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Re: SCDSS vs. Gail Gaddy Gorman

Since I have not heard anything back from your office, I thought I should follow up with a hard copy. I know --- HOLIDAYS!  
1/3/16

I previously made contact with your office via email to Lena Grant, sending her documents regarding my case with SCDSS/Richland County. She was kind and very concerned regarding our case and graciously directed me to Constituent Services; that phone call did not prove effective. I have also contacted the Richland County DSS Director, Reese Palmer on several occasions. Therefore, I decided to write to you directly, and copy a number of people I thought might be of assistance in moving our case forward; or better yet, having it dropped all together! A DSS Case should never have been opened in the first place! I will try to briefly highlight my issues of concern, but there are a lot of them. This case has been a totally mishandled situation that has cost the State of South Carolina THOUSANDS of dollars!! We are looking for help in seeking JUSTICE!

**HIGHLIGHTS OF ISSUES:**

**UNNECESSARY/INACCURATE INTAKE REPORT:**

My self-report to DSS of a child-on-child sexual incident that happened in my home was made on 8/22 immediately after I encountered the situation. Caseworker said she would be by the house that afternoon to take all the kids out of the home! (Kids were told; clothes were packed.)

DSS Caseworker and two police officers arrived at the house; I was told further investigation was necessary before removal of the children from the home. (Upset/traumatized family was relieved.)

Our second follow up call on 8/24 to DSS, we were told "child-on-child sexual issues DSS does not get involved." This was confirmed by the DSS Investigator who came to my home on 8/26/15 to further investigate the case. The brand new Intake caseworker should have informed me of that, but didn't; and opened a case; therefore, causing DSS involvement.

Initial report as taken by DSS caseworker was incorrect; my report was witnessed by a SisterCare Abuse Counselor who was at my home at the time of the report. I brought the discrepancies to DSS attention on several occasions, but numerous errors were never corrected (also carried over into incorrect COURT papers; also told DSS Director of the errors but still not corrected.) I would like to believe that LEGAL COURT DOCUMENTS are correct, without errors, but they are not. They STILL are not.

**LACK OF THERAPY/COUNSELING:**

All four children in the household as well as myself and my daughter have been receiving Family Counseling from SisterCare Domestic Abuse Counseling regularly for the last two and a half years. SisterCare continues to come to the house through this current ordeal on a weekly basis to help us get through this nightmare. The Counselor has also attended the DSS Family Meeting and all Court Hearings with us to lend her support; but has been all but ignored. Oddly, however, our SisterCare Counselor was asked by DSS to give a presentation to DSS Caseworkers on Domestic Abuse last year with 50 attendees;

and again this year (10/30/15) for new Caseworkers with only 14 attendees (neither of our new Caseworkers were there; current one said he had no knowledge of the presentation.) She also wrote the attached letter in support of my abilities to care for these children; **it was not given credence**. She should have been the **FIRST** person DSS called for input regarding the children and our home life. **Her input has not been given proper priority in my case.** I plan to subpoena her for the 2/18/16 hearing.

In addition, **all four children in the household have been seeing a Post Trauma Therapist regularly for the last two and a half years**, due to prior domestic and foster care issues. Only my granddaughter, who is in MY custody, has continued with regular therapy sessions; the boys have not. DSS requested records from the Trauma Therapist office, **but never spoke with her directly until SHE contacted DSS. Her input has not been given proper priority in my case.** She should have been the **SECOND** person DSS called for input regarding the children and their mental issues/concerns during the last two and a half years. Sexual abuse was **NOT** one of them. I plan to subpoena her for the 2/18/16 hearing as well.

**The boys have had NO sexual abuse and/or family counseling** since being placed in DSS/Foster Care over three months ago, to my knowledge. Very little if any Trauma Therapy. Sexual abuse counseling for all three boys has now been Court Ordered.

