

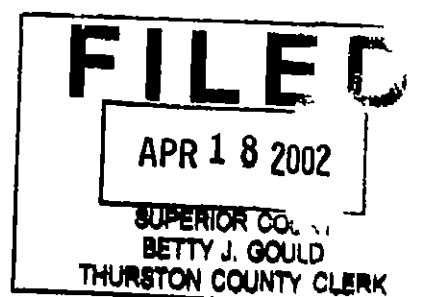
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To whom is concern-

My name is Starcia ague and I am 14 ½, when I was just a little kid I had lived with my mom, she didn't ever have a house we lived house to house or lived in are car What I don't understand if she cant take care of her self how can she take care of me or any body else My mom has had a lot boy friends since day one, she was with multiple men, she was only with them to either do dope or have sex, she used to tell me when I asked her why she stayed with Curtis, which is chandelles dad: that she was only with him for the sex They have not only hit her but hit me. When I lived with my mom I had lice a lot, so I didn't really get to go to school much at all cause my mom was to busy doing dope and having her tweaker friends come over and steal the little of stuff I had like jewelry that my great grandma had gave me. My mom used to tell me that she would be back in a hour and come home either several hours latter or she wouldn't come home for a couple of days, we wouldn't have any food so the lady that lived kitty Connor next to us, she had feed us and even once and a while came down and gave us snacks. One day my mom had told me that she was going to be home in a couple of hours, well she didn't show up for about 3 days, I was taking care of my sister too. My dad which I have seen a whole 10 times since I have been with my mom, had come to get me to live with him he had a lot of different girl friends, they all had told me that they didn't clean or cook so to get used to it. Also I did most if not all of the cleaning. There were always lots of people there, problely cause of all of the drug use going on there. My dad didn't spend much time with me he was busy most of the time with all the people that came over. I have a lot to say but I want to please speak to the judge in person! And in private. It is very hard to write down every thing, it makes me feel sick, but I will answer any questions the judge may have. I swear under penalty of perjury the above statement is true and correct. Also I wanted to let you know that this is the most happiest I have ever been in my life, being here at Kristina house. I have food, clothing, a TV. and lots of little girl needs such as make up, hygiene needs that girls may need. I also have a bed and all of my stuff in school such as a year book and school sweat shirts. I love it here and I would do any thing to be able to stay here. Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

Starcia Ague



To Whom It May Concern,

The following is an addendum to the declaration that I made in regard to the Starcia Ague case, as additional things have taken place just since last week that the court should be aware of. The first situation is that Starcia's mother, Dawna Riley, contacted me 4-12 at approximately 8 00 am, hysterical, begging me not to contact law enforcement and "throw her in jail", explaining the woman she had paid and entrusted to take her back and forth to day jail had abandoned her, and she was on the verge of not only going to jail as a result of being late to day reporting, but would most certainly lose custody of her children as a result of being incarcerated. Her baby was only 4 days old at the time. Dawna further went on sheepishly to tell me that she needed me, and without me probably "would not make it", and continuously reminded me that she was on my side as she had agreed to let Starcia come home to me instead of forcing her into foster care for a longer duration earlier in the week. I admittedly displayed spectacularly poor judgment in going and picking her up so that she was not incarcerated.

Dawna also called hysterical because she was having difficulty breast feeding her new baby – she had eaten a rash of foods known to cause intestinal distress in infants, and was in a state of panic due to the fact that her baby was screaming and inconsolable after her feedings. I then had to call the nurse plus line, as Dawna was terrified to do this herself, believing that nurse plus had a mechanism to track calls and that she would be identified as a bad mother. Nurse plus gave me a list of foods to avoid that I passed on to Dawna, and since she has been watching her diet, this problem has been solved and the baby is eating normally again.

