of Tristan based on the CAP's false allegations and CPS's nonexistent investigation.

After the court hearing, our life at home was turned upside down. Tristan was removed from our home and placed with my parents for two months.

Tristan had been breastfed since birth, but now it was not sustainable during his time away from me.

I lost the most important bonding time with my baby.

Our 8 and 5-year-old sons were no longer the happy-go-lucky kids we knew anymore. They lost part of their childhood.

They had to attend forensic interviews at the sheriff's office, and they were absolutely terrified. Our middle son began stuttering and our older son suffered extreme anxiety.

My husband was laid off because his work product had suffered, as his time away from the office was becoming a distraction. We had to meet monthly in court for update hearings; we completed Depelchian parenting classes, and went through psychological evaluations, polygraph testing, drug testing, anger management, counseling, monthly home visits with Casa and CPS.

Financially we poured every cent we could gather into defending ourselves. In total, about \$200,000 was spent defending a diagnosis that was untrue.

And when we finally got to the point in the case, seven months after it had started, when our family was finally going to be able to defend itself, CPS dropped the CAP as a witness and non-suited the case and walked away like nothing happened.

We had no recourse, or any ability to hold either the doctors or state agents accountable. This whole ordeal was simply over. It took a total of 18 months to expunge our records.

Throughout this whole ordeal Tristan's CAP did not uphold her duty to the Hippocratic Oath to DO NO HARM.

She spoke with 100% certainty Tristan's injuries were inflicted and completely disregarded Tristan's highly acclaimed Neurosurgeon's opinion.

This medical system that was created to protect children and prevent them from harm has unwittingly become an avenue that is destroying families. Tim and I fully believe in protecting children from abuse, but what we do not believe in is having one CAP having carte blanche authority to overrule highly specialized doctors based on nothing more than their statistical theories and infallible medical opinions.

We would like to see the overreach of these CAP's stopped and proper checks and balances put in place governing them. We are asking for their sovereign immunity to be removed and for second opinions.

We want families to have due process and not to be treated guilty until proven innocent. Miranda Rights should be read and CAP's should uphold their duty to DO NO HARM.

Learn More About Child Abuse Pediatricians:

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

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

[History of Shaken Baby Theories Exposed: How an Elite Group of Pediatric Radiologists Started Medical Kidnapping in the 1940s](#)

[Elite Medical Doctors Seek to Control the Media and Public's Perception of Child Abuse Specialists](#)

[Pediatric Child Abuse "Experts" are NOT Experts in Anything](#)

[Legal Experts: Shaken Baby Diagnosis Leads to "Destruction of Families Beyond Anything Comparable in the Modern History of the American Justice System"](#)

[Attorney: Child Abuse Pediatricians Aligned with Child Protective Services Destroy Innocent Families](#)

[Exposing How Child Abuse Pediatricians Medically Kidnap Children: A Guide for Parents](#)

[Study: In 96% of Shaken Baby Syndrome Cases Analyzed Infants Had Metabolic Bone Disorders](#)

Texas Medical Kidnapping Case Reaches Supreme Court Before Case is Dismissed



The Pardo Family

Comments by Brian Shilhavy
Editor, Health Impact News

Earlier this month (December, 2019), Kaufman County Family Court Judge Tracy Gray signed a “dismissal agreement” between CPS and the Pardo family, after their case had reached the Texas Supreme Court.

This was the culmination of a 5-month high-profile battle between the Pardo family and CPS, who removed four-year-old Drake Pardo due to allegations of “medical child abuse” because the parents sought a second opinion from a different doctor for the medical needs of their young son. See our previous coverage:

[Texas CPS Medically Kidnaps 4 Year Old Homeschooled Boy After Parents Complain About Poor Doctor Care](#)

[Judge Issues Gag Order Against Texas Family as CPS Refuses to Return Child Even After Hospital Admits There is No Emergency](#)

[Texas Judge Chastises CPS but 4-Year-Old Boy Still Not Returned to Family](#)

The Pardo case received national attention, as the Texas Home School Coalition (THSC) and their attorney got involved in the case, bringing wide-spread public awareness.

One of the Pardo’s state representatives, State Senator Bob Hall, also got involved, and has written some very powerful criticisms of Texas CPS. See:

Texas Senator Exposes Corruption with CPS and Child Abuse Doctors Over Medical Kidnapping of 4-Year-Old Child

The Pardo case was appealed by filing a petition for a writ of mandamus, which was denied by the appellate court, and was waiting to be heard by the Texas Supreme Court.