#### **SVU OVERREACTION:**

All four children were left in my sole care by DSS for 12 days without concern that they would be properly protected. When after 12 days I had not heard from DSS, both the Trauma Therapist and SisterCare Counselor agreed the 14 year old needed help **immediately**. So I again **self reported the incident asking local police for assistance ONLY in transporting the alleged abuser to a treatment center**. I was referred to SVU to relate my incident. I'd been told by the SVU investigator that calls would be made to both therapists/counselors, and she would have a discussion with her supervisor and **call me the next day. That didn't happen.** Instead, SVU made the decision to "legally kidnap" all **four** of my grandkids from their schools without my knowledge, **and without further investigation**. And to this day I have not seen anything **in writing** that authorized them to implement that decision, and take my grandkids from me. **Don't they need something giving them authorization to do that, especially without even discussing it with me – the one who brought it to their attention in the first place!** (I wasn't even asked to give a written statement to SVU until five days later, **AFTER** the Probable Cause Hearing.) My four-page Police Statement is attached. Please read before going any further.

#### **PROBABLE CAUSE HEARING INACCURACIES:**

SVU simply stated I caught 6 and 12 year old in a naked state playing "the Dirty Game" that the 14 year old had been playing with the 12 year old when I was out of the house for short periods of time. **SVU did not mention that the 12 year old was fully clothed, nor did they indicate the 12 year old was one quarter brain damaged and autistic with the mentality of a 7 or 8 year old!** They said the 14 yr old denied everything (apparently that was good enough for them). Previously, this same SVU investigator told my daughter and I that the two younger boys should be allowed to come home; but did not say that on the stand. She recommended they all stay in DSS custody. When the Judge asked, DSS simply stated they had "nothing to add." It wasn't until after the hearing, the SVU Investigator asked me to stop by their office to give a written statement. She also indicated that she felt so sorry for me after leaving the courtroom!

I was told prior to the Hearing by both DSS and SVU that I would **not** get to say anything at this hearing; but luckily **the Judge asked me** if I had anything to say. **Judge Dorothy Jones** graciously gave me the opportunity to tell the **WHOLE** story; that I **am** the one who reported it, **seeking HELP from both agencies.**

The Judge indicated she understood why I was so upset.

The Judge awarded **immediate** custody of my granddaughter back to me since she had no knowledge or involvement in the incident whatsoever. She had been placed in a Group Home and had MUCH to lose being taken from her school. She had worked extremely hard these last two years (after being in foster care for three) to achieve advanced academic status; A-B Honor Roll; President of her 8<sup>th</sup> grade; Lead (or President) of the Student Government Association for Gibbes Middle School; Head Captain of the cheerleaders; Honors Dance Program; Talent Search Recipient; among many other positive honors. My other grands had done equally as well in their improvement over the last two years, coming out of three horrific years in foster care previously.

**The Judge asked DSS why the two younger boys could not be returned home at this time as well.** DSS stated ARC interviews needed to be completed first, although the Judge even said she doubted we would try to influence their input; since we were the ones who brought it to their attention and wanted the truth known. But we did not get to bring our boys home.

#### **INACCURATE COURT DOCUMENTS:**

The Judge then **ORDERED** "expedited ARC interviews" be done so boys could go home. **This Order was not included in the Court documents.** The Judge acknowledged that with an Autistic child (the victim) the sooner the interview after the incident the better; because the longer they waited, the less he would remember (DSS scheduled his interview **LAST and the day of the next scheduled Court Hearing!**)

The Judge **ORDERED** "daily contact" with me, his Maternal Grandmother and Guardian, regarding my autistic grandson; he's a wanderer. They took away his locator watch. **This Order also was not included in the Court documents.**

The Judge **scheduled a two-week REVIEW HEARING** to be sure DSS was following through with her requests. It was set for 10:30am on 9/23. I believed that I would get my two youngest grandsons back after these reports were completed. I did not.

#### **CASEWORKER ISSUES:**

By the end of the week, the newly hired original case worker, who had taken the Intake Report, had done **NOTHING:** no daily contact reports, no visits with the boys scheduled; no medical management, no ARC interviews scheduled; hadn't attended the Probable Cause Hearing; didn't get the Judge's bench order to return custody of my granddaughter to me before going to get her. I requested that the RCDSS Director assign a new case worker. Had she known what she was doing when I made the Intake call, **I wouldn't be writing this letter.** On 9/14, the Director returned my call. On 9/15 ALL interviews had been scheduled. On 10/7/15, a new caseworker was assigned to the case. I requested a meeting with the new caseworker, and a visit with our boys, whom we had not seen for a month! I have only seen the 14 year old **ONCE** in the whole three and a half months (that's another whole story!) And I drove to Greenville to have that one-hour visit!