My only defense to my actions is this. Without me, this mom won't make it. It has been my hope and only wish that somehow this family heal, and I wanted to accomplish this not through intervention, force, or legal action but with love and understanding. Dawna has been working so hard and has succeeded in staying clean, and has been trying to do all the right things, and it was heartbreaking to me that through lack of reliable transportation she would be thrown in jail and lose custody of her children that she is trying so hard to keep, not for abuse issues, but for transportation issues. I am the only one left in Dawna's life that remotely cares about the quality of life Dawna has with her two children. The support system that I had put in place for her has become rapidly disgusted with her, and they simply do not have the patience or years and years of effort I have invested in her, so the bonds there just do not exist. I think this situation is more telling of me wanting to be helpful to her, and my wanting to honor a 17 year relationship, as opposed to the sabotage Dawna constantly accuses me of. I believed that if I could get Dawna to just trust me it would go a million miles in regard to her own personal healing, and the healing process of her daughter Starcia, hopefully to trickle down to her two babies. I see now unfortunately this was not to be the case.

After promising, once again, to everyone around her including myself, that she was going to put Starcia's best interests first by allowing her to stay in my home, and promising to me that she would attend counseling, she has again gone back on her word, and is threatening to put Starcia back in foster care.

This emotional upheaval is too much for us to take, Dawna knows exactly what she is doing to this family, and in my opinion her behavior is cruel and inhuman. We have done everything we can possibly do for Dawna, and we have been repeatedly slapped in the face. She has no problem cashing my checks, begging and crying for my help, taking my assistance, throwing herself on my mercy, if you will, then she attempts to stab me in the back, trying to malign and demean me.

to the other members of her support system, and trying to turn this situation into one of betrayal, which is in fact what *she* consistently has done to us

There are several reasons why Starcia should never go back to live in her mother's care, and my first reason is chiefly safety concerns. Dawna has shown wanton disregard when it comes to Starcia's safety leading to Starcia being sexually violated by a close friend of Dawna's that Dawna was robbing houses and using I V drugs with when Starcia was 11. Mom felt such a kinship with this man (who is a convicted sex offender) she offered Starcia's room for him to sleep in one night when he had been involved in a violent argument with his girlfriend, setting the stage for Starcia to be victimized in the most horrific way. This is currently in the hands of Olympia law enforcement – unfortunately, the statute of limitation is three years for burglary, so Dawna and this man in question will be never run the risk of being tried or convicted for what is known as the Prospect Avenue burglaries – we do, however, have plenty of time to go after the man in question in regard to alleged sexual assault, and we are waiting now to see what culminates out of this situation.

And this by no means is the only situation – time and time again, Dawna has put her boyfriends, her addictions, her wants and desires, before her daughter. The stories are too much bear and leave us wondering why CPS did not intervene sooner. Starcia is a young girl desperate for services and I feel that I am the only capable adult in her life that can see to that. It would be crazy to expect that Dawna will be accountable enough to provide Starcia with the help she needs, especially since Dawna has shown contempt openly for Starcia's current counselor, and contempt for counselors and authority figures of any kind, as well as the fact she is in complete denial that anything has happened to her daughter at all, and insists we are all liars. Starcia in my home is happy, well adjusted, and the 14 year old girl that she needs to be, and is comfortable with her surroundings. This (my home) is home to her. Instead of dealing with sickness and addiction, she plays basketball and does her homework, dreams of homecoming, what boys she would like to go with, how she would like her hair done, what color dress she would like to wear – I have been successful in restoring her to the best of my ability to the little girl she deserves to be. I have kept her in counseling, have seen to it that she attends a church youth group (through Molly Danielson), and if allowed will accompany Starcia every step of the way in healing from such a terrible beginning. Starcia is a fantastic kid – something you don't see every day – and despite the abuse she endured at the hands of her parents, she is still a model child and student.

But I also feel Starcia's hold on success is fragile, and this could go either way – if Starcia is not heard, this situation with her parents "arrested" and finalized, and if she does not get the help she needs she is likely in ominous danger of becoming a dysfunctional adult. The services that I wanted to request for this family are as follows:

I would like the right to enroll Starcia in extensive counseling. I would like Dawna to independently (since she will not do this with my assistance) enroll herself in a separate counseling program that is just as intensive, and I believe psychological testing may be in order here, perhaps Dawna is in need of medication that would help assuage her ups and downs, I would also respectfully request that if a decision cannot be reached today, a Guardian ad Litem be appointed to Starcia, Barbara Timmer has come highly recommended, and if this is possible I would like to see Ms. Timmer assigned to this case. I also have concerns with Dawna's two younger children, Dawna just had a violent episode with the father of her infant (who has been questioned in regard to molesting her three year old) only a few days ago, however this remains in the hands of CPS and I am not privy to that situation or what may result from it – I also want

the court to know that I am trying to receive an "emergent" foster care license in the event that her two younger children (and perhaps Starcia) need be removed and their custody mandated to a licensed foster care provider. Even if Dawna refuses to cooperate, I want to maintain a relationship between these siblings, as the younger two would only benefit from their knowing and loving their older sister.

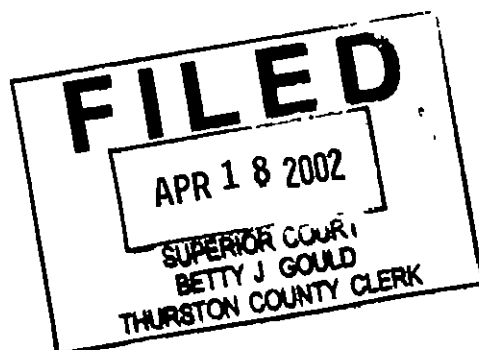
It is apparent (and perhaps I am the last to know) that it has become unhealthy for me to advocate for Dawna any longer. This has become a co-dependent and much-abused situation, and my only focus is Starcia. I realize that I cannot help Starcia while being constantly undermined by her mother, and I now see the conflict of interest here clearly. But at the same time I would like the court to realize that my heart is in the right place – what we are going through now is exactly what I wanted to avoid. I never wanted Starcia or her situation to be known and exposed like this, or to have to rake anyone over the coals. Despite what she has done I still care deeply for Dawna, and my closeness to Dawna (despite her reprehensible behavior), is what led her to make the decision twice now to place Starcia here with us, and that "closeness" is what has kept me "in the know" where her children are concerned. I will always appreciate Dawna's fleeting glimpses of logic, and how she chose us and graced us with the responsibility of caring for Starcia. But it is for Starcia, however, that I am fully prepared to sever that tie, though it frightens me to think that I will surely lose all contact and knowledge of what could be happening to her and her younger children.

I swear under penalty of perjury the above is true and correct.

Kirsten Harris

4/17/02

Kirsten Harris



To Whom It May Concern,

My name is Troy Lee and I have been a part of Kirsten Harris' family for eight years. I am writing this due to the fact that I will be out of town on business this Friday and will not be able to attend a court proceeding regarding Starcia Ague.

Starcia came to us through her mother who had taken her out of a high-risk situation and begged Kirsten and I, jointly, to take custody of her daughter as she was homeless and unable to deal with Starcia's basic needs at the time. This was apparent when Starcia got here – Kirsten went from drug house to drug house to try to recover some of Starcia's meager belongings, as this kid really did not own anything but the clothes on her back and a box of family photographs. My fiancée Kirsten then went to work immediately to purchase her clothing, redoing a spare bedroom in little girl "butterfly and flower" style for her to live in, and making sure this kid had everything she needed just as Kirsten does for her own daughter. Starcia took to it all immediately – it was obvious that she had a desire to live in pretty surroundings and basically be like every other 14 year old teenage girl, something she had not experienced with either of her parents.

As Starcia's stay progressed she began to be more and more open with her experiences with her mom and dad, some of which are shocking to hear.

Like the fact that Starcia is well aware of "dope" and how to use it,

Starcia knows how to tie off a vein with a shoelace, because she has seen her mother do it several times,

Starcia is fearful and believes that one of her mom's drug addicted (and supposedly the father of her mom's new baby) boyfriends has molested her sister, Shawntelle, age three,

Starcia went to school a total of two years between kindergarten and 5th grade (Starcia claims school record will prove this),

That Starcia has been a witness to inappropriate and criminal activities, has been a victim of these activities, such as drug cultivation and manufacture, has been a witness to her mother burglarizing homes and using drugs, along with enough stories and information, names and dates that could probably wipe out the Thurston County drug and criminal trade. And I am absolutely convinced she is telling the truth.

