

SWORN AFFIDAVIT OF JEFF HOVERSON

I swear under the penalty of perjury of the laws of the State of California that the statements and facts contained in this affidavit are true and correct.

My name is Jeff Hoverson. I am the son of Donald Hoverson and Karen Anderson, and I am the brother of Kami and Stacey Hoverson. My phone number is [REDACTED] I am over the age of 18 and can competently testify to the facts as stated in this affidavit.

I am writing this affidavit to correct all the false statements the court made on March 17, 2005 about my testimony in the Feb. 22-24, 05 trial about my sisters' custody, so that the truth can be on the court record. I also want to make it 100% clear to the court what the truth is about what my father is like, what kind of parent he is, and how being in his custody is **NOT** in my sisters' best interest, as I said in my testimony and in the 2 declarations I wrote that were filed with the court to be used for the trial.

My first (7 page) declaration was written on Sept. 23, 2003 and was filed on April 6, 2004, as part of my mother's motion for a change of custody. My second (2 page) declaration was written on April 21, 2004 and was filed on May 6, 2004, as part of an opposition to my father's request for my sisters to have another court appointed attorney. I am attaching those declarations as exhibits to this affidavit.

I.

False Statements Made by the Court About My Testimony

On March 17, 2005, the court made all the following false statements about the testimony I gave on Feb. 23-24, 2005:

1. The court's ruling says, "He's testified that he recalled his sister Tammy (Kami) making those statements as to how she liked to live with her dad." **This is a false statement.**

The truth about my testimony is: I did not say that my sister Kami said she liked living with our dad. *I said exactly the opposite.* I testified: that after we were put in our father's custody, Kami specifically said that she did *not* want to live with our dad and did *not* like living with him. I have *never* heard my sister Kami say she likes living with our dad.

2. The court's ruling says, "And he also said when he drew that conclusion that Cammie (Kami) said, yes, she like to live with her dad, that was the only incident he had or evidence he had of how Cammie (Kami) felt about living with her father. She said either yes or I know what you mean. He said that Cammie (Kami) said nothing else on this subject. **These are all false statements!!!**

The truth about my testimony is: I testified: that about a year before I left my father's custody, I told my sisters, both Kami *and* Stacey, that I didn't want to live with our father because I was sick of him interrogating us every time we came back from seeing our mom and then getting mad at us if we said anything positive about being with our mom, that I was tired of

being afraid all the time and having to lie and pretend I liked living there, and that I was tired of my dad making me feel guilty for loving my mom and wanting to be with her. When I said that to Kami and Stacey, they *both* agreed with me and said “Yeah, we know how you feel,” which means that they also felt the same way, that they *don’t* like living with our dad for the same reasons. I also testified that I witnessed Kami crying about what a “horrible” life she has in our father’s custody (which is also in my declaration on page 7), which means that I *did* have other evidence of how Kami feels about living with our father, and that evidence shows she does *not* like living with our father.

3. The court’s ruling says, “His statement, again, was ‘I never heard Stacey or Tammy (Kami) say how they felt about living with Dad.’” **This is another false statement.**

The truth about my testimony is: I testified that I heard Kami outright say she didn’t like living with our dad and that her life is “horrible” with him, just like I said in #2 above. I also testified that both Kami *and* Stacey directly told me that they were mad at me for moving out and “just leaving them there,” and that they told me they felt like I abandoned them. It should be obvious to anyone that this shows that Kami and Stacey are not happy where they are, and feel “stuck” there.

4. The court’s ruling says, “Jeff testified that before he left his dad’s home, the girls appeared to be unhappy, both quiet, seldom went out, but did go to Awana, our church social youth group. He said they seem to be content to watch TV a lot.” **This is partly false.**

The truth about my testimony is: I testified that both of my sisters were like this *from the time we were put in our father’s custody*. The court left that part out to make it sound like my sisters were just temporarily like this right before I left, but that’s not true. They have *always* been unhappy, withdrawn, and depressed ever since they were put in our father’s custody. It has just gotten worse over time.