#### **REVIEW HEARING DISAPPOINTMENTS:**

All three forensic interviews had been **completed** by the 2-week Review Hearing; although our special needs child was scheduled **LAST** and at the same time as our Review Hearing on 9/23! Instead of the Hearing being at 10:30a, we had to wait until he returned at around 1:30p. DSS gave the Judge an extremely brief synopsis indicating that my grandson who had just turned six, stated he had told grandma "before, when I was 4 or 5"\*; the special needs 12 year old was confused, unsure, but also stated he had

told grandma "before"\*; 14 yr old repeatedly denied anything and everything.

\*Based on these two comments, DSS retained custody of all boys charging me with “**willful/reckless physical neglect**” for not reporting it “before”. I assure you, I SWEAR, it was reported immediately on August 22nd as soon as I found out that the 14 year old was sexually abusing the special needs 12 year old when I left the 14 year old in charge for very short periods of time (the 6 year old usually came with me.) There was NO indication of this type of behavior to my knowledge, or to that of the Trauma Therapist or the Abuse Counselor over the last 2 ½ years!! As was in this incident, had I been told "before", those are the first two people I would have immediately called.

#### **NO G.A.L. ASSIGNED:**

No Guardian ad Litem had been assigned for the three boys until 9/28 (which also had to be Ordered by the Judge), **AFTER** the ARC interviews had been completed. Having never even MET the alleged abuser, the GAL made her report stating that she felt all three boys should continue in foster care (when they had a perfectly good home to live in). As far as I know, she has **STILL** not met the 14-year old or spoken to the other two since her first meeting. The week of Court, WE asked her to come visit and talk with us! The SisterCare Counselor also came to the home as she had not talked with her either. We feel the boys were not represented fairly by the GAL, nor were WE!

#### **77-DAY MERITS HEARING:**

The **35-day Merits Hearing** scheduled for October 8<sup>th</sup>, was postponed because of the five-day government shutdown due to the Flood. It wasn't rescheduled until November 19<sup>th</sup>...77 days! A slight delay is understandable; but not 22 days. I **did not willfully or recklessly** do anything to neglect my boys (as DSS had originally "charged" me); we settled on "physical neglect due to lack of supervision" or "physical neglect due to inappropriate, or inadequate supervision" (not positive of the wording because after almost a MONTH we still have not seen the Court papers from that Hearing) . If anything, I am an OVERPROTECTIVE Grandma, because of all they had been through in their previous home and with DSS and in Foster Care in the past.

**I was doing the right thing by trying to seek help. I did everything right and everything that I could have done (so I'm told, even by the Judge who calls me "Ms. Goodman").** Well, doing the right thing in trying to get help for our children ended up with us losing them for at least six months; being ordered to have a psychological evaluation done - what's up with that? (I guess to see if I am crazy for going to DSS and SVU for HELP in the first place); and I have to take “classes”. DSS wanted me to take Parenting Classes, individual counseling sessions, AND a Continuing Protection class (Lawyers and I agreed to the latter); but the latter has yet to be scheduled by DSS.

#### **\*\*\*MEDICAL NEGLECT ON THE PART OF DSS/CPS:**

**Prescription Management** for ADHD and Sleep Disorders have not been administered timely or properly; visits to the RX Management doctor have not been kept; one child having to quit his prescriptions “cold turkey” because he was out of medicines, and missed his appointment (he takes SIX different RX); other child states he gets it “sometimes”, but not at school, which is where he needs it the most (again SIX times a day). These are controlled medications and **MUST** be seen regularly by their doctor before being issued a new prescription, and must be administered as **PRESCRIBED**. (Letter faxed to the RCDSS Director on 12/2/15 has helped with this situation; I have not had a current update.) **THIS IS A VERY SERIOUS ISSUE!!**