My point in writing this to the court though is more to outline that my fiancée has done nothing except keep the goodwill of this family in her heart, and she has been used and burned by Donna time and time again. I believe in my heart that Donna must be mentally ill, her actions and her demeanor hinge on the bizarre, and she definitely suffers from pathological lying. An excellent example of this is how she relayed to Kirsten and I in front of her daughter that Starcia's father had murdered Starcia's baby brother!

Donna related to us that when she was a couple of months pregnant she and Starcia's father had a violent fight where he beat her into a miscarriage, and she ended up giving birth to a dead baby boy on the kitchen floor. All this in *great detail*, mind you. Then she goes on to say that Starcia's father has forced her to place loaded shotguns in her mouth, only to end up joining sides with him most recently against us in regard to Starcia—they even went so far as to show up at my work together!

Donna does not seem to realize that her stories and behavior, coupled with her actions frighten, confuse, and bewilder us. When Donna speaks, the truth is hard to find.

I also want the court to be aware that we have literally spent hundreds-maybe approaching thousands of dollars not only providing Starcia with what she needs, but also by securing a home for Donna and getting her household/child and infant needs. At seven months pregnant Donna had been seeing a doctor for less than one month and had nothing for her baby that was coming soon. As usual, Kirsten made sure (and not for the first time) that all of Donna's needs were met, always in the humanitarian spirit that Kirsten has (I find this admirable), and to make sure that this family can be preserved. Kirsten not only provided a home for Donna, she provided furniture, cleaning supplies, a support system, toiletries, food, paid fines, filled Donna's gas tank, gave her rides, bought her clothes, made her a resume, and hooked her up and took her to every community resource available. The only thing we ever asked in return was for honesty, we asked that Starcia be allowed to stay here until Donna and Starcia completed some intensive family counseling, and no game playing - Donna unfortunately cannot accomplish any of these requests.

This woman has used and abused Kirsten, and has tried to keep her daughter in a constant state of terror. One day she calls crying begging us for help, assures us and all those around her that she desires that Starcia remain here, begs us not to abandon her, the next day tells us to go to hell, usually after help has been given, and after her current crisis has been solved. She has taken constant advantage of Kirsten and this makes me frustrated because people like Kirsten are rare - It is probably not too difficult to find people willing to take on the responsibilities of one child or maybe two, but where do you find a person who is willing to try to save a family? Experiences like this are jading Kirsten, and how unfortunate for the next woman Kirsten might want to help, with her good will and resources wasted on an individual who apparently does not want it. Kirsten and I are both pretty devout Christians, with a strong faith and belief in God. A lot of praying has been done over this family, and we've only done what we thought was right. In retrospect, I see that we may have only been prolonging the inevitable, by getting in the way of forces that would have paved the way for what we have been trying so hard to avoid - the complete break up of this family.

We aren't perfect parents, but we are darn good ones, this is well documented as we had to take custody of Kirsten's little brother when he was 6 due to similar circumstances. CPS, various professionals, and the school system are well aware and can attest to our success as parents. We also have a loving relationship with Kirsten and her little brother Michael's mother, and she has always been a valued part of Michael's life. We truly respect and honor the sanctity of a parent child bond. But there is only so much we can take in this situation, which I worry if not resolved quickly, this "terrorist" way of life will begin to take its toll on Starcia. Her suffering is all too clear as it is.

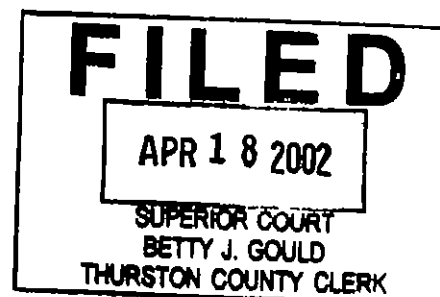
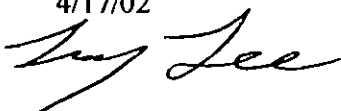
There is so much more testimony I could give, but I am a much better "orator" than I am writer, so if a decision cannot be made in my absence (or for any other reason), I request this hearing be postponed so that I may testify in person and answer any questions directly.

