

Governor,

My name is John Eady and I am a 12 year war veteran of the US Army. I am contacting you seeking help in reference to an ongoing DSS Child Support Case that I initiated back in October 2015. My case number is 0927399. I am the custodial parent of three boys, Aries, Gianni, and Sincere. I have been separated from my wife for approximately 18 months. I receive no child support or medical support from the non custodial parent Davone Eady. I have not received any child support from her since the last week of January when my private action in circuit court was dismissed due to a 365 day rule. She has continuously made this process difficult. She has managed to toy with the system. She is unstable but holds a job. She has had no permanent residence as of recent and has last stated that she lives in a hotel.

It was suggested by the clerk of court that I convert my case to DSS due to the non custodial parent being unstable and not making support payments to the court on time. DSS has better assets to secure payments.

My issue begins with DSS being unable to serve her because she was evicted from the location that was listed when I initially filed for support. At that time she lived in Dorchester County. There was a negotiation conference scheduled on February 11, 2016 at Dorchester County Family Court. I made her aware of it because DSS was unable to serve her. She was present at the hearing. She did not bring her identification. She notified the Child Support Specialist that she lived in a hotel in Charleston County and no longer lived in Dorchester County. The specialist never verified this and rescheduled it to March 15, 2016 in Charleston County. I expressed my concerns to the specialist about this and told her of the non custodial parent's unstable behavior. My concerns were ignored, however, she did serve the non custodial parent on the spot for today's conference.

On March 15th I showed up to the conference at the Charleston County DSS Office. The non custodial parent didn't. I met with Melissa Hartz and she told me that an email was received by the DSS attorney late the evening prior on March 14, 2016. The email was from the non custodial parent's alleged attorney, Eric Durant, stating that a temporary hearing for private support/custody was scheduled with family court and asked that the case be wiped from the record. The DSS attorney, Paul LeBaron, took this email at face value and continued the negotiation conference to May 26, 2016 at 9:00 am. I expressed my concern that this was the second time that this case has been continued, when he stated that he allows one continuance per case. I am very frustrated because I initiated this action and have been waiting since October 2015 for this. I have kids to raise and the non custodial parent is blatantly doing this to avoid responsibility. Furthermore, I followed up with the family court and no such action or motion was filed neither is there confirmation that Eric Durant is the non custodial parent's attorney. I then contacted and spoke with DSS State Child Support Attorney Ms. Cummings and DSS State Child Support Director, Katie Morgan. They both agreed with the actions of Attorney LeBaron. I was told that this could go on for months after my next negotiation conference if the non custodial parent decides to contest. These months are spent waiting to appear before a judge. This deferment process in the system is affecting my children and there is no accountability on the part of the non custodial parent. I feel that this practice of DSS is basically another deferment and just reduces their case load. I feel that this would not be happening if I

were a woman. This is completely unfair and benefits the non custodial parent ultimately. I do not know what else to do. I came to DSS for assistance because the family court suggested it. Now it seems like I am continually being pushed to the side over hearsay and no information is being confirmed. Your assistance in this would be greatly appreciated. I can be contacted at 760-267-3150 or john.ross.eady@gmail.com.

Thanks.

V/r,

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