**Allergy Shots** have NOT been consistently given to my special needs grandson. He is required to have 3

shots PER WEEK, EVERY WEEK for his 36 different allergies. **DETAILED medical needs and medication dosages were given to DSS at the Family Meeting on 9/4/15.** His Foster Parents wanted to administer the shots themselves; and when told by the allergist's office that was not possible, they stopped taking him. He has only been to three out of 14 appointments! And was highly congested at our 11/17 visit. (Call on 11/24/15 to the RCDSS Director corrected that issue, I hope. I have not had a current update.) **THIS IS A VERY SERIOUS ISSUE!!**

#### **LACK OF JUDGEMENT IN PLACEMENT OF CHILDREN:**

The alleged 14 year old abuser was housed in a therapeutic foster home initially (based on the abuse accusation and also being ADHD, OCD and ODD). But the second caseworker moved him to a **Boys Shelter**, because he said he was not authorized for therapeutic care and that it was "probably just age appropriate behavior", which neither his SisterCare Abuse Counselor, nor his Trauma Therapist agreed with that decision. **It wasn't until incidents of inappropriate sexual behavior in the boys home happened that he was again moved back into a therapeutic environment=level 3!** I was finally given some credibility; meanwhile, still no sexual abuse counseling and no medicine for him!

After both of my special needs grandson's therapists and I spent the last two and a half years undoing what his previous foster parents had done to his mental, emotional, spiritual and physical state, he was placed **BACK IN THEIR CARE** without any consult with his doctors/therapists/counselors. (When I first received custody of him, he was head banging, shoving things up his nose to make it bleed, thrashing and kicking, and weighed 50 lbs. at 9 years old, was withdrawn, and at an educational kindergarten level in school. Within six months of him being in my custody he had gained 50 lbs, was not doing the misbehaviors stated above, and was at a Third/Fourth grade level in school: verified by his teacher.)

Clothing worn by this same grandson has been totally unacceptable. Shoes and pants two sizes too big for him; stretched and ragged shirts and jackets. Even though we sent BAGS of his own clothing with him, he insists he's "not allowed to wear them". **This is totally unacceptable!** Numerous conversations took place over this issue with both caseworkers before it was corrected (at least for the visits). Current caseworker said the foster parents receive a clothing allowance and can buy them whatever they want them to wear. We bought him new shoes in his correct size and sent more clothing. His locator watch was also taken from him, instead of being reprogrammed.

**All three boys are still in foster care; next hearing date isn't until Feb. 18<sup>th</sup>.** That means we have/will miss Halloween, Thanksgiving, Christmas, New Year's and Valentine's Day with them. Having been told by numerous people (including the Judge) that **I did the right thing** is hardly reward for the loss of my family. We will have gone SIX MONTHS without our boys, because I tried to do the right thing by getting the one child the treatment he needs (as DSS is now willing to acknowledge after the Boys Shelter incidents, and complete a pshocological evaluation on him as well).

I apologize for this letter being so lengthy; but I have a LOT more details to share. This just covers the highlights. **What is a citizen to do when no one seems to care about doing the RIGHT thing??** I gave up my home, my job, my life in MD to come here to SC to make a home for these children. And they HAVE a good home, but the State of SC has made it very difficult the whole time!! And now they've taken what could have been a positive situation and turned it into a nightmare for our family. Like I said, there's LOTS more to tell...

Thank you for your time and consideration. I am copying a number of people/organizations on this letter in hopes that SOMEONE will come forward with the **HELP** I urgently requested over THREE MONTHS AGO!!

**Can't this case just be dropped since the alleged abuser has proven his guilt?** We want our other two boys back NOW!! Preferably BEFORE CHRISTMAS, so we can spend that most important holiday TOGETHER!!

**And get the 14 year old the help he desperately needs, BEFORE things escalate with him!** I am told he is getting to spend Christmas break in Virginia with a potential placement family (again, another whole story.)

**RETURN OUR KIDS!! PLEASE!!**

Sincerely Grateful for any help moving this case forward to the END AS SOON AS POSSIBLE,

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# SISTERCARE

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September 15, 2015

## **TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:**

I am writing this letter in support of Gail Gorman who is seeking the return of her grandchildren (Rain, Damar'yis and Tyrez). I have a Masters in Counseling and a Masters in Social Work. I am an LISW-CP and have been working with women and children exposed to domestic violence for the past 25 years, My contact with Ms Gorman began in the summer of 2013 when I was assigned to provide Lexington County DSS with a supervised planned change of custody from DSS to Ms. Gorman. for Rain and Tyrez . She had already gained custody of Damar'yis. All members of the family were eager to be unified and they were transferred to Ms.Gorman's custody in July of 2013. Approximately a year later in June of 2014, Tyler came to live with Ms. Gorman and her grandchildren and in August of 2014 Ms. Gorman was granted custody of Tyler.