I swear under penalty of perjury the above is true and correct,

Thank You,

Troy Lee

4/17/02



To The Judge or Commissioner presiding over the Starcia Ague case,

My name is Rachel DeBruler. I have known Starcia's mother Donna Riley since 1986. Unfortunately, we were never able to form any bond or maintain a friendship. I learned early on that her behavior was erratic and far too dysfunctional to fathom. Inconsistencies in her word, use and abuse of drugs and incompetent choices with respect to her children saddened and concerned me on many occasions.

Distantly I witnessed Donna neglect her children and watched her abandon her daughter Starcia. As a result I have no faith in Donna as a mother, and she hasn't grown out of it, she continues to get worse. Donna has used hard drugs heavily and lost everything important in her life, like her daughter Starcia, who has suffered and lived a life no child should ever live. Since Starcia's stay with my long-time friend Kirsten Harris, I have witnessed her blossom. However still frightened, she glows with hope that she can have a "normal" life we all know she deserves. Basic needs were unfamiliar to her. I can testify to the fact that this family can and is providing for her, and they are the fairest, safest choice for Starcia to reside. She deserves the opportunity to be a child guided with love, structure and boundaries. Here she will learn how to love herself and be all that she can be. Here she will be given tools to reach her goals. Starcia's only worry is her removal from Kirsten and Troy's home, a threat Donna constantly looms over her head. Her mother allowed her perhaps two weeks of peace before her jealousies took over and I witnessed two separate phone calls between Starcia and Donna where it was easy to ascertain that Starcia was being threatened and insulted, called names and was emotionally abused.

Donna's story is rather unbelievable to me especially how it has progressed so severely without detection or intervention. I am devastated at the damage that has been done, and the fact that Donna would rather see Starcia placed in foster care than where she is now is direct evidence of her unbalanced and irrational behavior. To prefer to place her with strangers when she is so bonded to Kirsten and her family is wrong.

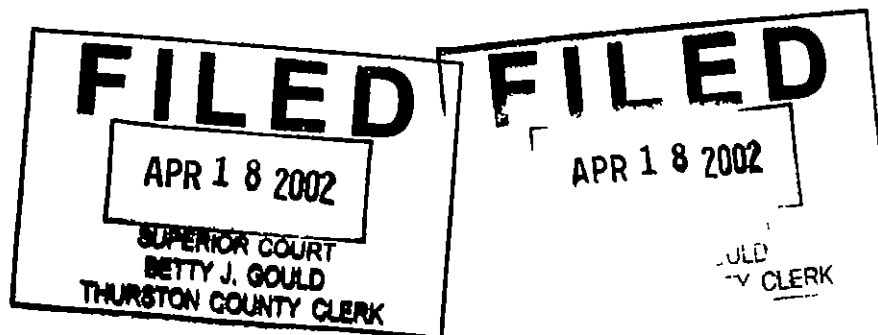
Donna has also shown a consistent pattern of lying, and it does not matter about what - these topics span from the important to the mundane. This makes it impossible to count on her in any situation, never knowing if she is being honest and sincere, or if she is outright lying and being manipulative. This pattern of lying definitely affects Starcia, who is pessimistic to say the least that her mother will ever be able to care for her or her sisters. The years of lying, drug use, and abuse of Starcia has definitely taken its toll on Starcia - one conversation with this child will leave you wondering how in the world she maintained her world so well while every adult in her life let her down.

To continue to let Donna have any say in this situation is simply unthinkable - Donna has had almost fifteen years to make amends with her daughter, and instead to this day continues to hurt her and mentally abuse her any chance she can. She has now given Starcia to, and attempted to remove Starcia from Kirsten's home twice - The reason? She believes that forcing Starcia in a foster home is the best way to emotionally break her, because Donna is worried that Starcia is being treated too well by Kirsten and her family, therefore her goal is to make her daughter uncomfortable and take her out of her safety zone. Then perhaps Starcia will see, in Donna's opinion, that mom isn't so bad after all. I can assure you these tactics are not working. Another cruel tactic of Donna's is to promise to do the right thing by her daughter, then she simply changes her mind, and to everyone's dismay, begins to act difficult and petulant again. She is incapable of putting Starcia first and her selfish desires last - her actions continue to support this. I only wish she could see what she is putting her daughter through.

