

Hi members of the legislature ,

My story is complex so I will make it brief. I know everyone has a story and some have it much worse than me.

In a nutshell:

My ex-moved to Oregon under the fabricated story of a promotion in 2015- we both lived in Southern California. I was told because of my son's age at the time (1.5 yo) to work things out, ask for extended time in the summer, longer holidays etc. I complied and we had a signed parenting plan with specific instructions.

- 3 months later my ex moved to Oregon but there was no promotion. She moved in with the owner of her company - who left his wife in Arizona. I had subpoenaed the lease of their first residence and it was signed by both of them three weeks before she even left Southern California where we both lived. I did not know there was another man. I had asked but she was not truthful. In fact in our divorce decree you have to be dating someone 6 months before introduction. (That was her request too)

- She also did not comply with our agreement for extended summer visits, holidays etc. In addition I made 23 trips at my own expense to see my son. These trips typically would average \$1000 per trip which included airfare, hotels, rental car, rental car seat, parking, etc. I lost my business due partially to our divorce and had to take a job making less than I spent in a year just to buy some time.

- I had asked/offered for 50-50 custody and I would move up and was willing to quit my job and find one in Oregon. I was met with responses.."You get what you get" and other negative responses like this.

- Fast forward to 2018...I took my ex back to family court in Orange County. At the last second, we agreed to some custody terms with a review on January 30, 2019 in which we would go to 50-50 shared custody.

- Since I moved up in July of 2018 my ex has challenged jurisdiction and used me being here against any ruling in California. Essentially I have to start over. I have already paid 20k in attorney fees, spent 23k in travel to see my son during the 3 years I was in SoCal, all while making a modest living.

- I now live near my son now (Lake Oswego ). I do get to see my son on Tuesday afternoons for 3 hours ( I traded a Friday overnight for it) otherwise I would only see my son when I volunteer at his school or every other weekend. I still have every other weekend from Sat 9 am to Sunday at 3 pm

- My ex has my son refer to his step dad as Daddy and me as Daddy Jason. I have never been absent from my son's life. My son's step dad failed with his two boys and they did not graduate high school, have a history of hard core drug abuse ,and extensive arrest records.

- I have elevated my job status. I am educated (MBA). I volunteer twice a month at my sons kindergarten class teaching math groups, and I also clean his classroom twice a month to help the teachers, and fill in needed as an asst coach when needed at basketball.

- There is no issue or ever any history of alcohol abuse, drug use, domestic violence or any other "thing" that would keep me from being more involved with my son. I am a hard working, average guy, who loves his son more than anything.

- Most of all I am a good Father. Please let me know what I can do to support this bill. I will be there...I will speak, I will write people. Not all men are good Father's ....I get that but the ones that are and bust their butt to be should be given the opportunity to do so. It should not be determined by an ex with disregard for the law. My ex has not honored our original divorce decree, our parenting plan , and the latest judgement created in California in July 2018 without any thought on what she is doing to her son.

I can support all these claims and more with court docs, emails, text messages, transcripts from talking parents. I have collected tons of info and have it recorded in an organized manner.

Please let me know what I can do.

Help us Dads that care!!

Thank you,

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