Ms. Gorman is a warm loving parent for these children and has challenged them to high standards of behavior, character and academics. She has managed their numerous medications, doctor's appointments, physical therapy appointments, therapy appointments and family counseling appointments. She has also provided transportation to and from school for all the children and transportation for them to numerous school activities. Managing all of this has required amazing organizational skills, structure, compassion and determination. Ms. Gorman has managed to juggle all of this amazingly well. The family was developing an identity of it's <sup>own</sup> and was seeming to become solidified.

However what Ms. Gorman, the children's biological parents and their counselors were unaware of was that Tyler had been sexually abusing Damar'yis since school was ending in the Spring of 2015. When this came to light on the morning of August 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2015 , Ms Gorman immediately made a report to the DSS child abuse line, she was told that they were going to take all 4 children that day but when DSS and the police arrived she and I were told that there was not enough evidence for removal. The DSS worker and the children should all stay in the home and that they should go to school Monday and would be interviewed Monday to see if they would be removed. There was no contact with the children at school on Monday 8/24 and on 8/26 Ms. Rose came to Ms Gorman's home and told her that DSS's job was to determine if Ms Gorman was capable of keeping the children (all 4) in the home together and being able to protect them adequately. She was told that the children would be interviewed at the school, which they were. Following this

there was no further contact with Ms. Gorman from DSS and the children remained in the home under careful supervision from Ms. Gorman.

Having heard nothing from DSS and experiencing increasing discomfort with the alleged offender being in the home, Ms Gorman made a report to the police on 9/2 about the sexual abuse. The police expressed their concerns about the alleged offender remaining in the home and stated they would investigate finding a place for him, On 9/3 Ms Gorman was notified by DSS that all 4 children had been picked up by the police and were in DSS custody and she should bring their clothing and medications. Ms. Gorman was very upset at this news but got the children's things together and took them to DSS. Ms. Gorman attended the DSS Family meeting on (9/4).

Ms Gorman, hoping to have her 3 youngest children returned, attended the Family Court hearing on 9/8. When DSS stated in court that they were recommending that the children all stay in their foster placements, the judge allowed Ms. Gorman to share her concerns. Ms. Gorman pointed out that DSS had allowed the children to stay in the home for 12 days under her supervision with the alleged offender in the home and she did not understand why she could not be trusted to supervise the 3 children without the alleged offender in the home. The judge ordered that DSS expedite the forensic exams for the children and that the next hearing date be moved to 2 weeks instead of 4 weeks and the judge ordered that Rain be returned to Ms. Gorman's home that day. Visits with the children were requested by Ms Gorman but DSS refused to allow any visits until after the forensic exams and I heard no further discussion of visitation while in the courtroom.

In the 2.5 years that I have worked with Ms. Gorman and this family, I have always found Ms. Gorman to be honest, forthright and co-operative. She has done an amazing job with nurturing the children, being involved with their schooling, following up on their plethora of medical needs, keeping them involved in counseling and providing them with a warm and loving environment. Even after her interview with DSS they felt like she could and did keep the children safe for those 12 days, after the initial report was made and until they were taken, even with the alleged offender in the home.

Because of the extensive work that this family has done to heal from all of their past trauma, I think it is imperative for the three youngest children to be brought home at this time. There is so much healing that all 3 of the younger children need to begin. I know that Tyler, the alleged offender, needs to be placed outside of the home in a therapeutic and healing environment as well; he has had a most difficult life. Ms. Gorman has been a hero in these children's lives. She is the right person to lead these children forward and I hope you will grant her request for the three youngest to come home.