Starcia has suffered enough And if I had my way, I would place not so much attention on the adult parties as I would on what Starcia has to say for herself – I will not relate here if it is not necessitated what this child has told me in confidence, but suffice to say the story is heart-wrenching and extremely painful to hear And although I'm sure her parents never "wanted" things to end this way, I ask you to consider – What did they ever do to prevent it? Please put an end to this poor child's nightmare and grant her wish to have a safe, loving home with the people she has been bonded with her whole life She does not deserve to lose the only decent set of parents she has ever had

I swear under penalty of perjury the aforementioned is true and correct,
Rachel DeBruler

Rachel DeBruler
April 18, 2002



To Whom It May Concern

04/18/02

I swear under penalty of perjury, the afore mentioned is true and correct I have known of Donna Riley since 1991, when I moved to Olympia, Washington My cousin, Kirsten Harris, was a friend of hers and therefore, I was familiar with Donna's situation throughout the years As long as I can recall, there has always been a circumstance that resulted in the neglect of Starcia From Donna's drug use to actual neglect of Starcia's needs as a child Donna has always been in unhealthy, abusive relationships that have resulted in behavior and living accommodations that are unsuitable for a child

More recently I became aware that Donna was still using drugs extensively and that Starcia was not in her care and had been dropped off at an unsafe residence Starcia was taken from that residence by Donna and began staying at the home of Kirsten Harris, at Donna's request

It is clear that Starcia is thriving in this environment and has been exposed to a stable, loving environment She is very happy and is an excellent student You can see that this child is very worried about being removed from this stable home Starcia has her own bedroom for the first time, and has a home that is permanent and one where she will thrive

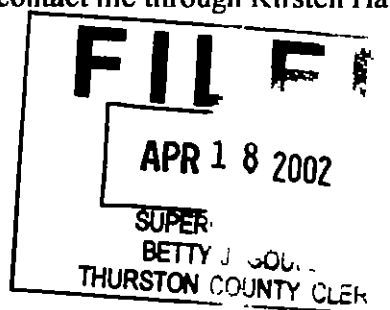
One can only view the changes in Starcia to truly know how much her personality and sense of well being has improved since her increased stability in the home of Kirsten Harris It would be a severe injustice to remove Starcia from her new found stability and quite honestly, I would be very worried about her sense of trust of adults and authority figures if this should happen This is the type of worry that a child should not have to endure While it is an extreme action to remove a child from a parent's care, being in the care of Donna Riley has clearly been demonstrated to be neglectful and dangerous for not only Starcia, but her sisters also

I am employed in the field of Education so I am very much aware of the importance of a stable and safe environment Without this, a child cannot fully attain their potential and often suffer severe social problems as well as embarrassment due to their environment Starcia's educational values are very impressive and I have no doubt if left in her present home, she will thrive and excel, without that stability, I feel that she will struggle and become despondent

I appreciate the opportunity to write this statement on behalf of Starcia If I can answer any questions or provide further information, please feel free to contact me through Kirsten Harris

Sincerely,

Karrin Ford



TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

MY NAME IS CANDACE MERDIAN
I HAVE KNOWN DAWNA RILEY AND
STARCIA AGUE FOR 15 YEARS.

I KNOW DAWNA HAS BEEN AD-
DICTED TO "METH" FOR AT LEAST 10
YEARS NOW. FOR AT LEAST 5 YEARS
DAWNA HAS BEEN "HOMELESS" FOR THE
MOST PART.