But the family settled with CPS before the Supreme Court ruled. Senator Bob Hall lamented:

“The bad news, if there is any, is that the agreement of CPS to end this case means that the Texas Supreme Court will not likely issue a final ruling in the case pending before them,” Hall said.

“This means that CPS will continue to be able to use the same underhanded and misguided tactics against other families without restraint or direction from the state’s highest court.” ([Source.](#))

Here is the Texas Home School Coalition’s Press Release:

BREAKING: CPS Drops Case Against Pardo Family

by [THSC](#)

On Dec. 3, Judge Tracy Gray signed an order officially dismissing the Child Protective Services (CPS) case against the Pardo family. This marked just over five months since the family’s nightmare battle with the agency began.

On June 20, CPS illegally removed four-year-old Drake Pardo from his family's home, refusing to tell the family what the allegations were against them.

A five-month battle ensued in which CPS made repeated claims that Ashley and Daniel, Drake's parents, had given Drake unnecessary medical care. Throughout the case, it became clear that all medical care Drake had ever received had been prescribed by his attending physicians, none of whom CPS had ever spoken to before deciding to remove him from his home.

In fact, at the subsequent hearing on July 2, CPS argued that the "emergency" which justified the removal of Drake was their concern that the family might seek medical care in the future which CPS believed might be unnecessary.

This was despite admissions in testimony that the family had never done such a thing before, had not indicated that they intended to do so in this case, and that the medical procedure in question was actually one which had been recommended to the family by multiple specialists.

Nevertheless, CPS dug in their heels. At the end of the July 5 hearing, the judge placed a gag order on Ashley and Daniel Pardo, preventing them from speaking about the case.

The story exploded.

We launched a viral video about the case that reached more than 2.4 million views. Thirty-two legislators and organizations signed briefs with the Supreme Court of Texas requesting immediate intervention to protect the family. The solicitor general of the state of Texas filed a brief supporting the family and calling the gag order "plainly

unconstitutional.”

On Oct. 24, the Supreme Court of Texas intervened and ordered that Drake be immediately returned home because CPS had failed to prove any danger to Drake. However, although Drake was restored to his family, CPS continued its interference in the family’s life and its unfounded allegations against the family.

[The Houston Chronicle released the results of an investigation showing that cases similar to the Pardo case were a recurring theme in Texas.](#) The Texas House of Representatives called a legislative hearing to investigate the problem, as well as possible changes to the law that may be required.

Following the October order from the Supreme Court of Texas to send Drake home, the family’s attorneys and CPS negotiated possible versions of a “family plan,” a document used in CPS cases to outline the action steps required before the agency will end their prosecution of a family.

Even after a reversal by the Supreme Court of Texas, CPS continued to demand that the family participate in invasive therapies on the claim that the family suffered from mental health issues, a claim for which even CPS’s own psychologist found no evidence.

The family’s attorneys refused.

Today, after several back-and-forths over multiple weeks and continued refusal by the family’s attorneys to compromise, CPS finally walked away and agreed to drop the case against the Pardo family.

With no evidence against the family, an entire state

watching their every move, and a reprimand from the Supreme Court of Texas, CPS finally decided to call it quits. CPS agreed to the dismissal of the case if Daniel and Ashley will jointly make medical decisions for Drake, something the couple has always done anyway.

If only the Pardo family could walk away as easily as CPS has. Unfortunately, the trauma from this abuse by CPS will likely follow the family forever. While the celebration of this victory is appropriate, we also pause to consider the cost.

The Pardo family was dragged through court on baseless accusations for five months. It took more than \$120,000 and countless hours from an entire team of experts to defend the family against CPS's abusive actions.

It raises the sobering question: **What about the families who don't have that type of support? What about the families nobody ever hears from?** Perhaps God is using the Pardo's tragedy to bring light to what family advocates have argued for years: The system desperately needs reform.

Sometimes God's providence is more clearly seen during times of misfortune—on the heels of a crisis that should never have been.

An entire state rallied to the defense of the Pardo family. The family's team of legal and medical experts fought tooth and nail against the agency that was trying to destroy this family, and we won.

- The family's incredible legal team spent hundreds of hours reviewing medical records, drafting legal documents, developing strategies, and defending the family in court.

- Dozens of lawmakers and organizations weighed in to support the family before the Supreme Court of Texas.
- Hundreds attended hearings to support the family and donated to cover their legal fees.
- Tens of thousands signed petitions to Governor Abbott and emailed their legislators asking for them to prioritize CPS reform.
- Millions viewed the viral video and helped spread the word.

