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It is far too easy for someone to make false accusations of child abused and the accused is instantly treated as guilty without a thorough investigation. The accused must incur the cost of defending themselves and trying to prove their innocence. The child becomes the victim as they are taken from a parent and denied their right to spend time with both parents. Not only the parents but grandparents and extended family as well.

The crime of a parent making false accusations for the purpose of their own gain such as gaining full custody, should be a felony and have stringent consequences. They should also be required to pay the legal costs incurred by the falsely accused individual for their defense.

Children must be protected. When children are taken from on parent because of unverified accusations it puts the child jeopardy. The accusing parent should be thoroughly investigated prior to giving them full custody while the charges are investigated. In many cases the accusing parent is not safe and a background check would show this.

The laws need to be changed to protect children and hold parents who make false abuse accusations accountable.