5. The court’s ruling says, “But the episode was he failed to tell his mother of his high school graduation date. Okay. Senior high. I’ve got H.S. for high school but it might have been junior high. That he had a ticket only for his dad, and he had a graduation party with his friends at the American Legion Hall... The essence of the testimony was that at the time he had only so many tickets for a high school or junior high graduation, and his dad came to one and his mother did not.” **This totally confuses what I said, and misses the entire point of my testimony.**

The truth about my testimony is: I testified: that at the time of my *junior high* graduation anyone who went to the graduation had to have a ticket, even to get on the field, because space was so limited. I testified that I knew my father would be enraged with me if I invited my mom, so I didn’t get her a ticket because I was too afraid of my dad’s anger to risk inviting her. I testified that when my mom asked me when the graduation was, I lied to her, since I didn’t get her a ticket. I testified that I felt hurt that I couldn’t invite my mom and that she couldn’t see me graduate from 8th grade. I testified that having to lie to her made me feel very guilty. The party at the American Legion Hall was for my *high school* graduation. I testified that I invited my sisters to my high school graduation party at the American Legion Hall, but they didn’t come.

The whole point of my testimony about my 8th grade graduation was so the court could know and understand how much anxiety and fear I felt because of my father's hateful attitude toward my mom, so much that I felt I had to lie to my mother to avoid my father's rage and retaliation. My father's hateful attitude toward my mom, and his "rule" that she couldn't be involved in my life, caused me to be afraid to invite my own mom to participate in a major event in my childhood, that all parents normally participate in. It caused me to miss out on a real feeling of family, not having my mom there.

6. The court's ruling says, "He did testify that he got a Christmas gift, however, from his father." **This is also a false statement.**

The truth about my testimony is: *I said exactly the opposite.* I testified: that when I live with my father, I got gifts for Christmas and birthdays, but after I moved to my mom's house, my father no longer gave me gifts. I specifically said that I did not get a Christmas gift from my father this year. I testified that I sent my father and his wife a Christmas card but I didn't get anything in return, not a gift, and not even a card. This shows that the fear of retribution by my father for showing love for my mother, which I felt for all the years I lived with my father, was justified. My father did exactly what I knew he would do. He retaliated against me when I outwardly showed my love for my mother and determined myself that she would be a part of my life by going to live with her.

The court should also know that I just had my birthday on April 19th and my father did not acknowledge me in any way on my birthday. I didn't get a gift or even a card from him.

7. The court's ruling says, "She testified at a later date that she remembered—Jeff stated that he remembered Kami saying that if his mom were a christian, she would not make me make up time with mom." **This is a false statement and is exactly the opposite of what I said.**

The truth about my testimony is: First of all, I am incorrectly referred to here as "she" instead of "he" and I testified that it was my *father* who would say my mother wasn't a Christian, not my sister!!! I testified that my father would tell my sisters and me, "If you're mother was a *real* Christian, she wouldn't say you have to make up visitation time." I specifically told the court that my father would say this to my sisters as well as to me. I even told the court about a particular time when my father said this to my sisters and me while we were in the car.

The court should also know that my father would say this a lot, making it cover all kinds of different circumstances. We spent a lot of time at church, so my father saying this to my sisters and me was a way for him to portray our mother to us as "un-christian," to try to make us think that she did not deserve to be honored, as the Bible says "Honor your father and your mother." Occasionally, our father would even tell us that our mother was "evil." I talked about this in my declaration on page 6 when I said, "I was not allowed to 'honor my mother and my father.' Instead I was only allowed to honor my father."

8. The court's ruling says, "According to Jeff, he testified, a lot of my problems at Dad's was caused by the fact that I had to visit my mom, and this caused work conflicts...But he wanted to the opportunity to work weekends, but it was disconcerting to him when that conflicted with—his work schedule conflicted with his mother's visitation..." **These are false statements.**

The truth about my testimony is: I testified: that *I did not want to work* on the weekends I was to be with my mom because it was the only time I got to see her. I testified that my father was angry at me and ridiculed me because I didn't want to work on the weekends I could spend with my mom. I testified that my father lied to the court, saying I wanted to work every weekend instead of visiting my mother. I testified that it was fine with my boss if I only worked every other weekend and that it was upsetting to me that my father and my attorney were using my work as an excuse to lie to the court and try to keep me from having any weekends with my mom.