Sincerely,

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Notary Public  
My Commission expires 3-18-2024

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Notes/Statement regarding incident on 8/22/15:

1. I, Gail Gaddy Gorman, was awoken in my home (address listed above) approximately 7:30a by the sounds of my two grandsons, Ty'rez N. Johnson (age 6) and Damar'yis L. Pollard (age 12: with autism and traumatic brain injury leaving him with the current intelligence of a 7-8 year old), making too much noise in their room. I got up to see what they were up to and give them their morning ADHD RX medication.
2. The door to their bedroom was closed (as they know to do if everyone's asleep and they want to play video games or watch a movie.)
3. When I opened the bedroom door, I was SHOCKED to see Ty'rez laying face up on Damar'yis' bed with only his pajama top on. Ty'rez was naked from the waist down. Damar'yis was also on the bed near Ty'rez' feet, but was FULLY CLOTHED.
4. I asked them what they were doing and Ty'rez replied, "D wanted to play the 'dirty game' but I didn't want to." I asked Ty'rez what he meant; what "dirty game"? Ty'rez replied, "The one where you stick your peepee in your butt." I asked Ty'rez if he himself took his pants off, or if Damar'yis had taken them off of Ty'rez. Ty'rez said, "I took them off because Damar'yis kept insisting he wanted to play." Ty'rez indicated he did it even though he thought it was "nasty."
5. I then asked Damar'yis where he learned such a game. Damar'yis said, "Tyler taught me the 'dirty game' and I just wanted to play the game with Ty'rez too."
6. I calmly asked Damar'yis to tell Gramma about the "dirty game." Damar'yis was hesitant and appeared afraid. I told him it was ok; that he wasn't in trouble, but that I wanted to know what the "dirty game" was he'd learned from Tyler.
7. Damar'yis proceeded, "Tyler has been teaching me 'dirty games' to play. He wanted me to put my pee pee in his butt." Shocked, I asked him again to repeat what he'd said. I asked Damar'yis WHY he wanted to play "dirty games", and he replied, "I can't get those gross movies out of my head. He tried, but they wouldn't go away."
  1. Side note: At the end of July, Tyler came to me with Damar'yis' tablet and said, "Gramma, look was D's been watching on his tablet!" I looked and saw about three pages of history of pornographic websites (about 3 different ones a minute.) When I asked Damar'yis how he even got to those websites his reply was, "All I did was type in 'Batman and Catwoman.'" I told Damar'yis this was not something he should be looking at and he would no longer have 4Gs or use of Wifi. He said, "yes, ma'am." I thought that was the end of it and that it was just a click on the wrong site or typing incorrectly that took him to one porn site, which apparently took him to another, and another, etc. (Damar'yis, is not computer saavy.)
8. Damar'yis continued telling me about the "dirty game" saying, "When you were away Gramma, Tyler would get under the blankets naked and play dirty games. First he wanted me to get under the covers with him. Then he told me to take his teddy bear and hold it behind him (Tyler) on his butt. Then he wanted to get behind my butt. And he wanted me to get behind his butt." (Ty'rez normally came with me any time I left the house because that's when Ty'rez would CHOOSE to misbehave; Damar'yis would just play video games – or so I thought.)
9. I asked Damar'yis how long Tyler had been doing this and he said, "a long time." I said before or after vacation (July 22)? Damary'is replied, "Before." I said before or after school was out, and Damar'yis replied, "Before" (taking it back to at least May).
10. When I asked why he didn't tell me, Damar'yis said he "was afraid Tyler would get really mad"

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at him, and "I was scared not to do what he told me to do." He then again repeated, "he would always do it when you left him in charge and would leave to go somewhere".

