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To whom it may concern:

My name is Rebecca Belk, and I am the mother to a 4 year old little boy named Reid Graham. His father, Dan and I were married in 2010 but have since then gotten a divorce. I admitted to having an affair and was asked to leave the home, and I did so. I moved in with a friend and was served and at the time had no money for legal representation and Dan placed accusations against me that were ruled untrue, which led to him being the custodial parent of Reid. Dan married Brenda Bradley in May of 2014; she has two children, 8 and 18 that reside with her. I also re-married in July of 2014 and am continuing my second tenure with BlueCross BlueShield. In September of 2014, I started to notice some markings on Reid took pictures and noted the incidents. (I have included all the notes that I have taken since September) Reid's behavior also began to change, he would always asked if he was staying with me (he wouldn't normally be asked by a child. I want my child to feel safe wherever he goes, but I don't think he feels safe at his dad's house. Brenda is a very abrasive and cruel person, very cold and unsympathetic. The notes that I have included are pretty much self-explanatory. One day Reid came in with huge lashes across his legs, I reported it to the daycare that Reid attends and they advised me that it was reported to DSS in Kershaw County. I sat and spoke with them for an hour and told them I was an open book and I'd be glad to help anywhere that I could. I have yet to hear a word and it's been 35 days today. I understand the 45 day window to complete an investigation but I have not heard a word regarding anything. I don't feel like that they are doing everything that can be possibly be done. Reid volunteers information such as: Brenda spanks him and holds him by his neck, she cusses at him, his step sister tried to choke him and he's afraid of her and Brenda is always mean to him. There's plenty more information that hasn't been mentioned in the letter, and I have pictures and I am as open as a book if any questions need to be asked. I just haven't heard anything from filing with Kershaw County DSS and I wrote a letter to the DSS office in Columbia, SC. I need to know what steps I need to take to ensure my son's safety and well-being. My contact information is:

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Please feel free to contact me, anytime day or night. Look forward to speaking with you.

Thanks,

Rebecca F Belk

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Reid currently lives with his father and his wife Brenda and her two kids, Jacob and Anna. He comes to stay with my husband and I every other weekend and every other Monday. Sept 5<sup>th</sup> 2014 started my weekend; Reid has been potty trained for almost a year now. He's done fairly well with it but has had some recent setbacks. Saturday Sept 6<sup>th</sup>, Reid and I were sitting in the living room he specifically told me that he s#t in his clothes. I asked him where he had heard that from because we don't talk like that at my house and he told me that Brenda told him that. He said three cuss words that weekend and every time I asked where he heard those from he would answer and say Brenda.

Sunday September 7<sup>th</sup>, I had to take him home earlier than I usually keep him and take him to school on Mondays after my weekend, but I was not able to do so because of family issues. He fell asleep for a few minutes in his car seat, as I woke him up he cried and kicked and yelled when he saw we were at his dad's house. I carried him to the door and Brenda was at the door, I stood Reid on the porch (only because it was raining) and he sobbed and pitched a fit because he didn't want to go home. She looked at Reid as emotionless and cold hearted and told him not to cry for me. On several occasions he has volunteered that Brenda is mean to him and says mean things to him.

Monday, September 15<sup>th</sup>, 2014. I picked Reid up from daycare, well, I gave him a bath and got him out of the tub and he had marks on his bottom up towards his lower back (see pictures) and towards the bottom of his rear end. I asked him did he fall or hurt his self. He said no, so that prompted more questions. He told me that his daddy gave him a spanking, I ask what did he did, his reply was mommy I didn't do anything.

Monday October 28, 2014. Reid had a bite mark on the left side of his face and he told me he got that before he went to school. (See pictures) He also had a very bad spot on his forehead on the right-side. (Also see pictures)

I don't have a whole lot of dealings with Dan because we drop Reid off at daycare and pick-up from there but the few times I've had to pick him up from his daddy's house, nobody ever comes to the door they just send Reid out the door by all his self and close the door and it's also like that when I drop him off, they don't ever come to the door. I am not allowed on the porch. Several times when I've taken him home as soon as I turn onto Laurens Street, he begs and pleads with me not to take him home because Brenda and his daddy are mean to him. He hardly ever mentions anything about his daddy; he said he is always with Brenda. Anything I've had to talk to someone about something at his daddy's house it's

been Brenda, it's never Dan, it's almost like he hides. And Brenda doesn't go out of her way to be nice to anybody, she's rude.