I also talked about this situation on page 1 of my 2 page declaration, which the court was suppose to have read. There I talk about how as soon as I said I wanted to work, my father and my attorney Larry Dixon, rushed to court to try to stop all my visits with my mom by using my wanting to work as an excuse. I said in my declaration that they both lied to the court by saying I was the one who wanted a motion to stop visits with my mom, when it was really *them* who wanted to stop the visits with my mom. This was another example of how my father (and my attorney) used me as a pawn to try to hurt my mom, knowing that it would hurt my mom to block me from visiting her. My father didn't care that this would also hurt me. All that mattered to him was that he could hurt my mom.

9. The court's ruling says, "So he said it was somewhat better when he moved because no make-up time was required after he moved into his mother's house." **This is a false statement.**

The truth about my testimony is: I testified: that when I lived with my father I never had to make up time for work because I *chose* not to work on my mom's weekends. I testified that I never complained about making up time if I wanted to go somewhere else on my mom's weekends, and that I was happy to make up the time because I wanted to see my mom as much as possible. I also testified that my father would try to interfere with arrangements my mom and I made together to adjust the visitation schedule.

10. The court's ruling says, "He testified that his father, Mr. Hoverson, never physically harmed him in any way." **This statement misrepresents my safety in my father's custody.**

The truth about my testimony is: I testified: that even though my father had not physically hit me, I lived in fear for my physical safety, because of my father's anger and aggressiveness. I also talked about my father's aggressiveness in my declaration on page 3 when I said, "My dad had started showing aggression. It was not assertiveness, it was aggression."

11. The court's ruling says about me moving out of my dad's house, "He said his dad's wife was also supportive in a way. He said his dad was not upset." **These are false statements.**

The truth about my testimony is: I did *not* say that my father's wife was supportive. I testified that my father's wife stood in the doorway of my room and didn't say anything at all. She just stood there. Also, I did *not* say my father was not upset. *I said exactly the opposite.* I testified that he *was* upset, but he didn't say very much.

12. The court's ruling says, "He testified that he does not dislike his father; he instead loves his father." **This is a false statement.**

The truth about my testimony is: I was not asked if I *liked* my father, so I didn't tell the court whether I like him or not. I was asked if I hate my father and I said, "Hate is a pretty strong word." Then I was asked if I love my father and I said yes.

There is a part of me that loves my father because he is part of me, but I don't *like* my father. He's controlling, abusive, and dishonest. The person he pretends to be in public is 180 degrees from what he is really like in private.

13. The court's ruling says, "He said he felt guilty about the many proceedings involving this custody and visitation." **This is a false statement.**

The truth about my testimony is: I testified about the court proceedings: that I felt guilty because when I lived with my father I had to tell the court evaluator (Diane Goodman) whatever I knew my father wanted me to say to protect myself against my father's anger and retaliation. I testified that I knew my father would get a copy of the evaluator's report and would know what I said to her, so I couldn't tell her I wanted to live with my mom, because I was afraid of what my father might do to me if he found out I said that. It wasn't the *proceedings* I felt guilty about, it was having to hide my feelings and lie that made me feel guilty.

On page 3 of my 7 page declaration I also talked about having to lie when I said, "I had to lie so often. At church people would walk up to me and ask me if I like living with my dad, and since he was standing right there I would fake a smile and say yes. I knew if I said no he wouldn't do anything at church, but I didn't know what he would do later at his house." Having to lie all the time and hide my true feelings is what made me feel guilty.

14. The court's ruling says that I testified that my father "never said bad things about my mother." **This is a false statement.**

The truth about my testimony is: I testified: I did not say that my father *never* said bad thing about my mother. I said my mother said my father was stubborn and my father didn't say anything bad about my mother *at that exact time*. I also said my mother told my sisters and me that it was important for us to love our father. These statements referred to the time *before* my sisters and I were put in my father's custody, and even before my sisters said my father molested them. I testified that *after* my sisters and I were put in our father's custody, our father told my sisters and I that our mother was "crazy," and he *constantly* blamed and ridiculed our mother to us.