FOUR YEARS OR SO AGO WHEN
DAWNA WAS PREGNANT WITH HER
SECOND DAUGHTER, CHANTEL, DAWNA
AGREE TO LET STARCIA LIVE WITH
HER FATHER, BUDDY AGUE. FROM
THE BEGGINING ^{STARCIA} BEGAN DOING REAL
WELL IN SCHOOL. HER FATHER'S
HOME WASN'T THE PERFECT PLACE
BECAUSE HE WAS ALSO ADDICTED
TO "METH". BUT WITH SOME STABILITY
FROM NOT MOVING FROM PLACE TO
PLACE AND ALL THE CHAOS. SHE FELT
GROUNDED SOMEWHERE AND KINDA
ON HER OWN AS IF SHE WOULD GO
TO SCHOOL AND GET HER SCHOOL WORK
DONE OR NOT. IT BEING HER CHOICE.
SHE STARTED GOING TO SCHOOL
EVERY DAY AND START EXCELLING
IN SCHOOL LIKE NEVER BEFORE.

INSTEAD OF DAWNA SEEING
THIS CHANGE IN STARCIA ACADEMICS
AND TAKING ANY BLAME FOR ALL
THE SCHOOL STARCIA HAD MISSED
AND ALL THE CHAOS THAT KEPT
STARCIA FROM BEING ABLE TO COMP-

LETE SCHOOL WORK. DAWNA INSTEAD IMMEDIATELY WANTED STARCIA BACK WITH HER, EVEN THOUGH SHE HAD NOT STOPPED USING "METH", BUT HAD RECEIVED HOUSING.

WHEN DAWNA RECEIVED HOUSING IT WAS QUITE A CHALLENGE TO FIND SOMEWHERE TO RENT TO HER BECAUSE OF HER RENTAL HISTORY AND ~~POOR~~ CREDIT AND EVICTIONS. I HELPED DAWNA FIND A PLACE AND GATHERED UP FURNITURE, ETC., FOR HER APARTMENT. SHE SAID SHE WAS GONNA STAY OFF "METH" AND NOW THAT WITH HOUSING AND NOT BEING HOMELESS ANY LONGER AND A NEW BABY THAT SHE HAD EVERY REASON TO STAY CLEAN INCLUDING TO GET STARCIA TO COME BACK HOME.

IT WASNT EVEN A WEEK AND DAWNA WAS OBVIOUSLY "HIGH" AND NO LONGER CARED. WHEN I WOULD GO TO VISIT I WOULD BE TREATED LIKE A UN-WANTED GUEST INSTEAD OF THE PERSON WHO HELPED HER GET WHERE SHE WAS. I TRIED TO KEEP MYSELF INVOLVED BECAUSE OF CHANTEL, PROVIDING RIDES TO GET FOOD, BUYING DIAPERS, ETC.... UNTIL IT WAS SO OBVIOUS THAT ~~IT~~ I WAS NOT WELCOME BECAUSE I DONT USE "METH" AND MADE IT HARD FOR DAWNA

AND ALL HER "WELCOME" ADDICT FRIENDS TO GO ABOUT THEIR USUAL BUSINESS.

THE APARTMENT AND HOUSING LASTED MAYBE, A YEAR, AND ONCE AGAIN DAWNA GOT EVICTED AND LOST HER HOUSING. I DONT HEAR FROM HER MUCH AT ALL, AND WHEN I DID IT USUALLY WAS NES OF DAWNA SAYING SHE WAS "CLEAN" YET IT WAS SO OBVIOUS IT WAS NOT TRUE.

DAWNA AGAIN BECAME PREGNANT AND THIS IS AGAIN WHEN I BECAME PART OF HER SUPPORT SYSTEM. HOMELESS WITH CHATEL AND PREGANT WITH HER 3RD CHILD. DAWNA STARTED COMING AROUND ONCE, AGAIN.

DAWNA TOOK STARCIA TO KIRSTENS KNOWING IT WAS THE BEST PLACE FOR STARCIA, SINCE HER FATHER HAD BEEN BUSTED FOR "METH" MANUFACTURING AND HE HAD PLACED STARCIA IN A DIRTY, OVERCROWDED, FRIEND OF HIS FAMILYS, AND HAD CHANGED HER SCHOOL. BUT DAWNA REFUSED TO LEAVE HER IN SUCH FLTH AND BEING HOMELESS STILL HERSELF TOOK HER TO KIRSTENS. SHE CHANGE SCHOOL AGAIN, BUT HAS TAKEN TO KIRSTENS REALLY WELL. SHE HAS HER OWN ROOM IN A CLEAN, FAMILY HOME.

