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My name is Erin Mehn. I currently reside in Munhall, Pa and I have an issue involving the South Carolina DSS. I am very concerned for my daughters well being in her current situation. My exhusband, Justin Francis, and I have an 8 year old minor daughter together. We have a divorce agreement on file since 2009 in which he has primary physical custody and I have secondary physical custody. My daughter has been making visits on holidays and summers to my residence since 2010. I talk to her every night on the phone. In January of 2013, he was arrested on child pornography charges in Mt. Pleasant, Charleston county, South Carolina. DSS immediately stepped in, however, they never once called or tried to contact me to inform me of what was going on. She had been home from her Christmas visit at my house for 2 days when he was arrested. My attorney, Ellen Babb, has informed me that they were legally required to contact me and they made no effort. I was finally informed, by my exhusband, of the charges in May upon returning home from Charleston to attend my daughter first communion. When he told me, he lied to me about how this all came about. When I found out I immediately started calling people and finally talked to Emily Bennett at the Charleston county DSS. Despite my many objections, my claims were simply dismissed. They didnt even have a copy of our divorce agreement until I faxed it, as well as a hand written copy of my complaints. DSS took the word of a potential pedophile and his parents. This family has a long history of deception and lying. THEY will say whatever they have to to get what they want. I have tried to get someone to listen to this but have gotten no results. Everyone seems to want to look the other way. They did not fully investigate and now nobody want to look at the actual evidence i have against what they are saying. I have 4 years of emails of my exhusband lying. I have emails with his name on them despite his bond stating he isnt to be on a computer. I have his mother fighting for visit for him this summer despite the order of protection she signed against him. His parents do nothing but cover for him. I was only informed of there being a change in case workers when my husband contacted Jamal Smith at the governors office. I have had no contact with the new case worker, Asperita Pinkney, but for about 10 seconds after court. I attempted to meet with the state director, Pamela Rice, before my court date this January and she refused, saying she had meetings all day. I have met with the guardian ad litem, Karen King. She met with me and my husband right before court in September, but yet she had a written report to turn in. She actually looked at some of the evidence but, again, it was ignored. My attorney tried to introduce some of the evidence into court in September and DSS attorneys objected, saying they didnt have the information. I have tried to show them but they dont want to see it. To make matters worse, Mrs kings report for this January hearing was worse than the last one. I have a video of my daughter Christmas visit that directly contradict her report. She never once called to discuss this with me. Instead, she recommended my visits be cut. I did nothing wrong, and yet Im the one that they are trying to take stuff away from. My husband and I have made 4 trips to Charleston for court hearings and they have gotten us nowhere. Each trip cost us around 1000 dollars. DSS seems to be simply turning a blind eye, and putting my daughters safety and well-being at stake. I would appreciate it if you could contact me regarding this matter. I am very concerned for my daughters emotional as well as physical well being. Thank you in advance for all your cooperation in this matter. Respectfully, Erin Mehn

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