

Plea for Help!

January 5, 2016

The Honorable Nikki R. Haley
Office of The Governor
1205 Pendleton Street
Columbia, South Carolina 29201

Dear Governor Haley

I am writing you today in hopes that you will intercede on behalf of my great grandson, Caleb Pasanen. Caleb presently resides with his biological father, Steven Elliot Britt, in Hamer South Carolina. He is being held hostage!

Steven has held Caleb hostage since June, 2013. He picked Caleb up for visitation but refused to return him to his family in Lumberton, North Carolina.

I am Caleb's great grandmother. I was unaware of this turn of events until May of 2014. I myself was battling cancer and was out of touch with his mother and stepfather. When I learned what happened I questioned why he (Steven Britt) was allowed to get away with this action no definitive answer was given; however, during my questioning I learned that Caleb was not attending school. And that he was being physically abused.

I learned there was nothing I could do concerning who he was living with. But I did contact Dillon County DSS Director, Karen English. I went to her office to report Caleb's lack of schooling. She dialed Child Care Services and gave me the phone to state my concerns, which was the lack of schooling and physical abuse.

I was told that because I was not a parent I would receive no reports concerning Caleb's status.

On Sunday January 3, 2016 I spoke with my daughter Melissa Pasanen (Caleb's grandmother) and learned that Caleb was still with Steven E. Britt and that Caleb is now being padlocked in his bedroom. This latest atrocity is most definitely child endangerment.

I am asking (begging) you, Governor Haley, to look into this situation. I think you will agree that DSS has not done their job. This child needs a champion. Please! Governor Haley, look into this.

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Please contact me at the above address or phone# if there is anything
I can do to expedite this situation. Also to let me know your decision.

With Gratitude



Ellen Hardin

P.S.

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