This crisis should never have happened, but God used it to bring attention to the plight of families whose stories never see the light of day. Despite the traumatic nature of the Pardo's story, we give thanks to God that he brought together an entire state to defend them and that he ultimately reunited the family.

There may have never been a more appropriate time to give thanks to God for his bountiful goodness.

As we all sit around our tables this holiday season, let us be truly grateful for family, for freedom, and for God's abundant provision.

The Pardo family surely is.

Texas Pathologist Criticizes Child Abuse Pediatricians - Wants Law Put in Place to Protect Parents



Dr. Michael Laposata, chief of pathology at University of Texas Medical Branch in Galveston. Photo by Elizabeth Conley of the Houston Chronicle. Source.

Comments by Brian Shilhavy
Editor, Health Impact News

NBC News along with the Houston Chronicle is continuing their series in exposing medical kidnapping.

Mike Hixenbaugh and Keri Blakinger recently published an article featuring Dr. Michael Laposata, chief of pathology at University of Texas Medical Branch in Galveston, who has a

history of helping parents wrongly convicted of child abuse by Child Abuse Pediatricians. See:

How to stop doctors from misdiagnosing child abuse? Don't rely on just one opinion, experts say

Dr. Laposata, along with other Texas doctors and Texas lawmakers, want to see the law changed so that courts do not rely solely on the opinion of a single “Child Abuse” doctor as an expert. They want to require that courts always listen to testimony from other doctors as well.

Laposata said doctors and government officials must acknowledge what is widely known across all fields of medicine: Even good doctors make mistakes. Such errors are so common, researchers estimate that 12 million Americans receive a misdiagnosis every year, sometimes with devastating consequences.

For that reason, Laposata believes that additional medical experts should be consulted at the start of these cases rather than after an abuse diagnosis has already been made.

“It’s so crucial that we get this right at the beginning and not after a child has been wrongly taken from parents, or worse, sent back into a home where he’s being abused,” he said.

Laposata is advocating for a model he piloted a few years ago, when he moved to Texas and assembled a multidisciplinary team to provide free case reviews for parents who believe they’ve been wrongly accused.

As we have been reporting for years here at *Health Impact*

News, Child Abuse Pediatricians are generally not an expert in any other medical field, such as neurology or other specialties, which would allow them to look for other medical reasons that could be misinterpreted as “abuse.” See:

Pediatric Child Abuse “Experts” are NOT Experts in Anything

Accusing a parent or caregiver of “child abuse” has not historically been the role of physicians, but law enforcement trained in forensic evidence. But the new pediatric specialty of “Child Abuse Specialist” effectively elevates doctors to a role of prosecutor, even though they do not investigate non-medical evidence to determine “abuse,” such as interrogating the parents and others who are involved in the life of the injured child. Frequently, they do not even consult the family’s pediatrician or family doctor who has a history with the family.

“I think the biggest problem in these cases is that other experts are often not asked to weigh in,” [Laposata] said. “Maybe you’re a pediatrician and you’ve been named to the child abuse group, but you never spent time in coagulation with a child who’s bruised or bleeding. Or in orthopedics or endocrinology with a child with broken bones. Or in dermatology with a child who has skin changes. Experts from all of these disciplines need to be consulted.”

According to the [NBC article](#), other Texas doctors feel the same way.

That sentiment was repeated in more than a dozen messages

from pediatric subspecialists who contacted NBC News and Chronicle reporters in recent weeks with stories of patients who they said were diagnosed as victims of abuse by a hospital child abuse team despite what they believed was evidence to the contrary.

Dr. Gary Brock, a pediatric orthopedist who's been working at the Texas Medical Center in Houston for 29 years, said he's seen doctors report children with broken bones as confirmed victims of abuse despite strong evidence, in his opinion, that the injuries were not inflicted.

"There's very few injuries we can look at and say, 'That's definitely child abuse,'" Brock said. "So for a pediatrician to say that, who has little training in radiology or in orthopedics, it should be mandatory that they have a second opinion from a specialist."

"I would really stress that everybody wants to get it right, and the safety of the child is absolutely foremost," Brock said. "But in circumstances where at least half the time we can't tell the difference between accidental trauma and non-accidental trauma, multiple opinions are mandatory, not optional."

