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Subject: FW: Drake v Mullinax-Watson No Show For Mediation

Once again Jason Drake does not have the ability to pay and has not since 07/03/2014 of which the court was made aware but never notified DSS. Jason Drake should not have to keep going to mediations. Ms. Mullinax-Watson has declined Mr. Drakes offer. And legally the court should not have been continuing to accrue child support when she has been getting a check for the minor child since 02/2015.

here is the offer Jason has made several times \$50.00 a month and to add the minor child to all insurance so long as it is available: Medical, Dental, Vision, Cancer and Life insurance until the minor child is 26, plus the custodial parent is getting \$222.00 from Mr. Drakes disability for the minor child. Jason also has a 19 month old son who receives the other portion of the children's social security/disability entitlement \$222.00.

It is not Mr. Drakes problem the government is giving out free welfare. Ms. Mullinax-Watson has lived off of Welfare for 16 years. So she can live off the government and get a check to pay rent and utilities, food stamps, Medicaid. Then turn around and file a tax return and get additional child tax credit and earned income credit. Plus receive \$222.00 month, plus receive pay from employment at 32 hour a week is what was told to the judge on the last court day in August of 2015. 1<sup>st</sup> thing that should be said to Ms. Mullinax-Watson is she need to get a job that is 40 hours a week or get another part time job. Because that is actually what you would tell Mr. Drake if he could walk and was not disabled.

Mr. Drake who is totally disabled cannot even get food stamps and only draws \$1040.00 a month from disability which is used to cover his unities, rent, medical supplies and medications. So in the long run Ms. Mullinax-Watson brings home/makes more than Mr. Drake.

What is wrong with you people!!!!!!!!!! This needs to be taken care asap before we bring a lawsuit against the state for discrimination and violation of Mr. Drakes disability rights.

Kind Regards,

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**From:** Melissa Tanner

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**Subject:** RE: Drake v Mullinax-Watson No Show For Mediation

**Importance:** High

Mr. McDonnell:

May 2<sup>nd</sup> will not work for Jason nor myself as he has a doctor's appointment with his lung/palliative care physician that was already scheduled for that day and I also have a scheduled appointment for that day as well.

Mr. Drake has already paid on \$50.00 for the mediation plus Jason is out of pocket for the transportation has well as every time he has to be transported either to mediation or the Spartanburg county court.

I am sorry if a disabled man can get up and get to court/mediation, then Mrs.

Watson should set an alarm clock(all cell phones have alarm clocks even the free ones you get for having welfare). Mr. Drake being disabled, is doing his part and showing up and this is "not" an easy task for him do as he has to rely on people to get him up and ready, as he cannot do it himself. It is very painful for him to ride strapped to the frame of a transport vehicle as you know the SC roads are horrible and Jason feels/hurts with every bump they hit.

It is not Mr. Drakes problem that DSS/welfare is continuing to provide her with free assistance. Disability states he is disabled as of 09/01/2014 prior to that he was incapacitated on a ventilator in a medical induced coma for 25 days, with the inability to pay as of 07/03/2014. So the court/DSS has continued to allow, knowingly that Mr. Drake has "not" had the ability to pay child support for it continue to accrue. The court system has been aware of this since 07/14/2014, as they were faxed a letter of which I have copy of and the fax transmittal confirmation showing where Spartanburg Regional signed by a physician stated Jason was incapacitated, the court should have notified DSS at that time, but did not.

Mr. Bernard: When was your office(DSS) "made aware" that Mr. Drake was incapacitated and in a medical induced coma back on 07/03/2014, because I notified Spartanburg County Court on 07/14/2014 and have the fax confirmation and the written letter from his Neuro ICU physician stating this. On 07/25/2014 Mr. Drake was transported while still in a coma to Shepherds Center(Spinal Cord/Brain injury hospital) in Atlanta, GA of which the court was made aware of as well. It was in Atlanta while at Shepard's Center Mr. Drake was approved for disability, but as you know there is a 5 month waiting period before you can draw the first payment, which was in February because as you know social security/disability runs one month behind. Jason was discharged from Shepard's Center in Atlanta on 09/30/2014 and has been in and out of the hospital since to include being put back on a ventilator at one point in time, Jason is quadriplegic with multiple comorbidities and cannot work and does not have the ability to pay.

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