
From: Nick Page <nickpage1978@hotmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, January 20, 2015 10:06 PM
To: jay.riley@dss.sc.gov
Cc: Suzy Cole; Marlanda Dekine; Da Wife; abledsoe@cityofwoodruff.com; billchumley@schouse.gov; Haley, Nikki
Subject: RE: Letter from DSS

Ava's name, my 7 year old little girl who bravely brought this forward, need not be mentioned in this letter. As a matter of fact, you need to send an apology letter (to the other parents clearing my daughters name) saying you and your subordinates mishandled this case further endangering, slandering and defaming my daughter. The entire "investigation" was illegally conducted, without conferring with CAC and the local Woodruff PD, and I would like to add the only ones who genuinely cared for my daughter's well being and safety. As a matter of fact, I can easily infer Richard worked directly against them, within a few days of filing the police report he shows up at the school looking for my daughter without contacting me, calls and harasses my wife, shows up at my house all of which hinder any chance of justice. I promise, I will not let you or anybody hurt my family any further. I am at my limit, you and your staff are not competent enough to handle this case. If you can't protect an innocent child, just don't pursue the case. Let me point out a few facts for you and everyone cc'd on this email (Marlanda, Suzy, Chief Bledsoe, Rep, Chumley, thank you all for your compassion and leaving no doubt in my mind you actually do make a positive difference in many lives each and everyday), since Governor Haley hasn't found time for her or anyone in her office to call my wife back after a week, DSS in Columbia obviously has more problems that need to be brought to the attention of our county and state law makers. Let me quote you from our conversation

- "Mr Williams was in a hurry to close the case"
- "he made a mistake"
- "he did not have all the facts"
- "i was not in the office that week and did not sign the letter, another supervisor signed my name"

I advise you to take your next steps under careful consideration, my family has been harmed enough.

Date: Tue, 20 Jan 2015 17:04:42 -0500
Subject: RE: Letter from DSS
From: marlanda@cacsp.org
To: nickpage1978@hotmail.com
CC: Jay.Riley@dss.sc.gov; suzy@cacsp.org

Hello Mr. Riley,

It may be helpful for you to review the videos of the interview held at our office. The information you have is a summary of the interview. Please send your physical address and I will have a video released to you.

Thank you,

On Jan 20, 2015 4:41 PM, "Nick Page" <nickpage1978@hotmail.com> wrote:

Let's get another opinion. Ava was forced to touch those boys.

Sent from my Verizon Wireless 4G LTE smartphone

----- Original message -----

From: Nick Page <nickpage1978@hotmail.com>

Date: 01/20/2015 4:37 PM (GMT-05:00)

To: "Riley, Jay" <Jay.Riley@dss.sc.gov>

Cc:

Subject: RE: Letter from DSS

I disagree, the reason you don't have all the information is because the boys were never interviewed by cac because your employee spoke to them 1st.

Sent from my Verizon Wireless 4G LTE smartphone

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From: "Riley, Jay" <Jay.Riley@dss.sc.gov>

Date: 01/20/2015 4:33 PM (GMT-05:00)

To: Nick Page <nickpage1978@hotmail.com>

Cc:

Subject: RE: Letter from DSS

The information that I have from the Advocacy Center doesn't specify if forced or not forced.

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From: Nick Page [mailto:nickpage1978@hotmail.com]

Sent: Tuesday, January 20, 2015 4:30 PM

To: Riley, Jay
Subject: RE: Letter from DSS

I think it needs to say the boys forced Ava, that it what happened. This is just being sent to me?

From: Jay.Riley@dss.sc.gov
To: nickpage1978@hotmail.com
Subject: RE: Letter from DSS
Date: Tue, 20 Jan 2015 20:50:13 +0000
Mr. Page,
As promised last week, I completed an amended Determination Fact Sheet. Please review and let me know if you have any further concerns. I will be mailing this out to you. Jay

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From: Nick Page [<mailto:nickpage1978@hotmail.com>]
Sent: Friday, January 16, 2015 6:40 AM
To: Tracey Sammons; abledsoe@cityofwoodruff.com; billchumley@schouse.gov; Williams, Richard; Riley, Jay
Cc: Da Wife
Subject: RE: Letter from DSS

All

Rep. Chumley, I am sorry to bring you in on this again. I can not get answers from anyone else, and I know you can run this up the right chain of command. To summarize (to keep from having to sift through the thread):