[Read the full article at NBC News.](#)

Texas Medically Kidnaps Newborn Baby Born at Home Because Parents Refused to Bring the Baby to the Hospital



Temecia and Rodney pose for a portrait in DeSoto, Texas on March 28, 2023. (TOM FOX/THE DALLAS MORNING NEWS)

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A newborn baby was medically kidnapped in Texas last month (March, 2023) because the parents chose to have a home birth with a licensed midwife, and when they took the baby to their pediatrician for a routine checkup, the doctor stated that the child had jaundice and required to be hospitalized.

The parents refused to take the baby to the hospital, choosing instead to treat the jaundice themselves under the care of their licensed midwife, so the doctor called Child “Protection” Services who then came with police to the home and abducted the breastfeeding baby by force.

The parents finally got to take their baby home earlier today (April 20, 2023) now over a month old, mainly because this became a national story and many people from the community came out to protest.

This family will now have to deal with this trauma for the rest of their lives, and who knows what medical treatment was given to the baby while out of the care of the parents.

<https://youtu.be/jDNZdt8xsqQ>

A Black Texas couple chose their midwife’s care over a hospital. Now their newborn is in foster care.

It has been 20 days since infant Mila Jackson was taken from her parents by Child Protective Services in Texas after they sought guidance from their licensed midwife to treat a common infant condition rather than following a directive from their pediatrician. Now a court will decide if she’ll be returned to their custody.

“We’ve gone from being treated like criminals, to treated like unfit parents to feeling like we’re being hunted,” Rodney Jackson, Mila’s father, told The 19th. “It’s super disturbing when you’re talking about two people fighting a big system. Nobody should feel like that.”

On March 21, Temecia Jackson gave birth to 6-pound, 9-ounce Mila at the couple’s Dallas-area home under her

midwife's care. Temecia told The 19th that she decided to work with a midwife and team of doulas during her pregnancy and home birth because of two difficult C-sections she endured while delivering her two sons years prior.

Three days after Mila's birth, the Jacksons visited their longtime pediatrician's office for a routine checkup, where she was diagnosed with jaundice, a common condition in the blood that affects about 60 percent of newborns.

The pediatrician contacted the couple by phone to discuss treatment options for the jaundice. Temecia told The 19th that the doctor said Mila could be treated in a hospital or at home using a list of criteria he outlined. On the phone with him, she expressed her intention to work with the midwife to begin the at-home treatments.

As the day progressed, however, the doctor's tone changed, Temecia said. The pediatrician contacted the family at least 10 times through phone calls, texts and voicemails, growing more insistent that the couple take Mila to the hospital.

Within 24 hours of Mila's jaundice diagnosis, he contacted the Department of Family and Protective Services, according to an affidavit filed with the court.

The petition for Mila's removal also included the wrong parents' names. On Tuesday, March 28, authorities took Mila from her home. A virtual hearing was initially scheduled for Thursday, April 6, to determine whether Mila would be returned to her parents, but the judge postponed it until April 20. ([Source](#).)

CPS is not the one who released the baby back to the parents

today, but instead it was the Dallas District Attorney's office.

Baby taken from Texas couple after home birth will be returned by Dallas court

Mila Jackson, the newborn taken into foster care by Texas officials in late March, will return home ahead of a scheduled hearing that was set for Thursday afternoon.

In a news release issued on Thursday morning, the Afiya Center, a Texas-based reproductive and birth justice organization that has represented the Jacksons, the Dallas County District Attorney's office made the decision to reunite Mila with her parents "late yesterday and overnight."

The district attorney's office said that they do not comment on cases involving the Department of Family and Protective Services.

The Jacksons' case made headlines nationwide, especially after it became public that court documents authorizing Mila's removal had different people listed as Mila's parents. It's still unclear who the people listed on the document are. CBS News was not able to contact them, and is not identifying them.

According to the news release from the Afiya Center, the Jacksons will be "enjoying some personal time with their daughter" and their two older children. A rally set to support the family during their court appearance today has been canceled.

"I'm just happy that justice prevailed and I am grateful for the Afiya Center and everyone involved in the return of this baby," Edinbyrd told CBS News on Thursday morning. "I look

forward to actually giving her her first postpartum visit and celebrating her being home with her parents.” (Source.)

Sadly, this situation in America is routine and common. The only reason this one made the news is because people rallied to protest, and local politicians and others got involved when it was discovered that the affidavit used by the police and CPS did not even have the parents' names on it. This made it a news story that both the local and national news media picked up.

If there was no judge who signed off on a warrant to allow police to remove this child from the family, and if they only went by the word of Child Welfare social workers who apparently forged an affidavit, the parents will be able to sue them in court, as there is ample legal case history showing the police lose every time in court in these situations where the child is not in immediate danger of dying, and there is no court order from a judge.