STARCIA JUST NEEDS SOME STABILITY AND TO BE GROUNDED SOMEWHERE, SOMEWHERE SHE CAN CALL HOME AND NOT HAVE TO WORRY LIKE SHE HAS IN HER SHORT LIFE. TO KNOW WHERE SHE'LL BE FOR THE NEXT 3 YEARS TIL SHE'S 18 YEARS OLD AND NOT TO LIVE THE WAY OF LIFE HER PARENTS HAVE CHOSEN TO LIVE, STARCIA SHOULD FOR ONCE HAVE A SAY IN THIS, THIS BEING HER LIFE, AND ALL.

ONCE STARCIA SETTLED IN KIRSTEN PUT HER ENERGY INTO NOT ONLY TAKING IN STARCIA BUT TO FIND DAWNNA A PLACE TO LIVE WITH CHANTEL AND NEW BABY. DAWNNA DIDN'T HAVE NOTHING FOR HER BABY WHO WAS ON THE WAY AND OVERDUE BY THE TIME DAWNNA GOT IN AND KIRSTEN HAD MADE SURE SHE HAD EVERYTHING SHE NEEDED FOR HERSELF, CHANTEL, AND NEW BABY.

DAWNNA HAS BURNED ALL HER ~~BRIDGES~~ BRIDGES AND IS LUCKY TO OF HAD KIRSTEN DO SO MUCH FOR HER. I WOULDN'T HAVE BECAUSE I'VE TRIED BEFORE AND ENDED UP JUST BEING USED.

I CARE ABOUT DAWNNA AND HER 3 CHILDREN. USING ~~DRUG~~ "METH" WHILE PREGNANT AND NOT GETTING ADEQUATE PRE-NATAL CARE ON TOP OF THAT TELLS HOW MUCH SHE CARES ABOUT HERSELF AND HER 3 CHILDREN AND UNTIL SHE DOES CARE THERE'S NOT A LOT I CAN DO FOR THE SITUATION.

THE MORE YOU DO FOR DAWNNA THE MORE SHE RESENTS YOU AND THINKS YOUR AGAINST HER IN SOMEWAY, BECAUSE FOR DAWNNA TO DO THE SAME FOR SOMEONE SHE WOULD WANT SOMETHING IN RETURN, BECAUSE SHE IS SELFISH. AND HER NEED COME ABOVE EVEN HER OWN CHILDREN.

STARCIA DESERVES STABILITY AND HAS SHOWN THAT THE LACK OF STABILITY IS ALL THAT'S HOLDING HER BACK FROM BEING A HEALTHY FUNCTIONING ADULT DISPIE HER LAST 10 YEARS OF CHAOS BROUGHT ON BY HER PARENTS FOOLISH DECISIONS.

STARCIA HAS BEEN ACCUSED OF "FOLLOWING THE DUCK" BUT THAT IS FALSE. KIRSTEN HAS NO MORE MONEY THAN MOST, SHE HAS JUST MADE WISE DECISIONS TO PAY HER BILLS AND RENT AND GIVING ALL SHE HAS TO THE CHILDREN, FIRST AND FOR MOST.

STARCIA IS A AMAZING
YOUNG LADY, DISPIE WHAT
SHE'S BEEN THROUGH, SHE
JUST WANTS OUT OF THE
"METH" EPIDEMIC IN THIS
TOWN, AND ALL OVER, WHY
SHOULD STARCIA BELIEVE THINGS
WILL EVER CHANGE AND
HAVE TO LIVE WITH HER
PARENTS CHOICE TO LIVE
THE DRUG LIFE AND CRIMINAL
LIFE THAT COMES WITH IT,
WHEN ITS THEIR CHOICE
TO LIVE THIS WAY, NOT HERS.

DAWNA HAS BEEN NOTIFIED
OF THE LOCATION OF FAMILY
AND JUVENILE COURT.

I SWEAR THAT THE ABOVE
STATEMENT IS TRUE.

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