It is extremely important that the court understands that for all the time I was in my father's custody, he never said anything good about my mother to my sisters and me, ever. Everything my father ever said about my mother to my sisters and me was negative, blaming, and hateful. I already said this on page 2 of my 7 page declaration, which the court was suppose to have read: There I said, "The *only* words said about my mom were *unhappy* words." Then on page 4, I said "Apparently the court thought that if my sisters or I were left alone with my mom that she'd tell us bad things about our dad, which I can't ever recall happening. (On the other hand, I can recall my dad saying bad things about my mom quite often.)"

II.

False Impressions in the Court's Ruling

Grades

My father tried to make the court think I did better in school when I lived with him than when I lived with my mother. He tried to make the court think that this showed I was better off in his custody, and it sounds like the court believed this. However, that is not true. The truth is this: Before I was put in my father's custody, my mom had been homeschooling me (and my sister Kami) for 2 years and both of us got the best grades we have ever gotten in our lives, mostly all A's. Then my father got the court to order us back into public school, even though we were getting superb grades and we didn't want to go to public school. I especially liked home school because my best friend Paul, who was also home schooled, would spend the night at my house on Wednesdays and have school with me on Thursdays. However, despite our objections, right in the middle of a semester, my sister Kami and I were suddenly yanked out of our home schooling and put into public school, where we were dumped into a whole different place in the curriculum. (In home school we were actually way ahead of the public school curriculum.) It was hard for me to adjust, and I really missed my friend Paul, so my grades fell slightly when I transferred to public school. The next fall, which is also when I was put in my father's custody, I started school with everyone else so my grades came back up, but they were never as good as when I lived with my mom. My grades didn't go up because I was doing better with my father. They had gone down because my father forced me to be removed from home school and put into public school in the middle of a semester.

In high school my grades fell dramatically, as my depression over living in my father's custody worsened. I had been controlled, oppressed, and emotionally abused by my father for so long by that time, that I found it hard to concentrate and care about anything, including my grades. I didn't even want to live any more. So all in all, my grades were the best they ever were when I lived with my mom, and worst they ever were when I lived with my father.

Visitation time with my mother

The court's ruling makes it sound like my mother was somehow responsible for problems with visitation. Nothing could possibly be further from the truth! My father is solely responsible for any problems with visitations with our mom. For all the years I lived with my father, he did everything he possibly could to interfere with our visitations with our mom and make the visits a problem for us, so that he could go to court and try to stop us from seeing our mom at all. My mom was always willing to be flexible but our father caused problems with the visitation by demanding total control and refusing to agree to any changes we suggested or our mother suggested. It was our father who caused problems, *not* our mother.

Our father made it extremely clear to my sisters and me that we should hide any information about our lives from our mom, that we were not allowed to tell our mom anything about our homework, our after school activities or church activities, about when and where we went on vacations, to summer camp, to visit friends out of town, what friends we hung out with at school, what we did on weekends, etc. And above all, we were not allowed to talk to our mom about our feelings. Our father required us to keep everything about our lives a secret from our

mother. When we moved the first time to Pearl Court, we were not allowed to tell our mom we moved. We were specifically instructed never to give our mother our address or phone number. Several years later, when my father got married to Shirlee, we did not even tell our mother that our dad got married. He didn't have to instruct us not to tell our mother about this because by that time we had been so well trained not to tell our mom anything about our lives that we didn't need instructions or threats any more. It had become an unwritten law. So when we moved again from Pearl Court to into Shirlee's house on Mc Kenzie Dr., our mother once again didn't know where we were living and we couldn't tell her.

I can remember that the year before I moved back to my mom, when I was 16, my mom took my sisters and me on a vacation to Las Vegas to see our brother Chris and his wife and our nephew. We took the Amatrack train, so we had to put our luggage on the train. When I found out that I had to write my address on a tag for my suitcase, I was scared and didn't know what to do. I realized that if my suitcase got lost and sent to my dad's house, he would find out that I wrote my address in a place where my mom could see it and he would be furious with me. This made me uncomfortable for the whole trip worrying about what might happen to me if my suitcase got lost on the way there or on the way back.

