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**Sent:** Monday, November 30, 2015 3:04 PM  
**To:** \_OEPP - GAL - Region 2 - Sumter-Lee  
**Subject:** from Jeanne Yarborough schneider Re: Riley and Lilly

I am writing as a deeply concerned person who recently was the temporary guardian of a minor child named Riley Gates Thompson, who currently lives in Berkeley County.

Riley lived with me at the request of his father, Monie Thompson, from February 8, 2013 until June 4, 2015. He is now 4 years old. In June, his father had a visit with Riley and refused to return him to my care following that visit. They are currently living in Colony Square Apartments, 1100 River Road, Unit 8H, Hanahan, SC 29410. This apartment is rented to Tina and Frank Murphy. Tina is Riley's paternal aunt and is the sister of Monie Thompson. Also living in this two bedroom apartment are Mandy Burnett, Monie's fiancé, and her daughter, Lilly, age 5, and Tina's husband, Frank Murphy.

On September 8, 2015, I received a telephone call from Tina. She informed me that Riley disclosed Lilly was making him perform oral sex on her, she performed oral sex on him, and she makes him "lick her butt," and that had been a daily occurrence. According to Tina and Monie, Mandy informed the school guidance counselor at Hanahan Elementary School about this activity, and that disclosure may have triggered a DSS report. When Monie found out that Mandy had informed the school, he was furious and told Mandy she had to leave and "take her kid with her." Mandy and Lilly moved to Kentucky the next day but moved back into the S.C. apartment on September 28, 2015, just 20 days later.

On September 23, 2015, Riley came to visit me in Florence, and I noticed that he was constantly scratching his penis, even in public. I took him to see his pediatrician, Dr. Foxworth at Hope Health in Florence, SC (843-664-3660), and he found that Riley had warts on his penis, and Athletes foot on his hands and feet. Riley also told Dr. Foxworth what Lilly had been doing to him. At the end of Riley's appointment Dr. Foxworth told me he was a mandated reporter with the state of SC and that it was a part of his job to report what Riley just shared with him. He emailed his report to DSS. On September 28, when I learned Mandy and Lilly moved back into the apartment, I informed Dr. Foxworth, and at that time he made a second report to DSS.

I made what could have been the fourth report to DSS on October 6, and I was contacted by telephone by a Ms. Jenkins at Berkeley County DSS on October 7 for a telephone assessment. Apparently, Tina informed family members that DSS did visit the apartment on October 8, 2015, and entered a safety plan with the adults, that they not allow the children to sleep together or play together unsupervised. A forensic assessment was scheduled for October 23, over two weeks after the initial DSS home visit.

I remain very concerned for the safety and well-being of both Riley and Lilly in this apartment. I know that the children are not being properly supervised and that the adults in this apartment are condoning or allowing this behavior by the children. I believe reports have been made about this situation on at least 3, possibly 4 different occasions, beginning on September 8, 2015. I spoke to a supervisor at Berkeley County (all I know is that he identified himself as "John, DSS coordinator"), and expressed my fear and frustration over the lack of protection being provided these children. He acknowledged my frustration and very casually told me that he "hears similar concerns and complaints often," but that DSS "doesn't have enough staff" to do its job, and that the unconscionable lapse of time between the initial report (September 8), the physical DSS visit to the apartment (October 8) and the forensic interview (October 23) did not indicate that the harm and risk of harm to these children is being taken seriously. In my opinion, there is no good reason for the forensic interview to be scheduled 16 days out from ANY CHILD CONFIRMING sexual, or physical abuse. These delays are potentially dangerous and dismal for the innocent children of our great state of South Carolina!

There are numerous mental health and substance abuse issues in this apartment; Social workers have told me that Monie, Tina and their siblings are still the worst case of child abuse in Horry County history. As children they were all removed from their home and placed in foster care, orphanages, and youth homes. They have a brother, Robert Thompson, who served 9 years in prison for sex with a minor under the age of 13. Monie is an ex-convict who spent 12 years in prison and has only recently become employed. I have paperwork showing Monie has a history of having 'diluted' urine tests with DSS in the state of Texas. I have been informed by Riley's birthmother that from October to November 10, 2015, the caseworker Ms. Ross was unaware that Monie actually resided at the apartment. Ms. Ross was lead to believe he was living in Florida. Tina also informed me that Lilly told her that she has a "special secret" with her father. Riley is stating he and Lilly are still sleeping together. Tina also informed me that Mandy is diagnosed with Bipolar disorder but refuses to take her medication, and a past of heroin abuse.

There are persons in authority and health care positions that Mandy, Tina and Riley have made statements about this ongoing sexual occurrence however, I have been informed by Riley's birth mother that that information was not disclosed by any of them at the forensic interview. She also states that Monie did not attend the forensic interview. Because the case worker did not know Monie lived at the apartment I believe this to be true.

I would appreciate it if you, from your positions, take steps to protect these two children from the neglect and lack of protection and concern which is prevalent in this home. I would also appreciate it if you would take this as further information on my previous report, protect it with the confidentiality which attaches to DSS complaints, and keep me informed of the status of your investigation. PLEASE help me get IMMEDIATE help for both children.

Sincerely,  
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Tina Murphy and Mandy Burnett's Facebook pages show photos  
with: \*bruises on Riley's right eye \*after a  
time lapse the right eye is clear and a bruise is present on his left  
eye \*after another time lapse another red mark  
present under his left \*after another time  
lapse a red mark is present on his right  
eye \*both children riding in the wrong  
type of car seat for their height and weight. \*both  
children, at different times, riding in the front seat of Mandy's vehicle, in town and on the  
interstate. \*sexy photos of Lilly

EXPLICIT STATEMENTS RILEY STATED TO ME, HIS PEDIATRICIAN, and  
NEIGHBOR: "Lilly makes me lick her butt and vagina every day.  
I don't like it because she stinks." "The smell gets stuck in my  
nose, and makes my tummy hurt." "I  
know I shouldn't do it but it feels so good my brain tells me to do it anyway".

#### CALLS I HAVE MADE:

\*Senator Lourie's office – referred me to Senator Leatherman's  
office \*Senator Leatherman's office – spoke with  
chief of staff, Robbie. He asked me to email the information but leave out the anything explicit, then  
someone will get back in touch with me immediately. I have phoned two more times. I still have not  
received a call. \*SC Children's Trust – they referred me to a complaints department of DSS in

Columbia and gave me that office phone number  
unreturned

General's Office - I spoke with Donna Freeman. She said she'd call me back and did within hours. She told me I should be calling Governor Haley's office and gave me the phone number.

constituents office advised me to call the complaints department with DSS in Columbia and gave me the same number the SC Children's Trust shared with me.  
message.

\*DSS Office - I have left 3 voice mails, all

\*State Attorney

\*Governor Nikki Haley's office - Her

\*DSS office - I left yet another

I HAVE MAILED THIS LETTER

TO:

Alford, State Director, SC Department of Social Services  
Berkeley County Department of Social Services  
have responded

\*V. Susan

\*Enid Jenkins, County Director,  
Neither