1. I received the attached letter the evening of 1/14/15, immediately floored:

1. To start with, the letter was sent to the daycare, with Ava's name attached cc'd to the parents of the boys who assaulted her
2. We were told from the very beginning, Evidence Officer Knighton and Tracy, cc'd here can confirm, "Ava's name will never be disclosed, to anyone, they will never know who reported them. It is not like you see on TV" I believed this, although I was very worried and fairly certain powers of deduction could be used fairly easily by the involved parties.
3. No sooner than 5 days had passed and my wife is calling me at work extremely upset that this clearly incompetent Richard Williams (don't worry Richard, I have plenty more facts to support my claim "Serving Children and Families", you are a poor excuse for anyone you may work with that actually does.) is calling her from somewhere at Ava's school, try to find her, and the boys I later found out (where the mother of 1 works, so he really blew any anonymity Ava had already), demanding she be pulled from class, she was already in the car with my dad, wanted him to pull over or bring her back in the school, ("he needed to lay eyes on her") my wife told him no, he could come to our house, where he tried to question Ava, which again we were told would not happen.
4. I called Richard no less than 10 times at the number given on the document for questions, left 4 or 5 voice mails and have yet to hear back.
5. I called Marlanda Dekine at CAC to find out why she told us after interviewing Ava, that there was no way Ava was lying, but yet as you can read from Richard's report, he states "Ava disclosed she touched the boys inappropriately". Of course she did Richard, the whole investigation was because of that, you left out several important facts and adverbs, SHE WAS FORCED!!! Marlanda (and yes, Richard you spelled her name wrong on the report) was in session when I called (I wish I had her email so I could loop her in as well) she has plenty to say about Richard. One of Marlanda's colleagues or supervisors (can not remember, sorry) called me back within 10 minutes because Marlanda had already came to her furious over Richard's slanderous, poor excuse of an investigation letter with no concern what so ever for my daughter was sent to everyone. She stated Marlanda had called Richard numerous times throughout the investigation, he never returned her calls and her report in no way said what Richard put in his. If I was one of the other parents', it reads as if Ava touched them. Marlanda and her colleague were trying to follow up on how Richard could have possibly screwed this up so bad yesterday last time we talked.
6. Not to mention the thorough investigation of the daycare, great questions. If I was being accused of neglect, I would say "the kids are never out of my sight as well". "it takes 10 minutes to drive to school" did you fact check that Richard, did you time them and follow the bus from when it left at 730 from the daycare, made rounds to all the schools? If they did that in no less than 10 minutes at 730 am, Chief Bledsoe would probably be very interested to know exactly how fast she is driving. Also, last point on the daycare, we did not report this assault to them because when found out, we reported to Officer Knighton and Tracy, we were told to not communicate with them in anyway. Besides the fact that if my child is being molested, why in the hell would I simply tell the daycare and send her back?

7. The two kids that assaulted Ava were never even interviewed and never cooperated from my understanding.

In closing, Richard, I am very upset with you, obviously you follow different rules or live in some kind of fantasy land. If I had ever turned in something like that at work, with the unverified facts, misstated reports, grammatical errors and lack of content with no concern for the very people your organizations Mission and Vision to protect, I would be fired. You need to seriously rethink your profession. You need to call Marlanda, Tracy, my wife and apologize for your mishandling of this investigation. I would expect a retraction to be sent with statements that say the boys forced Ava to do inappropriate things. You may think you operated within the laws and policies of your investigation, but there are lines you crossed, and there are stones you did not turn. I will protect my family and my daughters name. You have pretty much forced me to move away from Woodruff, a town I have lived in for 36 years, wanted my daughters to enjoy, leave my house I remodeled with my dad, put stress on my wife who has stage 4 kidney disease and pulmonary disease and is wheel chair bound. Let me be clear, I am not threatening, I am serious though, this will not simply go away for you Richard. DSS does not need to be in the press again or be sued for slander.

Thank you all, as soon as I can get Marlanda's email, I will loop her in too.
I am very busy today, if anyone tries to call, leave a message if I cant answer, I will call back. 864-706-0990
You may also reach my wife at 864-706-7262

Nick Page

Date: Thu, 15 Jan 2015 10:50:12 -0500

Subject: Re: Letter from DSS

From: tsammons@cityofwoodruff.com

To: nickpage1978@hotmail.com

Hi Nick

I have contacted the CAC Marlanda Dekine and spoke to her about this. I am also giving my boss (Chief Bledsoe) a copy of this report. I am working on this and I am trying to get you some answers.

*Tracey D Sammons
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On Thu, Jan 15, 2015 at 10:40 AM, Nick Page <nickpage1978@hotmail.com> wrote:

Please follow up on this. This is unacceptable in my opinion. We were told on multiple occasions Ava's name would be kept out of this. The report is inconsistent with what Marlanda told us, it reads as if Ava touched these boys. Also, of course if I owned a daycare, I would say the children were supervised. I see no statement from the 2 kids that started this crap. Ava now sees these kids everyday at school and we live in a small town where word gets around. I am disgusted with how this was handled. We should never have reported this, Ava was a victim, is a victim again, and now, because this idiot sent this letter to everyone, she and our entire family look like liars. I want a detailed report of who dropped the ball, why and how Ava's name was released.

Sent from my Verizon Wireless 4G LTE smartphone

----- Original message -----

From: brooke page <brookepage@live.com>

Date: 01/15/2015 9:26 AM (GMT-05:00)

To: tsammons@cityofwoodruff.com

Cc: Nick Page <nickpage1978@hotmail.com>

Subject: Letter from DSS

Tracy ,

Attached is the letter we received from DSS yesterday.

Thanks

Brooke Page

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