Having to keep everything secret from my mom and constantly worrying about slipping up and telling her something "forbidden" when I visited her, basically spoiled my ability to enjoy the visits with my mom and have a close relationship with her, which is exactly what my father wanted. However, the worst part was the fear and dread of returning to my father after visits with my mother and being interrogated about every detail of the visit to see if my sisters or me broke any of his "secrecy rules," or felt the unthinkable—that we had a good time with our mom. We were interrogated about where we went, who we saw, who we talked to, what we said to our mom, what we ate, what my mother said and did during the visits, who she talked to on the phone, etc. Sometime our father would try to get us to find out stuff about our mom as if we were spying on her, like grilling us about whose car was in her driveway and things like that. Then my father would find some way to make everything we said about the visit into something negative about our mom and try to use that against her. He would make faces of disapproval, say sarcastic things, and ridicule our mom. I know that my father did this to deliberately try to ruin the visits with our mom, hoping that eventually the trauma of his interrogations, blaming, and guilt trips would eventually make us feel that visiting our mom wasn't worth what we had to come home to and endure.

My mom was just the opposite. She never asked us questions about our father or about life at our father's house. She never mentioned him at all. So it was a relief to be with our mother, up until the time we had to leave to go home and face our father's interrogation.

Make up visitation time

Most of the time when my sisters or I wanted to do something with our friends during our weekend visitation time with our mom, she didn't ask us to use a pass or make up visitation time. She usually only did that if we were going to completely miss a visitation or be gone for a big part of the visitation. There was never a single time that my mom told my sisters or me that we couldn't do something we wanted to do that conflicted with our visitations with her, without allowing us to go and make up the visitation at some other time. This would have worked out great so that we could still do things we wanted to do with our friends and also not miss seeing

our mom, except that our father would not allow us to cooperate with our mom on making up the time, even when we wanted to. If we suggested to our father exchanging visitation time with our mom, our father would get angry, give us dirty looks, and make up lies and excuses why we couldn't do that. Our mom was *always* cooperative about allowing us freedom with the visitations. Our father was *never* cooperative, which is the testimony I gave in the trial. So once again, it wasn't our mom who caused problems with making up visitation, it was our father. It was all part of his attempt to control us, keep us from our mom, and destroy our relationship with her.

III.

Why Kami and Stacey Should Not be in the Custody of Their Father

How my father destroys my sisters' relationship with our mother

From the minute my sisters and I were put in our father's custody, our lives drastically changed, for the worse. Our father's hatred, bitterness, and hostility for our mother is the focus of his life, and he made it the focus of mine and my sisters' lives too, by using us to get revenge on our mother. Our daily lives revolved around my father's attempts to destroy our relationship with our mother and cut her out of our lives. For all the years I lived in my father's custody, he tried to convince my sisters and me that our mother was crazy. He did this to try to make us distrust her and be afraid of her, so he could damage the bond we had with her, and ruin our relationship with her.

Our father controlled us through fear and guilt. I would have to say that he is a "master" at using guilt to control. He controlled who we spoke to, what we said, who we were friends with, and he isolated us from everyone we loved and wanted to be with. Being put in his custody not only cut us off from our mom and hurt our relationship with her, but it also hurt our relationship with our friends because we were cut off from them too. We became afraid to even speak to our old friends when we would see them in town, because of fear of our father's anger. My fear was so great that I wouldn't speak to my mom's friends even when my father was not around because I never knew if it would somehow get back to him that I'd spoken to my mom's friends. We also lost contact with our brothers and all the rest of my mom's family, so a whole half of our family vanished from our lives.

Our father isolated my sisters and me from anyone who might have helped us get back to our mom, and he forced us to associate only with people who believed all his lies about being innocent of molesting my sisters and my mom being "crazy." As I said in my testimony, our father was hostile toward anyone who was friendly to our mom, and we were not allowed to associate with anyone who even *knew* my mother, because everyone who knows her knows that she's a good person, a good mom, and she's not crazy, she's extremely intelligent. However, our father did not want my sisters and me to receive any good impressions of our mother from anyone. Like I testified, my mother was the opposite. She wasn't hostile to people who knew my father. And as I testified, I was present with my mom last Christmas when my mom bumped into my maternal grandmother in Walmart and my mom was very nice and friendly to her, which helped me to feel comfortable in that situation.