11. I asked Ty'rez how long Damar'yis had been playing this game with him, and Ty'rez replied, "just last night when you went to pick Rain up, and then this morning...but you caught us."
12. I explained to both boys how WRONG what they were doing was. Damar'yis said, "I didn't know it was wrong; I was just playing the 'dirty game' with Ty'rez, so he could play too." I went into depth about how bad it was, especially in God's eyes, and that they were NEVER to do it again, EVER, with ANYBODY! . Ty'rez said, "yes, ma'am." Damar'yis said he wanted to pray to God to say he was sorry (which he did) and cried. I explained to both boys that what they were doing was wrong, but THEY were not bad or nasty boys. They were not to get into bed together (period); were not to get under the covers together; and no more nakedness in front of each other. They said "OK" and proceeded to play video games together the rest of the day.
13. I left the room (leaving the door OPEN) and at 8:58a I text our SisterCare counselor, Lynn Harvel, "**URGENT! CALL ME ASAP!**" She called me at 9:35a. I also left an urgent telephone message with Lauren Rosinski's office, the children's Trauma Therapist at Post Trauma Resources, who was out of the country on vacation until 8/28. I briefly explained the above situation to Ms. Lynn over the phone; she said she would be over right away. She arrived at 10:40a. She told me I needed to report it to DSS. I told her I knew that I did, but I wanted HER to hear the boys stories individually first to confirm my understanding of what happened. She agreed to do so and said both boys told her the exact same thing I had told her, except that Damar'yis added, "I didn't know it was bad until Gramma told me."
14. Tyler Mollinado (age 14, who is my great-nephew) and my grand-daughter, Nykira Rain Pollard (age 13y10m), were both still asleep; but woke up shortly. Rain was happy to see Ms. Lynn, but confused as to why she was there and said "what's wrong?" I told her and she cried hysterically. As I was hugging her, Tyler woke up and came to the room; seeing me hugging Rain crying, he turned and went back to his room.
15. After getting Rain calmed down, I called Tyler into the living room with Ms. Lynn and me. I explained to him the accusations that Damar'yis had made about teaching him the "dirty game". Tyler denied several times repeatedly ever doing anything like what Damar'yis had told me. I told him ~~he~~<sup>he</sup> was confined to his room until we got this straightened out. With no other comment, he got up and went to his room, closing the door behind him.
16. I then made the phone call (23min23sec) to DSS at 11:29a and spoke with Marrissa Witherspoon, giving her my report of the incident. She had not asked, so I then said, "Don't you want my name and address? Don't you want the kids names and birthdates?" She replied, "Oh, ok." Then she said she "will be over this afternoon to take ALL the kids from the home." I started crying, and handed the phone to Ms. Lynn. Ms. Lynn concluded the conversation, and told me I needed to have the kids start packing some clothes.
17. I gave Tyler and Rain each a white trash bag with their name on it to pack some things in. I did not tell the little boys; and packed their things myself from the clean laundry sitting in the living room from the laundrymat the day before.
18. As Ms. Witherspoon and two police officers came to the front door, I let them in and Ms. Lynn told me to go tell the little boys. I headed towards their room when Ms. Lynn said, "Gail. Wait. Come out here." Ms. Witherspoon said she had "good news." She wouldn't "be taking any of

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- the kids at this time.” The two police officers confirmed (I did not get their names). The police officers said that “she” (Marissa/DSS) needed more information and further investigation before removing the children from the home. Marissa then said a case worker would go the kids schools and interview each of them on Monday (8/24/15). She and police officers walked through house, took pictures (I believe), and spoke briefly with each child. (I heard Ty'rez ask them, “Are you going to arrest me?”) I did not accompany them.
19. On the evening of 8/22, I took Tyler his dinner and asked him if there was anything he wanted to say to me, talk about, or ask me. He flippently replied, “No, I'm good!” So I left him to himself. Tyler was confined to his room the whole weekend.
  20. On Monday (8/24), while driving Tyler to school, I again gave him the opportunity to talk to me about the allegations now that he'd had time to think. He replied, “I'm sorry.” I asked, “Sorry for what?” He replied, “For everything that happened.” I asked, “Do you want to talk to me about 'everything that happened?’” He said, “No, ma'am.” I explained to him that I couldn't help him if he didn't tell me the truth (no comment from Tyler). No further discussion until I dropped him off. Then I told him I loved him and that I would do what I could to get him help (again no comment from Tyler.)
  21. When dropping off each child at their respective schools 8/24, I went inside to explain to the Principals that a representative from DSS would be there that day to interview each child; and I wanted them to know that I was aware of the situation.
  22. When I picked the kids up from school on 8/24, each of them said they had not been interviewed. Ms. Lynn again called DSS and was informed that when it was a “child on child” act that “DSS doesn't usually get involved.”
  23. On Wednesday (8/26/15), a knock at my front door brought Ms. Atha Rose, DSS Investigator, to discuss my allegations and the report I'd called in on 8/22. We talked for approximately two hours; Ms. Rose commended me for my efforts in keeping the children separated, and not left alone with or without each other. She took pictures of the house; and left saying she was going to each of the schools to speak with each of the children individually (which I confirmed later with the children.) I heard no more from DSS until Thursday (9/3).
  24. On Monday (8/31), Trauma Therapist, Lauren Rosinski, back from vacation, returned my call at 2:31p. She indicated she wanted to talk to Damar'yis first; an appointment was scheduled for 9a on Wed (9/2). Their four regularly set appointments were scheduled for the next week, 9/8 and 9/10.
  25. On 9/2, Damar'yis was talking with Lauren while I was in the waiting room when I received a text message from Denise Gaddy in Virginia at 10:23a as follows:

“Found web sites 100's of viewings on Pages (7-yr old grand-daughter) iPad of boy on boy boys penises ebony sex sites big boobs and Page has been going back into these sites all month (of course spelling it wrong) in the beginning it was spelled correctly. Page did not even know how to google. There's also group sex scary sex. She's been having nightmares and we haven't known why and she won't tell. These dates on the iPad started while you guys were here and she has continued since then. I couldn't reach you so I called Malissa and she told me what's going on and I'm physically sick. First I want you to know this is not your fault but I also wanted you to know its reached out farther than your aware. I have to talk with my pastor cause I don't know what to do.

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Tyler told me he downloaded games for Page. To many cause it almost used my 10 gigs. When I saw the streaming I almost died. Is there any chance something was done to her and that's why she's having all these nightmares? I sick."

- 26. When I talked with Lauren, I showed her the above text message. She said Damar'yis told her enough to know that something happened, but wouldn't go into much detail. Lauren and I discussed options for treatment for Tyler since DSS said they don't get involved with child on child sexual abuse issues. Lauren offered me two locations to contact: Epworth Childrens Home and William S. Hall (but Hall needed DSS referral). Lauren asked me if I was willing to place Tyler at Epworth privately if DSS would not make a referral. I said, "Absolutely!" Then Lauren asked if I was comfortable telling Tyler and taking him there. I replied, "Absolutely NOT!" (after PTSD reaction to me last March). She told me to call Epworth to see about availability (which I did at 12:22p and left a message; Erinne Roggers returned my call at 5:09p, saying she would call and discuss this with Lauren).
- 27. On the way to take Damar'yis back to school after his appointment, I mentioned to him that Ms. Lauren said he didn't really want to talk about what happened. He said, "no, ma'am; I was embarrassed." I told Damar'yis that I wanted to ask him more questions then. And he said, "OK". I asked him, "When playing the 'dirty game' with Tyler, would Tyler put his peepee in your 'butt'? Or your 'butt hole'?" Damar'yis replied, "yes and yes". I then asked him if he (Damar'yis) "put his peepee in Tyler's 'butt', or Tyler's 'butt hole'?" Damary'is replied "yes and no...his butt cheeks, not the butt hole. I didn't want to."
- 28. Meanwhile, I decided that if I had to do this myself that I would go talk to the local police unit to ask if they would be at the house when I told Tyler and then "escort" Tyler and I to Epworth, if it came to that. I told my story to the wonderful gal at the local police office. She called Sgt. Thomas (SVU); he told me to come down to the SVU office immediately; which I did.
- 29. Inspector Odom interviewed me. I told her the whole story, including what I had just found out this morning about how far the "dirty game" had gone. Inspector Odom said she would talk to Ms. Lauren and Ms. Lynn and her supervisor and would definitely call me on Thursday (9/3).
- 30. On 9/3 at 9:29a, Atha Rose (DSS) called me to find out "where we stand with moving forward with the case." I told her about my meeting with Lauren and about looking into Epworth to place Tyler. She said she couldn't make a referral to Epworth for Tyler because he was not in the foster care system. Ms. Rose said she would call Lauren and speak with her directly.
- 31. Then at 11:50a (just 2hr20min later), Ms. Rose called to say that all four children had been brought to DSS by the police and placed in DSS protective custody.

Statement as typed by Gail Gaddy Gorman on 9/9/15.

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Thurs. 9/10/15  
@ 2pm*

*She read and  
I signed*

*X Gail Gaddy Gorman*