Reid told me when he grew up, he wanted to be like his daddy and drink beer. They've told him it's okay to call me by my first name.

They have started putting pull ups back on him, when he comes to my house he wears underwear and even sleeps in them and has no accidents. He's been potty trained since before he was three years old. Over Christmas break, I was to have Reid on Week A this year and that would have knocked Dan out of having Reid two weekends in a row, so I suggested we split to the weekend to be fair. I also did that with New Year's too, I decided to forego my Monday visitation because I felt that Reid needed to get back in his normal routine. Brenda and Dan told Reid that I didn't want him to spend the night with me and that I said no. They also decipher to him what clothes of his belongs to his daddy and what clothes belong to me. I pick him up from daycare and he says, "mommy, is this your shirt?"

Dan doesn't keep me informed on anything with Reid, when he's sick, doctor's appointments, nothing in reference to his school, absolutely nothing....(it is in our court papers that he is to do so.) Reid had a Thanksgiving program and Dan didn't tell me one word about it. My best friend keeps me informed on Reid's school functions because her daughter and Reid are in the same class.

It has been mentioned to me that Reid cries when he leaves daycare on the days that I'm not picking him up. When I pick him up, he's as happy as he can be. All the teachers comment on how happy he is when I pick him up and he's easily upset when Brenda picks him. He asks me all weekend if he has school and is he with me all day and when does he have to go back home to his daddy's house. When I take him to school/daycare he asks me who is picking him up, and I reply and say Brenda will probably pick you up and he starts crying.

Monday January 19, 2015. Picked Reid up from daycare...we rode bicycles and played outside and Reid said a bad word. He said, "what the hell?" I asked where he heard that from and all he would tell me was "home", Monday evening I was giving him a bath and getting him ready to settle down and he started asking questions like, "do I have school tomorrow?", "who is going to pick me up?" "when will I be staying with you again?"

Tuesday January 20, 2015. I took Reid to school at 9:00am, and he screamed and he cried and had a tight grip around my neck, I had to peel him off of me to hand him to a teacher. Through his crying he was telling me that he didn't want to go to school because he didn't want to go home. (Umm...REID FLAG!) What's really going on??

Monday February 2, 2015. Picked Reid up from daycare, I noticed a set of bruises on his back, a terrible scratch on his face (see pictures) . I was getting him ready for his bath and I noticed a horrible set of marks on his legs and a bruise on his thigh (see pictures) like he had been spanked with a belt. I asked what happened and he would just say I don't know.

Thursday February 5, 2015. Found out through my friend that Reid was not at school yesterday (Wednesday) and that he left early Tuesday because his head was hurting. Dan has yet to let me know of Reid being sick. (Per court papers, he is to let me know.)

Saturday February 7, 2015. Reid told me that Brenda holds him by his neck when she spansks him. He said that he gets spankings with a belt by his daddy and by Brenda.

Wednesday February 11, 2015. Reid had a mark/scratch on his neck and a bruise on his left lower cheek, he stated his step sister tried to choke him and he has scratches on his face.

Monday February 16<sup>th</sup>, 2015. It was my Monday to pick Reid up from daycare and his step mother picked him up, knowing full well it was my day to get him. We've been doing this for over a year now and she "conveniently" gave him a bath well before 5 pm. Reid informed me that Brenda told him that I didn't want him or love him anymore. (That is **NOT** something she needs to be telling MY child!) He's a little boy, and he doesn't go around just making this stuff as he goes...this HAS to be some type of mental abuse. I don't see how she can rest at night. I've seen Brenda around Reid several times and she is very cold and very short and abusive with him. He's a child he needs love and nurturing.

Monday March 3, 2015. Reid says that Brenda slaps him in his stomach