Molest of my sisters

I watched every one of the videotapes with the sheriff and with my mom, about what my father said and what my sisters said about him molesting them. I have known my sisters all of my life. I have known my father all of my life. *There is no doubt in my mind at all* that my father molested my sisters. It was obvious to me from the kinds of things my sister said, and how traumatized she was by having to talk about what happened to her, that she was telling the truth.

Also, I knew that my father regularly went into my sisters' bedroom at night and closed the door, which was suspicious because except for that, my father would not allow our bedroom doors to be closed. When my father went into my sisters' room, he would stay there for a long time (which I testified about at the trial.) I always had a very hard time going to sleep at my father's house, so I would be awake for a long time, sometimes for several hours. For all the time I was awake, my father would be in my sisters' room. He would still be in my sisters' room when I finally fell asleep.

After my sisters told the sheriff about our father molesting them, and I told the sheriff about knowing that my father was going into my sisters' room at night because I shared a room with him, my father made a separate room for me in the garage. Being in a separate room, I wouldn't know when he went into my sisters' room at night. It was also obvious to me from watching my father's interview with the sheriff, that my father was lying about everything to cover up what he did to my sisters. And just like I have seen him do all my life in other circumstances, he tried to put the blame someone else. First he tried to blame my sisters and me by saying we were liars, then tried to blame my mother by saying she made up the sexual abuse, and then he contradicted himself and said the evidence showed my sisters were molested but it must have been one of my older brothers who molested them. So actually, he admitted that my sisters were molested, but he tried to pin the blame on someone else, my brother Mark. Because of what my father did to my sisters, when I get married and have kids, I will never allow them to be around my father or even know him.

As I stated in my testimony, my father constantly told my sisters and me that it was all our own fault that we were taken away from our mom and lost all our friends, because we told the sheriff about what he did. This was one of the major, constant guilt trips he layed on us. Now that I am older, I realize that he did this to make my sisters and I feel so guilty and afraid of more blame, that we wouldn't ever talk about his abuse to the sheriff again. Then my father got our court appointed therapist, Marsha Nohl, and our court appointed attorney, Larry Dixon, to also lay guilt trips on us, and threaten us to keep quiet about our father. Marsha Nohl would have my father and Larry Dixon come into our "therapy" sessions (which were *not* therapeutic) and they would all sit together side by side, directly facing my sisters and me. Then all 3 of them would tell us that our mother was crazy and a liar, and that our father didn't abuse us so we should like living with him and basically, forget that we even had a mother. At the time, I couldn't understand why my therapist and my attorney would gang up with my father to trash my mother to my sisters and me. Now I realize that they were being paid to cover up the court's wrong rulings and hide my father's abuse of my sisters and me.

IV. Setting the Record Straight

I testified that my mother was the one who always took care of my sisters and me when my parents were married, and that she has always been loving and supportive of me, and she has never tried to interfere with my relationship with my father. This is also in my declaration on page 6. The focus of my mother's life has always been on my sisters and me, protecting us from harm, keeping us healthy, having a close bond with us, and going the extra mile for us.

My father is exactly the opposite. As I stated before, my father focuses his whole life on getting revenge on my mother in any way he can. For all the years I lived with my father, any time something upset him, he would find some way to blame my mother, and then tell my sisters and me how our mother was ruining his life and our lives. My father also made it his goal in life to try to keep my sisters and me from having contact with our mother and turn us against her. He did this through 24/7 brainwashing. We heard nothing but negative things about our mom from our father, and he prevented us from having contact with people who would say anything positive about our mother.

My father is so confident that he can smooth talk and manipulate everyone in the court system to take sides with him against my mother, that he was even bold enough to tell my sisters and me, "You don't have to go see your mother. Just don't go. No one in the court will do anything about it if you don't go." The court should also know that my step-mother was right by my father's side, trying to discourage my sisters and me from visiting our mom.

