

Good afternoon. Let me jump right in, but suffice it to say in order for my entire story to be heard, I would need to write a book... perhaps some day. Here are the highlights.

My daughter was legally kidnapped last August and I've yet to see her! CAN SOMEONE PLEASE TELL ME WHY??? Parental alienation at the hands of Child **Protective** (and I use that term VERY loosely) Services. This must be stopped!

My daughter, age 16 next week, has been diagnosed with RAD, PTSD, possible BI-POLAR, has self-harmed, attempted suicide; this list goes on. I'm so very worried that she will not have a productive, fulfilling life as a result of the missteps of the State of Oregon. I love my daughter! I adore my daughter! She misses me and I miss her.....DESPERATELY! She is my breath!

I have NEVER hit, neglected, abused (you choose the vernacular) my daughter, yet, in the blink of an eye, as a result of my daughter's colorful and very believable stories, along with the greed of CPS and their insatiable need for a paycheck SHE'S GONE!

My daughter is loved unconditionally by myself and my husband. We have a lovely home, you could eat off of our floors, there is no drug addiction, no alcohol abuse, no criminal history...NOTHING!!!

Let me be very clear, my words to you today are the heart of a mother whose name has been muddied, reputation ruined and is now without her daughter. Motherhood should not be filled with isolation, anguish, heartache, humiliation, and fear. Motherhood is a lovely, rewarding, sweet, tender title that I take very seriously.

There is an epidemic with teenagers today where running away from home, lying about their home life, living in homeless shelters, with friends, on the streets, or in foster care is encouraged and glorified, it's a badge of honor if you will; to the child whose frontal lobe is not yet formed, this appears to be very glamorous. This must be stopped!

My daughter told the youth group leader there was no food at home, that I called her fat, when I take a run, I have a bottle of vodka that I drink and generally neglected her, of course none of this is true. This was her first step in her plan to be removed from our home. Of course, when I receive those knocks at the door my refrigerator and freezer and cupboards were full. My home and my daughter's bedroom, beautifully appointed, no alcohol on my breath and all of her needs and more met. To that point, the last case worker to enter my home said to me she was sorry, she gets it, she was only at my home on a formality and there were no concerns about me.

The months prior, my daughter was running away from home verbally and physically assaulting my husband and myself, and generally creating unbelievable chaos in our home which greatly affected our family dynamic. I lost count on how many times we had to call 911 (by the way, no one has ever called the police on me or my husband and our lifetime for any reason under any circumstance) a result of her actions. The police would do nothing, they told us this was her home and if she wanted to destroy it, she

could; you can't make this up. The police would chat with her and tell her that she needed to obey the house rules , you know, eat your dinner, do your homework, be kind, be respectful, get off your phone it's time for bed , sounds brutal doesn't it? She was eventually taken to juvenile hall as a result of beating the living tar out of my husband and, prior to being kidnapped from Child Protective Services. ... I think she was there for 7 hours.

She eventually made her way to our local homeless teen shelter as a bit of respite until I could find Residential placement for her. Much to my surprise, well not really, Child Protective Services were working diligently and cunningly behind the scenes to kidnap my daughter. I'm fairly confident my name is on my daughter's birth certificate, she's my daughter and she belongs home! I have been my beautiful daughters sole caregiver, the person who gave birth to her, raised her, taught her to tie her shoes encouraged her in sports and life, critical thinking, guided her through this journey called life, encouraging respect, hard work, integrity, community involvement, and a love for our God.

The beginning of the end... My daughter told me "I can put a Target on your back, I will put a Target on your back, I have put a Target on your back." That was probably one of the most truthful things she has ever said... at my expense.

While under the watchful eye, again I use that term loosely, of the state, my daughter has been raped, ran away from Foster Care, (no action was taken two words that family!), thrown out of our local homeless teen shelter, has a 1.6 GPA, was video taped at a gang party drinking and fighting, suspended from school and implanted with NEXPLANON (No one ask my permission or advised me!). can someone please explain to me why the state ask my permission for my daughter to get her hair colored from a box that was purchased at the supermarket, but no one made any mention of her rape and eventual birth control implant?! This must be stopped! If these things happened while she was at home, I would be crucified by the state.

My submission to you today is not to throw my daughter under the bus. I would like to think that anyone involved in kidnapping children under the guise of a state worker, a CASA, safe families, a foster parent, a youth pastor, a counselor, a teacher would ask follow-up questions when a child makes nefarious claims against their parents. No one at any time asked my daughter what she had done to contribute to the deterioration of our family. They took everything she said at face value. The state and all their documents can say "founded" all day long, there is nothing, let me repeat that, nothing that has been founded! Everything in my file, let me repeat that again, everything in my file is hearsay! My daughter did not want to be in the home so she could live a certain lifestyle. She, as all teenagers, and today's declining society know the catch phrases and terms to use, they know the proper body language and affects along with the right tone in their voice and look in their eye exploit their parents, all the while not caring about the end result and how it damages good names of good parents.

My husband and I have worked diligently with our daughter since the age of three when we noticed she wasn't having a "normal temporal tantrum." All of our efforts and hard work have

been thrown away as a result of the state of Oregon thinking they know how to raise our daughter!

Recently, my daughter has been calling me, "Mommy Mommy I miss you! I want you to take me shopping for bras, I want you to meet my boyfriend, I want to go to lunch with you, I need to see you I'm not happy here because they don't treat me like family!" I encouraged her to share this with her attorney and social worker to which she replied, "They won't let me see you." You see, the kidnapers and Company have her convinced she has no say in us being together or her coming home! Shame on all of them!

Imagine for a moment, having your child ripped from your arms where you are no longer able to tuck them in, wake them up, prepare a meal for them, celebrate a birthday, a Christmas or Thanksgiving! Imagine for a moment putting your head on your pillow and wondering if your child is safe, cared for and loved! Imagine for a moment missing out on your child's firsts and lasts and in betweens. Imagine for a moment your home being early empty and quiet. Imagine for a moment wondering if and when you will see your child again and will you recognize them and will they recognize you. Imagine for a moment having someone literally put your fist inside of your chest and ripping out your heart... Imagine

The state of Oregon must be held accountable for removing children from the home who are not in grave Danger And ultimately ripping families apart! The state of Oregon must be held accountable for falsifying documents. The state of Oregon must be held accountable for ruining the lives of loving, nurturing parents. There is no due diligence on the part of the state of Oregon. There is no collateral or fact-checking with the state of Oregon. As I see it, the state, the court appointed attorneys, Casa, police, schools, counselors are all in bed together.

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