The court ruling said the evaluator told the court if it could be proven that my sisters were having the same experiences at my father's home that I was having, then she would have to make a different recommendation for custody. Here is the proof—my sisters lived in the same house with me. How could they possibly not be exposed to the same experiences??? All the harmful things my father did to me, he also did to my sisters, except he did even worse to them. He also molested them. Every negative, demeaning thing my father said to me about my mother, he also said to my sisters. He interrogated my sisters right along with me. He gave the same dirty looks to my sisters that he gave to me. He showed rage by hitting things and slamming doors in front of my sisters just like he did in front of me. He blamed my sisters for causing him problems by talking to the police, just like he blamed me. He isolated my sisters from family and friends just like he did to me. He lied to the court about what my sisters wanted just like he lied to the court about what I wanted. He tried to destroy my sisters relationship with my mother just like he did with me, and he still is. How could anyone not realize that my sisters would be subjected to the same damage in my father's custody that I was, considering we lived in the same house and the essence of our lives was the same--our father using us to get revenge on our mother??? Of course my sisters experienced the same damage I did, and even worse!

As long as my mother is alive, my father cannot be a good parent to my sisters and me, because he will *never* stop using us to get back at our mother. He will never stop using my sisters and me to dominate and emotionally abuse my mother. Since I left my father's custody, he has disowned me and even aggressively retaliated against me, by cutting me off of his insurance when I was trying to get my wisdom teeth out, so I had to suffer pain for a whole year until my mom could find a way for me to get my teeth out. That is absolute proof that he is not a

good father but is a father who will hurt his own kids to get revenge. A good father would never make his own child suffer pain to get revenge.

My sisters are afraid of our father, just like I used to be when I lived under his control. Since I left my father's custody, my sisters have watched our father retaliate against me, so they know that if they try to escape from him, he will also retaliate against them. This makes it impossible for my sisters to tell the truth to anyone in the court system about how "horrible" their life is in his custody. Because the court never protected any of us from our father, my sisters have no hope that the court will ever protect them in the future. They are afraid that if they tell the truth about our father, they will still have to go home with him and he will retaliate against them. So for my sisters, the only way to survive in my father's custody without having to deal with his with his rage and harassment is to go along with his "program," and that is the reason my sisters treat my mother so badly. It's not because they *want* to, it's because they have been programmed to behave that way, *and they're afraid not to behave that way*.

I know that what my sisters want most of all is to have a "normal" life. This is something they will never have in our father's custody.

The court twisted around things I said in my court testimony, falsely reported what I said, and left out important things I said, all to cover up my father's abusiveness and make him look like the better parent, when I made it absolutely clear to the court that my father is not a good parent and my mother is a good parent. Who should know better than me, who has lived in both my mother's custody and my father's custody, who is the better parent? I am the one who knows the truth, not the evaluator and not a judge, because I am the one who lived it. How could anyone, especially a judge, think a father who molests his kids, tries to brainwash his kids to hate their mother, tells his kids their mother is crazy, tries to destroy his kids' relationship with everyone they love, isolates his kids from friends and relatives, tells his kids they're to blame for his problems, threatens his kids to keep secrets, lies to the court, violates court orders, and retaliates against his own son is a better parent than a mother who is safe, supportive, and makes good family relationships a priority in her life??? Because the court deliberately ignored and falsified my testimony, I think the court is corrupt and my mom will never get a fair hearing in Amador County.

My testimony is what the court should rely on the most in making custody orders for my sister because I have first hand evidence of who is the better parent and in whose custody my sisters would be better off. Since I am over 18, and I am not financially dependent on anyone, I don't have to worry about any person or court controlling me, so I can provide the court with testimony that has no effect on me personally, which is the best kind of testimony. Because of everything sworn to here, the court has to realize that it is **NOT** in my sisters best interests to stay in the custody of my father. My sisters need to be in my mom's custody to ever have a normal, healthy, life. Because of their ages, there isn't much time left for them to have a chance of a normal life while they are still kids. I am so grateful that I escaped from my father and was able to live with my mom for my last year of high school, so at least I had one year of a normal life while I was still a kid. Kami and Stacey should have that chance too. It would change their whole lives and they could at last be free and happy.

(original signed & dated on file in court)

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